



The Daily Star

SECOND EDITION

www.thedailystar.net

Your Right to Know

28 PAGES PLUS STAR CAMPUS PRICE : Tk 10.00

REGD. NO. DA 781 | VOL. XXIII No. 96 | BAISHAKH 8, 1420 BS | JAMADIUS SANI 9, 1434 HIJRI

ROKEYA UNIV CLOSED

36 including six teachers are injured in clashes at the university in Rangpur

PAGE 2

TIGERS THRASHED

Zimbabwe romp to 335-run win in four days

PAGE 16

BEATLES ROCKED KREMLIN

The Fab Four inspired democracy among the Soviet youths

PAGE 7



Was there 2pc more?

'New name' appears in latest documents on Padma bridge corruption conspiracy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It's not 10 percent but 12 percent of SNC Lavalin's supervision fees that were to be doled out as bribes in the Padma bridge scam.

The latest documents accessed by the World Bank on the Padma bridge scam now reveal a new name involved in the corruption. But because of a Canadian court's injunction, the identity of the person could not be known.

This particular person was supposed to get 2 percent of the fees.

Until now, the World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency (INT) had the idea that five persons were in collusion with the Canadian company, SNC Lavalin, to split 10 percent of the supervision fee in exchange for awarding the \$47.5 million supervision job to the scandal-riddled firm.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 5



Squirrel, the mascot of the 8th Bangladesh Games, was welcomed with great pomp and glitz during the opening ceremony at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Squirrel symbolises the youth of the country. Story on page 16. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

SELF-FINANCED PADMA

CPD raises the alarm

Warns govt three sectors to bear the brunt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Implementation of the Padma bridge project with own financing would eat up a significant share of the additional allocation in the next budget, observed think-tank Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) yesterday.

The move would alarmingly reduce allocation in education, health and social safety sectors, it added.

Presenting a set of recommendations on the next fiscal year's budget, CPD Distinguished Fellow Debapriya Bhattacharya said, "All other priority projects will be

MORE ON B1

SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

Electing president key task

JS goes into session today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid boycott by the BNP-led opposition lawmakers, the Jatiya Sangsad goes into session today with one of its major tasks in hand to elect the country's new president.

The post of president has fallen vacant following the death of President Zillur Rahman on March 20.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

2-day hartal if bail denied

Plan BNP, allies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party alliance might call a two-day countrywide hartal from tomorrow if top leaders of the party (BNP) are denied bail as their petitions come up for hearing today at the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court in Dhaka.

Ten BNP leaders including acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on April 9 challenged in the sessions judge's court a lower court's denial of bail to them in seven

SEE PAGE 6 COL 8

Govt won't stand terror

PM warns BNP, Jamaat

AGENCIES, Comilla

Issuing a strong warning against the "terrorist activities" of the opposition, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said opposition leader Khaleda Zia would not be spared and the BNP-Jamaat will have to take the responsibility for violence.

"People have already tolerated so much. If you think that you would be spared after killing innocent people, policemen, rickshaw pullers and drivers, it is not correct. You

MORE ON B1



SEE PAGE 6 COL 3

Ban Jamaat as terror outfit

Demands platform of leading personalities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent civil society members yesterday demanded that Jamaat-Shibir be banned as terrorist organisations for their orchestrated atrocities across the country, including violence on minorities.

Bangladesh Rukhe Darao, a platform for civil society members, highlighted the need to reach out to ordinary citizens and make them part of the

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

N-plant the need, but safety first

Energy experts caution govt at Star roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Energy experts have endorsed the government plan for nuclear power plants to meet the growing energy demand but at the same time warned of the safety issues.

They emphasised the importance of trained and competent technical manpower to operate nuclear reactors and ensure their safety.

The suggestions came at a roundtable styled "Nuclear power in Bangladesh: prospects and concerns" at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

Nuclear energy is a viable alternative source of electricity generation amid depleting fossil fuel and increasing concern about emission of greenhouse gases from it, said Abdul Matin, former chief engineer of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC).

Bangladesh plans to produce 2,000 megawatt of electricity using nuclear energy by 2023 to meet the demand for 21,993MW and another 4,000MW by 2030 to meet the demand for 33,708MW.

The government has recently signed an

PHOTO ON PAGE 5

SEE PAGE 6 COL 3

CONGRATULATIONS

We Congratulate
Mr. A.H.M. TAJUL ISLAM
for Achieving Commercial
Important Person (CIP) status
from the Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh, as Recognition
for the Contributions to the
National Economy of Bangladesh.

All Officers & Staffs

- * Tanro Limited
- * Taj Enterprise
- * Flambe Restaurant
- * Taj Cold Storage Limited
- * Taj CNG Filling Station
- * Taj Filling Station
- * Diamond Thread Industries
- * Golden Century Parts Company (LLC), U.A.E

BD Office: House-06, Road-50, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212. Bangladesh.
Phone: 02-9892779, Fax: 02-8827778, E-mail: taj@tajenterprise.com.bd
U.A.E. Office: P.O. Box 70001, Abu Dhabi - U.A.E.
Phone: 009712-6449751, Fax: 0097126445659, E-mail: gcpc1@gcpc.ae

www.airandgases.com

INDUSTRIAL AIR AND GAS SOLUTIONS

Since 1986, Trident is the only specialised company in Bangladesh supplying and servicing air and gas compressors and ancillaries for a broad range of applications. With over 200 engineers and experts, we provide unparalleled support to ensure your peace of mind.

- Oil-injected screw compressors
- Oil-free screw compressors
- High flow centrifugal compressors
- On-site nitrogen generators
- PET bottling compressors
- High pressure CNG compressors

Made in UK & GERMANY

CompAir Quantima hydrovane Reavell GB BellissMorcom

Trident Agency Ltd. 2 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 9559805-06, E-mail: info@tridentbd.com

China quake kills 160

Thousands left injured

AFP, Ya'an

More than 150 people were killed and 5,700 injured when a strong earthquake hit a mountainous part of south-western China yesterday, destroying thousands of homes and triggering landslides.

The shallow earthquake struck Sichuan province on the edge of the Tibetan Plateau just after 8:00am, prompting a major rescue operation in the same area where 87,000 people were reported dead or missing in a massive quake in 2008.

Nearly 13 hours after the quake hit Lushan county in the city of Ya'an, the death toll stood at 160, the official Xinhua news agency reported, citing the Ministry of Civil Affairs which said more than 5,700 had been injured.

At least 10,000 homes were destroyed, the Sichuan

SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

See inner page...

