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SCRAP-SHIP INDUSTRY Govt free to beef up law

Ship-breakers withdraw appeal against HC verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The apex court's stay on a High Court order to shut all ship-breaking yards without environmental clearance lost effect yesterday, as Bangladesh Ship Breakers Association withdrew its appeal against the HC verdict.

It means the 2009 HC verdict that asked the government to strictly regulate the ship-breaking industry comes into effect. The HC had also ordered the government to restrict entry of ships that had not been cleared of hazardous materials at source or outside the country.

Following a writ petition by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), the HC had directed the government to frame necessary rules on ship breaking in three months in the light of six laws.

The laws are Basel Convention Act, 1989; Bangladesh Environment Protection Act, 1995; Bangladesh Marine and Fisheries Ordinance, 1989; Bangladesh Labour Act, 2006; Bangladesh Territorial Water and Maritime Zone Act, 1974; and Environment Protection Rules, 1997.

But the association quickly moved against the HC verdict and had the Supreme Court on March 23, 2009 stay a part of the judgment involving environment clearance and restriction on entry of hazardous ships. The

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An unidentified man smuggles cattle into Bangladesh from India through Sree Rampur border of Patgram upazila in Lalmonirhat last week. Cattle trade, involving crores of taka, could have generated revenue if it was done legally. But it remains illegal apparently due to sensitivity of majority of Indians.

Turag polluters fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined two factories in Gazipur a sum of Tk 21 lakh for discharging untreated liquid waste into the Turag river.

Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, DoE director (enforcement), fined Drug International Limited in Tongi Tk 9.98 lakh and RS Knit Composite Limited in Kaliakair, Tk 10.75 lakh, said a press release.

The DoE team during a drive found there was no oxygen in the liquid flowing to Turag river from the factories.

Quality Manager of Drug International Limited, Amzad Hossain, said they have an effluent treatment plant (ETP) working from 2008 to treat the liquid waste. But, only on September 26, when the DoE collected samples, a compressor of the

PHOTO: STAR

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MISTAKEN CHILD ABUSE REPORT ROW BBC news head, deputy quit

GUARDIAN ONLINE

The BBC's director of news, Helen Boaden, and her deputy, Stephen Mitchell, have "stepped aside" as the fallout from the Newsnight scandal continues.

BBC confirmed Boaden and Mitchell were stepping away from day-to-day management of BBC News yesterday morning, as the corporation was facing widespread criticism after



Helen Boaden

it emerged that George Entwistle, who resigned as director general late on Saturday, will receive a full year's salary of £450,000 in lieu of notice -- despite only being in the job for 54 days.

Boaden will be replaced on a temporary basis by Fran Unsworth, head of the BBC newsroom. The Radio 4 Today programme editor Ceri Thomas will take

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It's a bid to take revenge

Ghulam Azam's son tells war crimes tribunal about his father's trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Ghulam Azam's son yesterday said legal proceeding against his father was undertaken after 40 years "to take revenge following failure to face him politically".

Brig Gen Abdullahil Amaan Azmi (dismissed), son of the former Jamaat ameer, made this claim while giving deposition as the first defence witness for his father at the

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Pak honour for Malala

'Malala schools' to be set up for poor kids

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan plans to honour Malala Yousafzai, the schoolgirl education cam-

CPC remains a boys' club

AFP, Beijing

Mao Zedong once declared: "Women hold up half the sky," but today's Chinese Communist Party is heavy with testosterone and when a new set of leaders is announced this week all are expected to be male.

About a quarter of the delegates at the party congress under way in Beijing are women. But the meeting largely rubber-stamps decisions already made behind closed doors and the higher up the echelons of real power, the more their ranks thin.

The ruling party's influential Central Committee has six percent women, the more senior 25-member Politburo has only one, Liu Yandong, and China's most

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina talks to her Belarusian counterpart Mikhail Myasnikovich at her office yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

Smart cars on test

AP, Tokyo

Toyota Motor Corp is testing car safety systems that allow vehicles to communicate with each other and with the roads they are on in a just completed facility in Japan the size of three baseball stadiums.

The cars at the Intelligent Transport System site receive information from sensors and transmitters installed on the streets to minimise the risk of accidents in situations such as missing a red traffic light, cars advancing from blind spots and pedestrians

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to accuse BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia of fanning Ramu violence?

Yes (66%)

No (33%)

No Comments! (1%)

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CLIMATE CHANGE FUND WB to cut 4pc for study, supervision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank would deduct around four percent of the total foreign grants Bangladesh receives under the Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund (BCCRF) from the developed countries to tackle the effects of climate change.

The WB would cut total \$4.63 million of

Bangladesh's grants as charge of conducting surveys, feasibility studies and supervision of different climate related projects implemented by the government independently or with the help of development partners.

"The service charge will be fixed at one percent of the total fund," said Ellen Goldstein, country director of the World

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Ex-Jamaat MP Golam Parwar held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch of police (DB) yesterday arrested assistant secretary general of Bangladesh

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PRAYER TIMING November 13		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-00	5-35
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-22	5-25
Esha	7-00	7-30

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