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Pay commission next week

Ex-governor of central bank may head it

REJAIL KARIM BYRON

The government is going to form a 17-member pay and service commission next week to formulate a new pay structure for public servants.

Finance ministry sources said former governor of Bangladesh Bank Mohammad Farashuddin might be the chairman of the commission.

The commission is supposed to submit a report in six months from its formation and an order in this regard might be issued on Sunday, said sources.

Among the commission members, five will be appointed on permanent basis while the rest as part-timers, said the sources, adding that three former secretaries of the government and a member secretary would be appointed on permanent basis.

The part-timers would be chosen from different section of people, like educationists, businessmen, engineers and doctors, the sources added.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday announced the formation of the new pay commission at a programme of Bangladesh Audit and Accounts Officers' Association in Bangabandhu International Conference Centre of the capital.

He said, "Earlier, we informed about forming a permanent pay commission, but it is not possible right now. It would need amendments to related laws which is not possible within the remaining time of the government."

"We will recommend formation of the commission now so that the next government can take initiative about it accordingly," Muhith said.

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VEG FEST ON



Winter vegetables grown on the banks of the river Shankha pour into the Dohajari Railway Station Bazar in Chittagong on boats every day just after dawn. The vegetables the farmers sell here end up at kitchen markets in the port city.

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ANURUP KANTI DAS

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir's claim that no opposition leaders or activists were involved in vandalism or any criminal activities during opposition's programmes?

Yes (37%)

No (63%)

TOTAL VOTES: 331

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with chairman of the US foreign affairs committee Ed Royce that the Awami League-led government was not doing enough to protect minorities?

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PRAYER TIMING November 23

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-05	5-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-21	5-24
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Monster blast in the space

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Astronomers call it the monster. It was the biggest and brightest cosmic explosion ever witnessed. Had it been closer, Earth would have been toast.

Because the blast was 3.7bn light years away, mankind was spared. But orbiting telescopes got the fireworks show of a lifetime in April.

The only bigger display astronomers know of was



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UN climate talks drag on without clarity on targets

AP, Warsaw

UN climate talks ran into overtime yesterday with more than 190 countries arguing over the building blocks for a new pact to slow global warming.

A draft text presented on the last scheduled day of the two-week conference in Warsaw gave only vague direction on when countries should present their targets for restricting carbon emissions. That's a key element of the deal that's supposed to be

adopted in Paris in 2015.

Despite a push by the European Union and the U.S. for a clear timeline for announcing targets, the draft text said only that commitments should be presented "well in advance" of the Paris summit.

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Bangladesh urges global leaders to listen to science

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladeshi civil society members has urged global leaders to listen to the plights of climate victims and condemned industrialised countries for blocking a "loss and damage" mechanism in the UN climate change conference in Warsaw, Poland.

The mechanism is an arrangement

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