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7 STATE-RUN BANKS, INSTITUTIONS Govt appoints 31 directors

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government yesterday appointed 31 directors of seven state-run banks and financial institutions.

A day before, the board of Bangladesh Bank advised the governor not to give his consent to selecting any incompetent person as a director of any state-run bank.

The Hasina administration picked directors for the public banks and financial institutions soon after coming to power in 2009. A year later, the central bank brought allegations that some of the directors are exerting their

political muscles into the companies' affairs.

Recently, a mission from the International Monetary Fund visiting Dhaka advised the government to ensure that the directors of the banks satisfactorily pass the central bank's criteria.

Yesterday's appointment fills 21 out of 26 vacant posts of directors at Sonali, Agrani and Janata banks. However, 15 directorial posts of directors at the state-run banks and financial institutions are still vacant.

The Daily Star is yet to get details of some of the newly

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Examinees make last-minute revision before the written tests of 33rd BCS exams, sitting on a footpath near Government Science College centre at Tejgaon, Dhaka, yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Abuls under ACC watch

Anti-graft body team to visit Canada to quiz Lavalin officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain and former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury are under the watch of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The duo was not charged in the ACC case filed on Monday against seven people on charges of conspiring to commit bribery in the Padma bridge project, but the case statement said their roles would be examined during the investigation.

"The investigators are keeping an eye on their [the two Abuls] movement," ACC Commissioner

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Big flop for Bapex

No gas found in Petrobangla's much-hyped Sunetra site; govt's energy plan upset

SHARIER KHAN

The Petrobangla forecast 'discovery' of a gas field having no less than two trillion cubic feet of reserve in a potential spot in Netrakona-Sunamganj area on the basis of a seismic survey two years ago.

However, upon drilling an exploratory well there, the

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company (Bapex) found no usable gas in that spot that they had named "Sunetra".

As the exploration affiliate of Petrobangla, Bapex drilled a well up to 4,500 metres deep. Except for hitting some small pockets of gas which is not worth extracting,

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Subscribe from five newspapers Instructs info ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a rather unprecedented move, the information ministry has selected five national dailies for subscription by all government and semi-government offices and

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FULL VERDICT ON 7TH AMENDMENT

SC lambasts judges in past cases

Terms some of their observations seditious

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

In its judgment in the historic seventh amendment case, the Supreme Court blasted and overruled some of the apex court's earlier verdicts and observations on martial law in late 70s and 80s.

The judgment also termed "seditious" some of the observations of the judges in those past cases.

Martial law was first declared in the country on August 20, 1975. It was

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Martial law is no law

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The Supreme Court's full judgment on the seventh amendment to the constitution comes at a time when efforts towards strengthening democracy are well underway, given especially the long fallout of military rule in the country.

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RAINBOW SHEEP: A flock of multi-coloured sheep graze in the capital's Rayerbazar area in the morning yesterday. According to the owner, a resident of Mohammadpur, the colours are the "identification marks" of these animals. Many found the sight amusing and were seen taking photos of these brightly dyed sheep.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BISHWAJIT MURDER

JnU expels 4 more students

IGP orders probe into police role; 3 other arrestees denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jagannath University (JnU) authorities yesterday expelled four more students for good on the grounds of their alleged involvement in the killing of Bishwajit Das, a tailor by profession.

Based on its investigation, the university excluded fourth-year students Kayyum Mia Tipu of philosophy, Rajon Talukder of chemistry, and GM Rasheduzzaman Shaon of history departments, and Saiful Islam, a Masters student of history department.

All the four expelled are activists of JnU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the pro-Awami League student body. The Daily Star in its investigative report

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BPL T20 AUCTION At \$365,000 Shakib the costliest

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan turned out to be the most expensive buy when the players' auction of the second edition of Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20 was held at a posh city

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The Daily Star app interface is shown on three smartphones. The central phone displays a news article titled "Grief-struck" about a factory fire. The app interface includes a navigation bar with "BackPage", "Li and Fung", "More Than A", "Alghan study", "Compensate", and "Grief-struck". The article text reads: "Worst-ever factory fire toll climbs to 111; workers forced to work even after alarm bell rang; safety compliances below par". Below the article is a photo of a woman crying. The app also features a "Grief-struck" section with a photo of a woman crying. The app is available on Google Play and the Android Market.

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