

PM to open Gazipur dev projects tomorrow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is set to visit Gazipur district tomorrow and inaugurate different development projects there.

The premier is scheduled to inaugurate a safari park and a fire service station, among other projects.

She will also attend a public rally at Bhawal Badre Alam Government College.

Prior to the rally, Hasina will unveil plaques of different projects near the rally venue, Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur Nurul Islam told The Daily Star.

Hasina will inaugurate, among others, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Safari Park, a Fire Service and Civil Defence Station at Mawna Chourasta, an upazila complex building in Sreepur, a 52-Megawatt dual fuel power plant in sadar upazila, Shaheed Ahsanullah Master Stadium in Tongi in the district and a 250-bed hospital.

RMG workers vandalise 10 factories for pay hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Readymade garment workers of ten factories in Kaliakair upazila of Gazipur yesterday vandalised their workplaces demanding a minimum monthly salary of Tk 8,000.

The authorities declared the ten factories closed for yesterday.

Gazipur industrial police said workers of Interstool Ltd in Chandra Palli Bidyut area broke several windowpanes and later took to the Dhaka-Tangail highway around 10:30am.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 14th death anniversary of Iqbal Ansari Khan, a freedom fighter and social worker.

As a student activist, he was involved in the Language Movement and was instrumental in building the first group theatre Drama Circle, says a press release.

He authored three books -- The Third Eye and The Babri Mosque, and a book of jokes. He was popularly known as "Henry".

Rejoinder

Reza Fashions Ltd in a rejoinder clarified a report headlined "50 RMG workers injured in stampede" published by The Daily Star on October 27 that the factory has four spacious staircases, not one as mentioned in the news report.

OUR REPLY

Our correspondent has visited the factory in Savar and found it to have four staircases. We regret the error.



LAST DAY OF 60-HOUR HARTAL

1) A blazing motorcycle on a blocked road after an attack by pickets during the final day of the opposition alliance's 60-hour hartal in Baropur of Bogra town yesterday. 2) Hartal supporters hurl projectiles at law enforcers, not in picture, in front of Government Women's College in Rajshahi city. 3) Armed with sticks, Awami Jubo League activists bring out an anti-hartal motorcycle procession in Chittagong city. 4) Some anti-hartal Bangladesh Chhatra League activists with sticks, rods flee Barisal University after police drove the outsiders away from the campus in Barisal city. 5) A traffic-free Lilymore intersection in Dinajpur town. 6) One of the women hartal supporters, who blocked the Lalmonirhat-Rangpur road in Mondolerhat area of Lalmonirhat, brandishes an adze. 7) A picket being whisked into a police vehicle on Kobi Jibananda Sarak in Barisal city. 8) Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) guards the capital's Moghbazar roundabout close to which the office of Jamaat-e-Islami is situated. 9) The motorcycle of a local Awami League leader, which was set alight by BNP activists in Dholor Haat area at Ruhia thana of Thakurgaon.

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1.5 lakh prepaid electricity meters in capital, N'ganj soon

Ecne approves project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to introduce around 1.5 lakh prepaid electricity meters in the capital and Narayanganj to improve the quality of customer service and to stop revenue evasion.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne) yesterday approved the Tk 173 crore project for installing and operating the meters at Lalbagh, Bashabo, Maniknagar, Bangshal, Jurain and east Narayanganj.

A planning ministry statement yesterday said the meters would be installed under a pilot project of Dhaka Power Distribution Company which would be completed by December 2015.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presided over the Ecne meeting at National Economic Council conference room.

The Ecne also okayed a Tk 1,658 crore project aiming at reforming secondary education sector.

The programme under the project "Secondary Education

Low income group hit hard during hartal in Ctg

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

People of Chittagong city living on daily earnings fare the worst during hartals as the shutdowns threaten their livelihood.

Transport workers, small roadside shop owners, hawkers and street vendors make the bulk of these people who are hit hard during hartals.

Md Rafique, owner of a small roadside tea stall at Prabartak Intersection, told this correspondent that he was struggling to earn his living due to hartals.

Rafique said his sales had declined significantly yesterday, the last day of the 60-hour shutdown enforced by the BNP-led 18-party alliance.

Till 11:30am yesterday, he earned about Tk 400, while his usual earnings by that time range from Tk 800 to Tk 1,000, said Rafique.

Rafique, whose six-member family is dependent on him, said he has no alterna-

Ruet registrar removed

Procedural violation alleged

RU CORRESPONDENT

Registrar of the Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) Abul Basar was removed on Monday.

Basar and some current and former syndicate members, however, said the removal violated the university rules, as the syndicate did not sit to take the decision.

Talking to The Daily Star, Vice Chancellor Prof Mortuza Ali cited the reasons as Basar's "negligence in duty and non-compliance with official orders."

Basar said he was removed without the approval of the syndicate, which is required to sit before making such decisions as per rules.

In this regard, a letter signed by the vice chancellor was issued on Monday, saying the registrar was removed upon the decision of the syndicate though no syndicate meeting took place before his removal. The letter also does not cite any reason of the removal.

Wishing anonymity, a former syndicate member told The Daily Star, "It's a violation of the university act to remove the registrar without holding a syndicate meeting."

Abul Basar, whose three-year tenure began in April 2011 and is supposed to end in February 2014, alleged that he was removed for refusing to support the VC's orders over "appointment of



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina views a replica of gas lifting rig while inaugurating the Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Ltd (Bapex) Bhaban at Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday morning.

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