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Plans to cut dependency on groundwater from 78pc to 30pc in seven years

HELEMUIL ALAM

With groundwater depleting fast in the capital, Dhaka Wasa is going to set up three more water treatment plants to increase the use of surface water significantly in the next seven years.

The plants will be installed at Gandhabpur of Rugganj, Jasaldi in Mawa and Sayedabad in the capital at an estimated cost of around \$1.5 billion, a top Wasa official told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity.

Water has to be piped to the plants from the Padma and the Jamuna

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A shot of the river Turag in Tongi. It has shrunk so much due to mindless encroachments that their water flow remains very low during the dry season. Besides, there is pollution. Its water is not useable at all.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



'3 musketeers' take control of cricket

ICC revamp proposal approved; Bangladesh's Test future safe for now

SPORTS REPORTER

In Singapore yesterday, the controversial proposal to revamp the International Cricket Council (ICC) by the 'Big Three' of India, Australia and England was approved as the ICC board got the required eight votes, with the Pakistan and Sri Lanka boards abstaining from voting. The dust is yet to settle from the meeting, but the picture that has emerged

is that Bangladesh's immediate concern of virtual relegation from Test cricket has been allayed, with the revamped structure of cricket's governing body ensuring that no Full Member will be relegated to a second tier.

For this the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Nazmul Hassan Papon deserves plaudits as he opposed this aspect of the original draft

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Power tariff to go up

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Electricity tariff for retail customers could go up this month as the government gave a nod to the energy ministry's move to rationalise the price for cutting subsidies.

Sources at Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) and the power, energy and mineral resources ministry said the retail power tariff might be hiked later this month.



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Cash, not crest!

Demands Chief Whip Feroz at reception rally

STAR REPORT

Jatiya Sangsad Chief Whip ASM Feroz has asked for money instead of crests from those who want to bring him gifts.

It was on Friday at a reception in Bauphal of Patuakhali on his becoming chief whip. He was elected uncontested from the area in the 10th parliamentary polls.

"I will be in my political office from 9:00am to 3:00pm tomorrow [yesterday]. No crest if anyone wants to give me a gift. I want cash. Cash is what I want," announced



Feroz through a loudspeaker.

He used the word "cash" thrice in this brief and sudden announcement he made at one stage of the programme, arranged by the local Awami League and its associate bodies.

"Don't you understand? A lot of money is required for contesting an election," Feroz said. "So, felicitate me with cash. It would be very useful for me. What is the use of these [crests]?" he added.

But still, people came with crests and

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A woman cries her heart out being embraced by her husband after losing literally everything in a fire that swept through a slum area at Jhilpar in the capital's Madhubagh yesterday. A man shows money burnt in the blaze.

CITY SLUM GUTTED

Child killed; 374 families homeless

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A child was burnt alive and belongings of some 374 families were burnt to ashes as a devastating fire swept through a slum area at Jhilpar in the capital's Madhubagh yesterday.

The victim is two-and-a-half years old Sabuj. He was sleeping at home when the fire broke out around 8:15am.

Fire service officials suspected that the fire might have been started by an electrical short circuit. But some locals, however, said the blaze originated from a gas burner.

Flames engulfed many shanties, 14 shops and a rickshaw garage aided by a strong morning breeze, said witnesses.

It took 10 fire engines more than three hours to put out

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