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# ADP allocation gets a hike

## Tk 3,210cr added for Padma bridge project

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

In a rare move, the government yesterday added Tk 3,210 crore to the revised ADP of the current fiscal year to make it Tk 63,210 crore, allocating the total additional amount for the Padma bridge project.

The decision was made at a joint meeting of the finance and planning ministries on the revised Annual Development Programme (ADP), said meeting sources. Finance Minister AMA Muhith was in the chair.

The allocation for the revised ADP was never hiked in the past following approval by the National Economic Council (NEC).

The NEC in a meeting on April 3 gave the nod to the Tk 60,000 crore revised ADP though the planning ministry recommended Tk 55,000 crore in line with the allocation made by the Finance Division considering revenue shortfall and low implementation of projects.

The meeting had decided that the additional Tk 5,000 crore will be allocated to ministries following consultations between the planning ministry and the finance minister.

A planning ministry official said the revised ADP figure would be included in the minutes of the NEC meeting.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday issued a strict directive that the additional Tk 3,210 crore allocated for the Padma bridge project cannot be spent in any other area even if it remains unused.

In the ADP of the current fiscal year (2013-14), the allocation for the Padma bridge project was Tk 6,852 crore. The planning ministry, however, kept aside Tk 2,600 crore for revised allocation.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN  
In their bid to cope with the heat and humidity yesterday, a number of people have slices of melons near the fine arts institute of Dhaka University.

# Govt starts probe into award scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Liberation War Affairs yesterday formed a three-member committee to find out the people involved in the making and purchase of subpar shields awarded to foreign friends and organisations for their outstanding contribution to the country's Liberation War.

Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Zillur Rahman was made the head of the committee and asked to submit a report

# LOK SABHA POLLS BEGIN Peaceful voting on first day

STAR REPORT

India's marathon parliamentary elections -- the world's biggest democratic exercise -- began yesterday amid projections that opposition rightwing Bharatiya Janata Party would sweep back to power riding on popular anger against slow economic growth and a series of scams.

In the first phase of polling involving six Lok Sabha constituencies held yesterday, an estimated 72.5 per cent turnout of voters was recorded in five of the total of 13 seats in north-eastern state of Assam and 84 percent in one of the two seats in adjacent Tripura.

The north-eastern areas voting first are in often neglected parts of the



# Subhan, his cohorts killed 3 in Pabna

Witness tells war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An eyewitness yesterday testified that Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan and his cohorts had stabbed the witness's three relatives to death in Ishwardi upazila of Pabna during the Liberation War in 1971.

ATM Shahidujaman Nasim, a freedom fighter of the upazila, said he had seen from a hideout that Subhan first stabbed Nasim's maternal uncle and brother-in-law, following which his cohorts hacked the duo dead.

The accomplices also killed Nasim's

# Govt plans RMG village

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government plans to set up a "garment village" to provide secure working environment for the RMG workers.

PRAYER TIMING April 8

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation



The derailed carriages of Karnaphuli Express at Abu Nagar in Mirsarai yesterday. The train was heading for Dhaka from Chittagong.

# One killed as train derails

## 10 passengers hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A passenger was killed and 10 others were injured as a Dhaka-bound train derailed in Chittagong yesterday.

The accident happened around 12:45pm when the last three compartments of Karnaphuli Express went off the rails at Baratakia in Mostannagar area in Mirsarai upazila, said Imtiaz MAK Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Mirsarai Police Station.

The dead is Nasima Akhter, 35, wife of Nazim Uddin of Ramu upazila in Cox's Bazar.

Of the injured, Md Shahed, 30, and Md Alam, 50, were admitted to Mirsarai Upazila Health Complex with fractured legs. The other wounded persons took primary treatment at different private clinics.

Mahbubul Alam, chief engineer of Bangladesh Railway (east zone), said a salvage train from Pahartali Central Workshop reached the spot and started the rescue operation in the afternoon.

Rescuers could not say how long the operation will take.

The accident halted train service from Chittagong to Dhaka and Sylhet for about four hours till 5:00pm. Down

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The Daily Star

**Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL**

Do you agree with a report by Washington-based organisation Social Progress Imperative that Bangladesh has done better than most South Asian countries in social progress?

Yes (53%)  
No (47%)

TOTAL VOTES: 221

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think the authorities will be able to probe killings at Bangladesh Agricultural University and Rajshahi University without any influence?

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# A heroic encounter

MAIL ONLINE

A Connecticut photographer has captured a thrilling encounter between a baby baboon and a 350lb lioness in a game park in Botswana.

The incredible pictures show the moment the baboon's mother is killed, leaving the baby face-to-face with the roaring predator.

But instead of swallowing the tiny creature, a tender moment ensues where the baby baboon attempts to suckle the lioness and the big cat gently plays along.

However, in the fascinating display caught on



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