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N-power deal with Russia next month

\$500m first-phase loan finalised; interest rate comes down

M ABUL KALAM AZAD
Bangladesh and Russia will sign a \$500 million deal in January to complete the pre-construction phase of the nuclear power plant to be set up at Rooppur in Pabna.
"The first-phase deal on Russian loan is expected to be signed during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Moscow visit scheduled for mid-January," State Minister

for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman told The Daily Star yesterday.
Yeafesh was among a 15-member delegation that returned from Russia on Tuesday after a successful loan negotiation.
"Shifting from its previous stance of 4.5 percent interest rate, the Russian side has agreed that the rate would not be more

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Fog disrupts train services

Railway struggling to maintain schedule

PANKAJ KARMAKAR
Bangladesh Railway has been struggling to maintain its schedule for the last two weeks for thick fog that slows trains down. Lack of capacity and manpower added to the crisis.
Around 32 percent intercity trains, 59.58 percent mail expresses and 13.65 percent passenger trains failed to arrive or depart stations on time since December 12, according to the railway's assessment.

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Integral Energy Limited
ONLINE POLL
Do you think the government would be able to recover the money swindled by Hall-Mark Group from Sonali Bank?
Yes (8%)
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No Comments (3%)
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China yesterday launched this train on the longest high-speed train route. These trains would take just eight hours to cross the 2,298km distance between capital Beijing and commercial hub Guangzhou. PHOTO: AFP

Uttara Bridge Project Rajuk goes for re-tender

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Rajuk yesterday decided to run a fresh bidding process for the

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PRAYER TIMING December 27

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-27	5-30
Esha	7-00	7-30

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