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ROOPPUR NUKE PLANT

Project waited, not Padma

5-decade delay leads to more land requirement; physical construction from mid-October

SHARIER KHAN and AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU

As the Padma river has moved two kilometres away from the original site for the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP) in the last five decades, the government is acquiring 623 acres of additional land.

Acquiring this land on the chars of the Padma river would enable the plant builders to set up a cooling tower and enforce several safety and security measures, a top official of the RNPP said. Top officials of the land and science and technology ministries have already made several visits to oversee the land acquisition.

The Russian company NIAEP-ASE, a subsidiary of Russian state company Rosatom, which is building the plant, would build hydraulic structures and take other measures based on an on-going study to ensure that the river stays where it is required.

The plant's primary construction work is expected to begin from mid October with the view to building all primary structures, offices and residential facilities by December 2016.

"This phase includes building pioneer structure, construction and industrial base facility, which covers housing and offices of the builders and the first concrete pouring for the RNPP," said the top official.

Under a \$500 million Russian loan, NIAEP-ASE last year

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The pillar on the left marks the boundary of Rooppur nuclear power plant project and the river Padma was supposed to be close by. But over the years the river has moved a distance and the plant site now is 2.5km away from the flow of the river.

PHOTO: STAR

2 bullet-hit

Police, victims give different versions

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Law enforcers shot a pro-Jamaat sramik leader in Kolaroa upazila and an alleged robber in Shyamnagar upazila in two separate incidents in the early hours of yesterday.

Shamsur Rahman alias Bulbul, 30, secretary of the Jamaat-affiliated Sramik Kalyan Federation, and Qamrul Islam, 40, allegedly the second-in-command of a robber gang, were admitted to Satkhira Sadar Hospital. Hospital sources said both of them sustained bullet wounds below their knees.

Shamsur was shot when

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AL spent only half its income last year

Party to submit audit report to EC today

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The ruling Awami League spent only half of its income last year, contrary to the BNP which spent almost three times its income during the same period.

The ruling party earned Tk 120 million while it spent Tk 60 million last year, sources in the party confirmed it to The Daily Star.

AL leaders would submit the report to the Election Commission today, sources said.

Party chief Sheikh Hasina finalised the report in a meeting with some party leaders at the Gono Bhaban last night.

Sources said the meeting was attended, among others, by AL Office Secretary Abdus Sobhan Golap, Deputy Office Secretary Mrinal Kanti Das and Assistant Secretary ABM Reazul Kabir Kawsar.

According to sources, the main source of the party's income in the year was from selling nomination papers for the January 5 national election and nomination papers for reserved seats for women, which amounted to almost Tk 65 million. Other sources of income included subscription fees from its central committee members, advisory council members, national executive council, law-makers, members and well-wishers, and sales of books and old papers, and

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MOGHBAZAR TRIPLE MURDER

Cops count on remand talk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three accused in the case filed for Thursday's triple murder in the capital's Moghbazar have been arrested and two of them placed on a five-day remand each.

The two on remand -- Faruk Shamim Hossain, 32, and Sohel Khan, 28 -- are close associates of Shah Alam alias Kailla Babu, the prime accused in the case, and were directly involved in the killings, police said. They were named in the first information report (FIR) of the police.

Kala Chan, brother of one of the victims Ranu Akter Brishti, filed the case against 15 named and five to six unnamed people with Ramna Police Station on Friday night.

That very night, police arrested the duo from Moghbazar area, Deputy Commissioner Krishna Pada Roy of

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'INVASION' IN UKRAINE

EU set to slap Russia with new sanctions

Says Moscow's actions a threat to all of Europe after Putin warning

AFP, Brussels

The European Union geared up a fresh wave of sanctions against Russia yesterday with warnings that the escalating conflict in Ukraine was putting all of Europe at risk of war.

Fears of a wider confrontation spiralled after allegations that Russia has sent troops and weapons across the border to help a

bloody new counter-offensive by pro-Kremlin rebels.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko visited Brussels to plead his case for a firm response, before the EU's 28 leaders were to hold talks on the worsening situation.

The latest rebel push in a conflict that has claimed nearly 2,600 lives has wrested

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Mystery of Death Valley rocks solved

REUTERS

A solution to the long-standing mystery of why rocks move erratically across an isolated patch of California's Death Valley has finally emerged as researchers published a study showing the

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Hasina goes for Khaleda-bashing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday branded her political archrival Khaleda Zia "a killer" and "a person with a sick mind", and said the BNP chairperson had better go to Pakistan.

"There are many people in Bangladesh who still wish to be slaves of Pakistan and they do not believe in the country's independence. Khaleda Zia is one of them and she still is with the defeated forces [of the Liberation War]. People, who want to be Pakistan's slaves, may leave the country for Pakistan," she said.


Hasina, also the president of the ruling Awami League, was addressing a rally marking the National Mourning Day at Suhrawardy Udyan in the afternoon. The Dhaka City unit AL organised the programme.

She lambasted Khaleda for celebrating her birthday on August 15, the day Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated with most of his family members in 1975 by some wayward army personnel.

If Khaleda Zia really didn't have a sick mind, it would not

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for the BNP to say that this parliament is illegal and has no elected representative so it cannot be empowered to impeach judges?

Yes

80%

No

20%

TOTAL VOTES: 154

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to say that the incidents of the assassination of Shaikh Nurul Islam Faruqi and Moghbazar's triple murder are "nothing serious"?

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August 31

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Fazr	4-30	5-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-23	6-26
Esha	7-45	8-15

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