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FUNDING PADMA BRIDGE New KL offer too costly

Malaysian Exim Bank to provide loan at 5pc interest

REJAUJ KARIM BYRON

The Exim Bank of Malaysia would finance the Padma bridge project, said Malaysia in a new proposal yesterday. However, the cost and interest rate on the credit are much higher than those of the World Bank-led financiers.

A visiting Malaysian team led by the country's prime minister's special envoy Dato Seri S Samy Vellu yesterday presented their proposal at a meeting with Finance Minister AMA Muhith at the latter's office.

Officials present in the meeting said the interest rate on Exim Bank's loan was around 5 percent. The estimated cost of the project components -- the main bridge construction, river training and yard construction -- are also much more than the earlier estimate made by the government.

The interest rate on the now-cancelled loan from WB-led financiers was below 1 percent.

Many works of the Padma bridge project like land acquisition, resettlement, and construction of approach roads are in progress. The estimated cost presented by the Malaysian team is exclusive of these costs.

The Malaysian team yesterday made component-wise

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Attaching letters to martyred freedom fighters promising to build a better nation and rid the country of war criminals, the demonstrators at Shahbagh in Dhaka release balloons yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BACHCHU RAZAKAR Deadline for appeal over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Convicted war criminal Abul Kalam Azad alias Bachchu has apparently lost his opportunity to appeal with the Appellate Division of Supreme Court as the deadline for appeal passed yesterday.

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 sentenced the 65-year-old

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Opposition plans 'killing mission'

Alleges Ashraf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam yesterday said BNP would never be able to return to power without resorting to bloodshed, killing and conspiracy.

And that is why the

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Esha	7-30 8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

Ghulam Azam incited genocide in '71

Argues prosecution at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Jamaat-e-Islami former chief Ghulam Azam incited his men for committing genocide during the Liberation War in 1971, the prosecution yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

The war crimes accused also made plans at different times as to how the auxiliary forces of the Pakistani army would operate their mission against freedom fighters in the nine-month war.

Prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon said these on the fourth day of closing arguments in the war crimes case against Ghulam Azam.



The prosecution's arguments were based on newspaper reports, documents and statements allegedly made by Ghulam Azam in 1971.

Ghulam Azam, ameer of East Pakistan Jamaat-e-Islami during the Liberation War, is facing five charges -- of conspiracy, planning, incitement, complicity, torture and murder -- of crimes against humanity.

Before placing his argument on incitement, Simon explained how the killing led by the auxiliary forces, like Peace Committee, Al-Badr, Al-Shams and Razakars, were genocide as per the Geneva Convention, 1948.

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Tureen Afroz

War tribunal gets new prosecutor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appointed Barrister Tureen Afroz, a Supreme Court lawyer who also teaches law at Brac University, as a prosecutor of the international crimes tribunals dealing with war crimes cases.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed told The Daily Star

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The war Bangladesh can never forget

THE INDEPENDENT, UK

Bangladesh's capital Dhaka is a noisy, exciting city, full of energy and argument. The massive chaos of its constantly stationary traffic is often riven by protests, strikes, marches. These can be on any number of grievances. But this is a country driven by a national agony at its creation which has never been fully addressed. The protest now happening outside the national museum is of an unprecedented nature, and on an unprecedented scale.

Since February 5, Bangladesh has been

transfixed by this ongoing, immense protest. Hundreds of thousands have occupied Shahbagh Square in protest at a verdict passed by the International Crimes Tribunal on war crimes committed during the genocide which preceded the founding of the country in 1971. One of those found guilty, Abdul Kalam Azad, was sentenced to death. Another, however, Abdul Quader Mollah, the assistant secretary general of a Muslim party which collaborated with the genocidaires, the Jamaat-e-Islami, was given life imprisonment. The

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The 3D printing pen

DAILYMAIL ONLINE

While 3D printers are still too expensive for most of us, a kickstarter project is hoping to fund a cheaper alternative -- a pen capable of drawing 3D structures. Called 3Doodler, the \$50 pen writes using a

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The 3D printing pen can be used to create 3D models like the Eiffel Tower as the plastic ink protruding from its back hardens almost instantly.

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JS panel wary of criticism

Suggests changes to bills on 546 ordinances

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended inclusion of new provisions in the two bills seeking legitimacy and continuation of the operations of 546 ordinances promulgated during the past two martial law regimes.

It said it would not be considered as giving confirmation and ratification to any action done by the illegal and unconstitutional martial law regimes.

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