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 Commission Staff Amenities Centre in Baridhara.
 During the briefing, he announced new funding to help tackle the challenges highlighted by the Rana Plaza disaster.
 The minister said the UK would provide £ 18 million to support a programme for training 100,000 low-skilled garment and construction workers in Bangladesh to improve overall productivity and help produce higher-value products.
 Duncan yesterday also visited the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed in Savar, which receives funding from the UK aid, to meet the victims of the Rana Plaza tragedy.
 On the visit, he said, "I have been incredibly moved by the courage of the people I have met today [Wednesday] many of whom lay trapped for days and sustained appalling injuries."
 He said safety and standards must be made to catch up with the rapid growth in the garment sector, which was a massive success story and must not be allowed to go sour.
 "The industry has been built from nothing in the past 30 years and now needs to be turned into a long-term development success, which means that urgent action is needed across the sector," added Duncan.
 He also called on British clothes retailers to assume responsibility for their prod-

BNP walks out

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 remarks on BNP Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman. The foreign minister on Tuesday said Tarique is "not a politician, but a fugitive."
 The opposition members did not return to the House after the second walk-out yesterday.
 In response to a question on jute industries, Siddiqui said: "The way military autocrat Ziaur Rahman destroyed the country's politics by grabbing the state power, the same way he had destroyed the jute mills by de-nationalising them."
 Incensed at the statement, BNP lawmakers started shouting. Some of them stood on their feet and threw files from their desks.
 At one point, Moudud Ahmed took the floor and said the minister should not speak irrelevant.
 While answering another question, Siddiqui blasted Moudud saying that he (Moudud) would not be a lawmaker had there been no military takeover in the country.
 As the minister continued the assault on Moudud, the opposition MPs walked out

Labour law amendment

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 Labour and Employment Minister Rajiudin Ahmed Raju, who placed the bill, said the amendments were necessary to increase facilities of labourers and strengthen relations between owners and workers.
 The ruling Awami League in its electoral manifesto had pledged to make the labour law time-befitting to build the nation as dreamt of by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, while the country was facing the challenges of globalisation, the minister said in a brief statement tagged with the copies of the bill.
 The bill was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on labour and employment ministry for scrutiny and to place a report in the House.
 The proposed amendments will enforce some positive changes. For example, a clause prohibits owners from obstructing or blocking the exit doors at their factories at all times to facilitate a quick exodus of workers in cases of emergency.
 The bill also calls for fire drills in factories every six months, instead of a year as the present law stipulates.
 On the other hand, labour rights activists have identified some changes that are against the interests of labourers, particularly those working in the garment factories.
 They criticised a provision seeking to empower owners to terminate workers for "arson, vandalism and obstruction to work".
 Also considered unacceptable was the provision

JS body wants

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 provide them with "knowledge and experience" on coalmines.
 "We want to visit Australia or Malaysia or the Philippines to gather practical knowledge on coalmine. We asked the ministry to take necessary measures urgently," Shubid Ali Bhuiyan, chief of the parliamentary standing committee on power, energy and mineral resources ministry, told The Daily Star after its meeting.
 He said they wanted to go there to gather knowledge so that they could recommend the government how to extract coal from mines.
 The members of the committee last year visited coal mines in Germany, and recommended the government to go for open pit mining in Boropukuria coalmine, the committee chief said.
 The ministry officials attending the meeting assured the committee that they would take necessary measures in this regard, he added.
 The committee reviewed

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 the progress of the power projects taken by the incumbent government at the meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.
 The meeting was informed by the ministry officials that around 3,268 megawatts of power used to be generated daily when the present government assumed office in January 2009.
 Now around 6,300 megawatts of electricity is being generated everyday, the ministry officials said.
 To meet the demand of power, the government has also taken projects for setting up of 33 power plants including 21 in private sector.
 Additional 6,707 MW of electricity will be added to the national grid after setting up of the plants, according to a press release issued by the Parliament Secretariat after the meeting.
 The committee also asked the ministry to publicise the government's initiatives through the media.
 It also asked the ministry to take necessary measure to update the national energy policy.

Primary terminal exams begin Nov 20

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 A prosecution witness yesterday testified that he had taken photographs of Abdul Alim with 26 detained youths and Pakistani military personnel at Joypurhat Railway Station during the Liberation War.
 AHM Motasim Billah, who was the owner of Alokhele Studio at Joypurhat in 1971, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that the hands of the young men were tied and the army men were guarding them.
 Motasim, 22nd prosecution witness in Alim's case, also said the accused himself had collected the photos and negatives from him the following day.
 During charge framing hearing, the prosecution said Alim had his photos taken with the 26 freedom fighters and a Pakistani major. The collaborators

Lensman testifies against Alim

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 later killed the 26 freedom fighters at Alim's directives.
 During his 37-minute testimony, Motasim, who was also a headmaster of Molamgari Haat High School, said in the last part of June, 1971, Alim, who was a Convention Muslim League leader and Peace Committee chairman, went to his studio.
 "He [Alim] said 26 miscreants have been captured and their photos will have to be taken," said the 80-year-old witness, adding that he along with Alim went to the railway station on a rickshaw.
 "When we had reached the west side of the ticket counter [of the station], I saw 26 youths aged around 20-22 years, whose hands were tied and there were arms in front of them. The Pakistani army men with arms were standing guard," said Motasim.
 "Major Afzal and local

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 and a 10 percent fine in general," he said.
 Muhith also said the rule stipulates that black money can be whitened any time with a fine.
 He admitted that he compromised in preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and said, "Politics is the art of compromise. We do it all the time. The government is faced with various political pressures during the formulation of the budget. This is the negative side of the whole affair."
 He however said he would not have made the compromise three decades ago.
 Muhith was referring to his time as the finance minister during the regime of HM Ershad.

Padma tender

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 "We are not floating a fresh tender...we will start from where the project was stopped so that we can complete the rest of the procedure, and start construction work of the main bridge," he said, adding: "The bridge will be constructed with our [government] own funds instead of foreign funds."
 He said a Tk 450 crore tender had been floated recently to construct the

Mojaheed verdict any day

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 "We are keeping the case CAV [Curia Advisari Vult, a Latin legal term meaning verdict would be delivered anytime]. The verdict could be delivered any day," Justice Hassan said.
 Prosecutor Muklesur Rahman Badal yesterday said, "Through documentary and verbal evidence, we have been able to prove all the charges. We are seeking capital punishment."
 On Tuesday, the defence completed their closing arguments and their chief Abdur Razzaq said, "The prosecution have failed to prove the charges brought against Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and we hope he will be found not guilty."
 The two tribunals dealing with the war crimes cases have so far delivered verdicts in four cases. The Tribunal-1 on April 17 kept the case against former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam waiting for verdict.
 The Tribunal-2 awarded expelled Jamaat leader Abul Kalam Azad and Jamaat Assistant Secretary General M u h a m m a d Kamaruzzaman death sentence and another Assistant Secretary General Abdul Quader Mollah life sentence,

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1.	Procuring Entity	: Project Director, Teletalk Bangladesh Ltd.
2.	Invitation for	: Construction of DEG/Sub-Station buildings at Khulna, Kustia, Barishal, B. Baria and Sylhet Core Equipment Sites under "Introduction of 3G Technology and Expansion of 2.5G Network" Project of Teletalk Bangladesh Limited
3.	Invitation Ref No.	: TBL/3G Project/Non CMEC/SS & DEG/2013
4.	Date of Invitation	: 06-06-2013
5.	Procurement Method	: National Tender Type-1 (NT1)
6.	Source of Fund	: Teletalk own fund
7.	Tender Selling Dates & place	: a) Selling Starts 06-06-2013 & Ends 01-07-2013 during office hour b) Places: i) Customer Care Desk, Teletalk Corporate Office, Banani, Dhaka & ii) 3G Project office, House # 15, Road #105, Gulshan-2, Dhaka
8.	Pre-bid Meeting	: No Pre-bid meeting will be held.
9.	Tender Closing Date, Time & Dropping Place	: Closing :Date: 02-07-2013, Time: 14:00 Hrs (BST) Place: i) Teletalk Corporate Office, Banani, Dhaka & ii) 3G Project office, House # 15, Road #105, Gulshan-2, Dhaka
10.	Tender Opening Date, Time & Place	: Opening Date:02-07-2013, Time: 15:00 Hrs (BST) Place: Teletalk Corporate Office, Banani, Dhaka
11.	Eligibility of Tenderer	: Bidders having proper experiences of doing such works as mentioned in tender document
12.	Description of Works	: Construction of DEG/Sub-Station buildings at Khulna, Kustia, Barishal, B. Baria and Sylhet Core Equipment Sites under "Introduction of 3G Technology and Expansion of 2.5G Network" Project of Teletalk Bangladesh Limited
13.	Tender Document Price	: Tk 1500/- (Taka fifteen hundred only) in cash (non-refundable) for each lot with an application in official pad

Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (BDT)	Completion Time in days
1	Construction of Sub-Station Building at Khalipur Core Site in Khalipur BTCL Exchange Compound, Khulna	Khalipur BTCL Exchange Compound, Khulna	65,000/=	45
2	Construction of DEG Building at Kustia Core Site in Kustia BTCL Exchange Compound, Kustia	BTCL Exchange Compound, Kustia	65,000/=	45
3	Construction of Sub-Station Building at Barishal Core Site in Barishal BTCL MW Station Compound, Barishal	BTCL MW Station Compound, Barishal	65,000/=	45
4	Construction of DEG Building at B. Baria Core Site in B. Baria BTCL MW Station Compound, B. Baria	B. Baria BTCL MW Station Compound, B. Baria	65,000/=	45
5	Construction of DEG Building at Sylhet Core Site in Sylhet BTCL Exchange Compound, Sylhet	BTCL Exchange Compound, Sylhet	65,000/=	45

15. Official Inviting Tender : **Project Director, Introduction of 3G Technology and Expansion of 2.5G Network" Project, House # 15, Road #105, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.**

16. This procurement process shall be guided by the Procurement Policy for Teletalk (PPT) and related GoB rules. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

17. **The detail specifications will be also available at www.teletalk.com.bd**

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UAE factory

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 of the six, she added.
 Two more Bangladeshi workers were undergoing treatment at a hospital in Dubai.
 The fire was devastating because the materials at the factory were extremely flammable, Brigadier Abdullah Al Suwaidi, director general of Sharjah Civil Defence, told the Gulf News.
 "The fire broke out at the pesticide factory and spread to the adjacent wood workshop. The exact cause can't be established until we carry out an investigation. After six hours, we had the fire under control," he noted.

YouTube

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 communicated with Google, owner of the website, asking it to block the video clip for Bangladesh but when it denied doing so BTRC blocked the website.
 Sunil said a mirror server of Google was required to set up in Bangladesh to block the URL of the video clip, which was an expensive and time consuming matter.
 The Universal Resource Locator means the address of the web page. Each page has its own unique web address.
 Google has recently put a notification over the clip that it is a sensitive content for the viewers and so the regulator has considered opening the video site. The telecom regulator is also setting up equipment for filtering web pages with objectionable contents.
 People are getting access to YouTube since yesterday afternoon.