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OVERWHELMED BY OUTSIDERS

Some central leaders of BNP distribute leaflets for the party-backed mayoral candidate in Barisal yesterday. Right, bags of Awami League Organising Secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim (not seen in the photo) are being loaded onto his land cruiser as he is about to leave the city yesterday around 1:30pm. He had taken part in the campaign for his party-supported candidate for the last few days. Anybody who is not a candidate or voter in tomorrow's city corporation polls, cannot stay in the city concerned from Wednesday midnight till the election day noon, as per an Election Commission order.

PHOTO: COURTESY

PRICES OF ESSENTIALS No foul play

Govt warns in advance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law enforcement agencies will show zero tolerance if anybody is found involved in manipulating the prices of basic commodities during the month of Ramadan and exerting pressure on consumers.

In a series of meetings with the commerce ministry, the business community had already been instructed not to make excessive profits, said Commerce Secretary Mahbub Ahmed yesterday.

"The members of the intelligence teams have also been asked to tighten monitoring of the markets of basic commodities," he told journalists at his Secretariat office in

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No money limit

Rajshahi rivals on spending spree but claim to be well within expenditure restriction

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and ANWAR ALI, from Rajshahi

Around midnight on Wednesday, a councillor candidate was giving wads of money to some youths in front of Salma Chhatri Nibash at Jamtola of the city to distribute among voters. None who came to meet him left empty-handed.

The candidate, who is an identified criminal, allowed The Daily Star reporters to witness the distribution on condition that his name would be withheld. He said he spent several lakh taka but still needed more to win hearts of voters.

He is accused in at least 13 cases, including for extortion and violence, filed with four police sta-

tions in the city. He had been arrested in three cases towards the end of May but is now out in bail, police sources said.

"Under the election rules, I can spend only Tk 2 lakh. I've spent the amount in the first few days of the campaign. Expenditure of a councillor candidate will exceed even the Tk 15 lakh limit set for a mayoral candidate," the candidate said.

His revelation shows how desperate candidates are to win polls through spending money in violation of the electoral code of conduct.

The 18-party-backed mayoral candidate Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul is much ahead of his

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Greed got him into death

Skeleton of student found 6 months after he went missing; 3 'killers' held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives recovered skeleton of a missing private university student from Raipura in Narasingdi on Wednesday following the confessional statement of three alleged killers who were arrested in the early hours of the same day.

Ariful Islam Pavel, a second year student of United International University, went

missing from his residence at Concord Emporium at Katabon in the capital on December 26, 2012.

The arrestees are Jahangir, 23, a private university student; Faysal, 23, and Farhad.

Mohammed Mokhlesur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner of police (DB south), said Jahangir was the mastermind while Faysal and Farhad were

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KERRY'S VISIT Nothing is confirmed

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has not yet received any official communication from Washington regarding US Secretary of State John Kerry's probable visit to Dhaka towards the end of this month.

"Nothing has happened and there has been no official communication between Dhaka and Washington till today [Thursday] about the visit," a highly placed source told The Daily Star yesterday.

The source said there was an indication that Kerry might pay a brief visit to Bangladesh on June 25 on completion of his maiden trip to India.

Dhaka has invited Kerry to visit Bangladesh immediately after his appoint

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PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Police seize motorcycles in Rajshahi city yesterday. The Election Commission has imposed a ban on operations of bikes in four cities going to polls tomorrow. The ban remains in place from Wednesday midnight till tomorrow noon.

MURDERS OF UP TO 370 HINDUS

Alim 'directed' the killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Abdul Alim "ordered" the killing of 350-370 Hindus in Kadipur of Joypurhat during the Liberation War, said an eyewitness yesterday.

Bhagirath Chandra Barman, who lost many of his relatives in the incident, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Alim, who was the chairman of Joypurhat Peace Committee, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani army, had used Pakistani army personnel and the Peace Committee to

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MAIL ONLINE

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While handwritten letters sent in the post could once literally be

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ONLINE POLL
Do you agree with finance minister Ama Muhith that "the conspiracy of corruption is not corruption"?

Yes (10%)

No (90%)

TOTAL VOTES: 126

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US hacking Chinese targets for long

Says ex-CIA agent

AGENCIES

For months, China has tried to turn the tables on the US to counter accusations that it hacks America's computers and networks. Now, former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden may have handed Beijing a weapon in its cyber war of words with Washington.

In an interview with the South China Morning Post newspaper, Snowden claims the US has long been attacking a Hong Kong university that routes all Internet traffic in and

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Protesters supporting Edward Snowden hold his photo during a demonstration outside the US Consulate in Hong Kong yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

BANGLADESHI RMG US bill seeks enforceable safety codes

STAR REPORT

Two House Democrats filed an amendment on Wednesday that would require that garments made in Bangladesh and sold at base retail stores owned by the Department of Defence will require meeting of enforceable fire and building safety codes.

House representatives George Miller, of California, and Jan Schakowsky, of Illinois, filed the amendment to the House's defence spending bill after a series of high-profile tragedies shed light on poor working conditions in Bangladesh.

In a statement,

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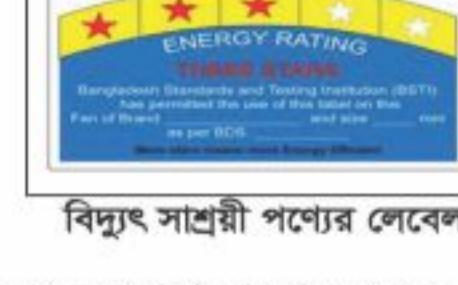


বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যাভার্টস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইলেক্ট্রিশিউন

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বিদ্যুৎ সামৰী প্লেবেল লেবেল

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, Global Environment Facility (GEF) এর অধীনে এবং UNDP এর সহযোগিতার বিদ্যুৎ সামৰী প্লেবেল মান ও লেবেলে তৈরী এবং বিদ্যুৎ সামৰী প্লেবেল ও বাজারজাতকরণে উৎসাহিতকরণ এবং এসকল প্লেবেল উৎপাদন প্রক্রিয়ার সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট জনবলের দক্ষতা বৃদ্ধিতে সহায়তা করার লক্ষ্যে বিএসটিআই এর উদ্যোগে "Barrier Removal to the Cost-Effective Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling (BRESL)" শীর্ষক একটি প্রকল্পের বাস্তবায়ন কাজ চলছে। বিএসটিআই নিম্নোক্ত ৬টি BRESL প্লেবেল এনের্জি এফিচিয়েন্সি প্লেবেল করেছে।

1. **CFL = BDS 1734:2003** (Performance Requirements); BDS 1735:2003 (Safety Requirements) & BDS 1761 : 2006 (Energy Efficiency ratings).

2. **Electronic Ballast = BDS IEC 60929:2005** (Performance Requirements) & BDS 1724 : 2003 (Energy Efficiency ratings).

3. **Refrigerator = BDS 1849 : 2011** (Performance standards) & BDS 1850 : 2011 (Energy Efficiency ratings).

4. **Air Conditioners = BDS 1852 : 2012** (Energy Labeling) & **BDS 1853 : 2012** (Energy Performance),

5. **Electric Motors= BDS IEC 60034-30 : 2011** (Energy Efficiency Requirements), BDS IEC 60034-2:2009 (Test methods) & BDS IEC 60034-30 : 2011 (Energy Efficiency Class) এবং

6. **Electric Fan = BDS 818 : 1998** (Performance standards); Amnd 1 : 2006 & BDS 1860: 2012 (Energy Efficiency ratings)

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