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Govt to build 2 rail bridges over Jamuna

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The Ministry of Railways has proposed to construct two rail bridges on the Jamuna river at an estimated cost of \$3 billion to make goods transport easier and facilitate transit to neighbouring countries.

The ministry last month sent a proposal to the cabinet committee on economic affairs to construct the bridges under Public-Private Partnership. A feasibility study is also going on in this regard with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank.

A high-powered meeting chaired by the prime minister discussed the two projects and directed the railways ministry to take necessary steps for their implementation. One of the bridges, a dual-gauge double track with a

length of 4.8 kilometres, would be constructed parallel to the existing Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge at a cost of \$1

The ministry said at present goods or passenger trains can



Muslims offer Eid prayers at the largest congregation in the country at Sholakia Eidgah in Kishoreganj on Friday.

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Export defies odds

24pc growth in July

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite some domestic odds, exports grew 24 percent to \$3.02 billion in July, due to higher demand for garment items at competitive prices.

Monthly overseas sales were the highest in the last two fiscal years, surpassing the \$2.7 billion target by nearly 12 percent, according to data of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

The prospects of the garment sector are largest garment exporter after China. even brighter as the country is becoming

more capable to cater to quality garment orders at competitive prices, exporters said.

"Our supply capacity is stronger now. The costs of production by our competitors are higher. So, we are in an advantageous position in business," EPB Vice-chairman Shubhashish Bose told The Daily Star by phone yesterday.

The Tazreen fire and Rana Plaza collapse are two major industrial tragedies that tainted the image of Bangladesh, the second

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RMG Industry in Bangladesh HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPORTS

Top Japanese retailer signs safety accord

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Export growth

in July

Exports

\$3.02b

Target for July

\$2.7b

Japanese retail giant Fast Retailing, owning company of clothing brand Uniqlo, has signed an accord to ensure safety of garment workers in the country.

The Accord on Fire and Building safety in Bangladesh, initiated by IndustriALL Global Union and UNI Global Union, has already been signed by more than 85 retailers and brands since the Rana Plaza building collapse in Savar on April 24, which killed at least 1,132 workers.

The accord provides for safeguarding garment workers against building collapse and fire and using funds given by its signatories. Besides, under the SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

Buet student stabbed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Gonojagoron Mancha activist was injured in stabbing allegedly by Shibir cadres at Palashbari upazila of Gaibandha Saturday night.

Tonmoy Tonmoy Ahmed Moon, a civil engineering student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), went to visit his village home on the SEE PAGE 10 COL 6

New majors

People with their families start pouring back into the capital yesterday after their Eid holidays. The photo was

taken at Kamalapur Railway Station.

WAR TRIAL VERDICT Mojaheed appeals to SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed filed an appeal with the Supreme Court yesterday challenging the death penalty awarded to him for his crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 on July 17 found the 65-year-old Jamaat secretary general guilty of five out of seven charges brought against SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

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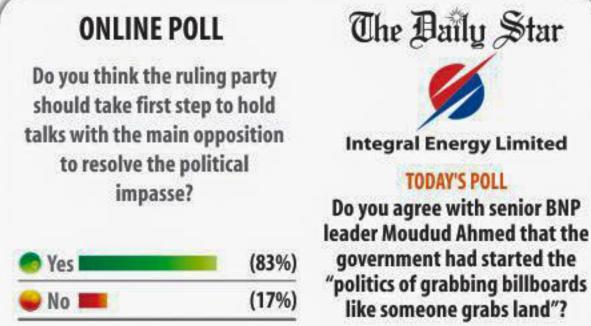
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Political dynasties, succession plans

The Economist sheds light on Bangladesh

The Economist, a London-based weekly publication, has run an article "The battling begums: The pendulum swings away from Sheikh Hasina and her government", reflecting on Bangladesh politics, the recent court verdict on Jamaat-e-Islami, war crimes trial, the crackdown on Hefajat-e Islam and other issues.

"Ahead of the festival of Eid-al-Fitr on August 9th-11th, the two quarrelling heads of Bangladesh's political dynasties exchanged greetings cards. But the outward signs of SEE PAGE 10 COL 6



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