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Japan has one, or two, ninjas left, but there will be no more



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Global personalities flock to India as the fest's 43rd edition goes on

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IMF for fresh fuel price hike

Sets conditions for releasing second instalment of \$1b credit

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The International Monetary Fund has asked the government to increase prices of petroleum products by Tk 10 per litre by next month as part of its condition to release \$140 million, the second instalment of its \$1 billion credit.

The IMF early this month sent to the government a set of conditions for the disbursement of the money. The list also includes recommendations for introduc-

ing an automatic fuel price adjustment mechanism and amending some provisions of banking and VAT related laws, a top government official told The Daily Star.

Already, the Fiscal Coordination Council and Resource Committee sat with Finance Minister AMA Muhiith on November 14 to discuss the matter, among other things.

The meeting agreed to hike fuel prices

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Children cross the Kakaldi canal on their way to school at Madhyapara in Srinagar of Munshiganj yesterday. Nearly 5,000 people regularly use this bamboo-made bridge. Locals claimed that their representatives during successive governments had been giving them assurances of building a bridge there.

PHOTO:
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Phulbari tense

Rally against coal mine contract, defying ban; indefinite hartal from today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Ignoring Section 144, several thousand people of Phulbari upazila in the district yesterday evening held a brief rally at Nimtola More protesting the government decision to let Asia Energy resume its survey in coal mine area.

The upazila administration had imposed Section 144 yesterday, from 12:00pm to midnight, fearing deterioration of law and order.

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It's part of conspiracy

Fakhrul bins recovery of Koko's money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday termed the matter of bringing back Arafat Rahman Koko's laundered money from Singapore by the Anti-Corruption Commission part of a

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MEGHNA-GUMTI BRIDGES

Repair cost soars

Army makes Tk 447cr fresh proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Army has made a fresh proposal for repairing Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges on Dhaka-Chittagong highway with a cost of Tk 447 crore.

According to the revised project proposal submitted to the communications ministry earlier this month, over Tk 300 crore would be needed as the new proposal includes mending of Meghna-Gumti bridge and a different method to fill

the scoured riverbed near the Meghna bridge.

During a meeting between the ministry and army officials over the proposal, the ministry asked the army to have the opinion of Buet experts on the cost.

The army had made the proposal after conducting an underwater survey recently.

As per the revised plan, the filling up of the scoured part of the riverbed under

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New addition to public transport

First 10 articulated buses hit Dhaka streets next month; 40 more to come

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

A fleet of 10 articulated buses is set to hit the streets in the capital next month to ease the city's chronic transport problem.

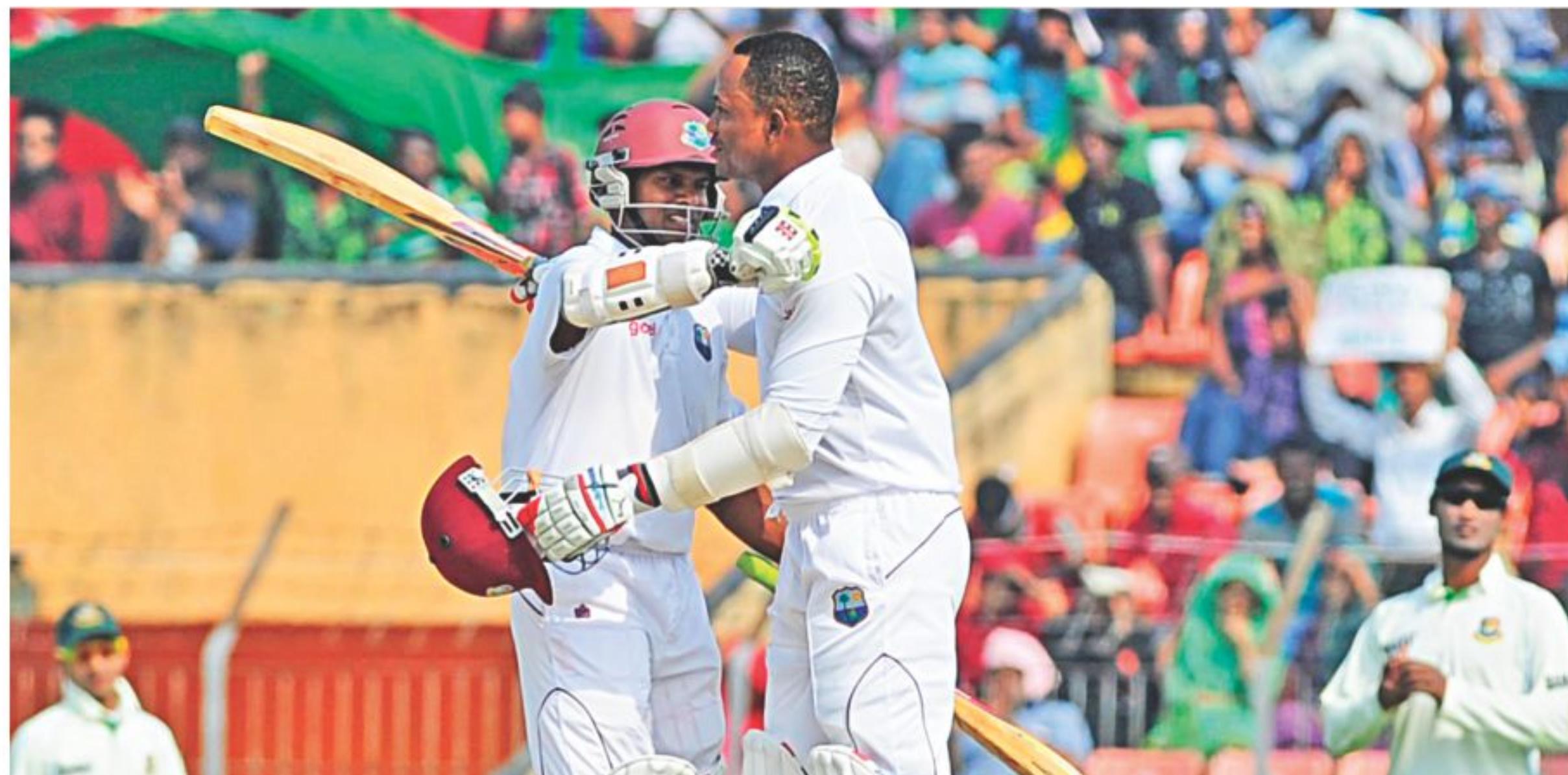
Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) is importing the fleet from India under an Indian line of credit. Another 40 buses will be brought in January, said sources in BRTC.

Ashok Leyland is supplying the buses -- single-deckers that are longer than other buses, yet manoeuvre easily on the roads.

Also known as bendy buses, these vehicles comprise two rigid sections but can bend in the middle. They are popular in many countries for their higher passenger capacity.

The articulated buses will ferry around 130 passengers

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FBCCI polls today amid tight security

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

The biennial election of the country's apex trade body Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) will be held today amid tight security.

This year, a total of 1,608 voters from the association group and 390 voters from the chamber group would cast their votes to elect 30 directors from both groups.

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