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FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

In a week or two

Minister changes his forecast of 2-3 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority will be formed in a week or two, Food Minister Quamrul Islam said yesterday, boosting optimism that food adulterators would be brought to book.

"The process to appoint a chairman and four members [of the authority] is underway," he told a workshop at the city's Cirdap auditorium.

The food ministry in association with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) organised the event on "Institutionalisation of Food Safety in Bangladesh".

Quamrul said all the 13 line ministries will coordinate on food safety to ensure safety at all levels, including production, import, processing, stock, supply, marketing, transportation and sale of food.

The minister had earlier said implementation of the Food Safety Act, 2013 would take two to three years.

He, however, did not specify a timeframe for finalising the regulations, which is essential to enforce the law.

Consumers have long been seriously concerned about



Pedestrians are forced to cover their noses while crossing the Karwan Bazar underpass in the capital. Though the underpass was renovated a few years ago, poor maintenance has left it all dusty, dirty and stinky again. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Dhaka-Ctg highway blocked

People suffer for 5 hrs as transport workers protest extortion

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Travellers on Dhaka-Chittagong highway were stranded for five hours yesterday after transport workers blocked the road protesting pro-ruling party men's extortion from buses and attack on the workers.

Buses were parked blocking the highway at several places in Comilla around noon, creating a 20km-long tailback on the country's busiest highway.

"I boarded a bus from Shashongasa Bus Terminal with my ailing father to visit a doctor in Dhaka and we were stuck at Alekhachar for hours. The bus had to return to the terminal," said Shahidul Islam, who is the chairman of the political

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Mamata melting

Wishes Bangladesh well, says land deal soon

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The prospects of implementing the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) with India brightened yesterday with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee throwing her weight behind the deal.

"A solution is being worked out for the border enclaves and the problem will be solved soon," Mamata said in Coochbehar district after inaugurating a number of government projects.



Mamata said her government wanted a solution to the enclave issue as early as possible.

"We want that the residents of the enclaves get their rights. I wish both Bangladesh and India stay well," the Trinamool Congress chief said, adding the relations between "the two Bengals are good and will remain good".

She also said that she had on Wednesday laid the foundation stones for roads in West

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Subhan verdict any day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The trial of war crimes accused Jamaat-Islami leader Abdus Subhan ended yesterday and the International Crimes Tribunal-2 kept the case waiting for verdict delivery.

Subhan, the alleged vice-chairman of anti-liberation Peace Committee in Pabna in 1971, faces nine charges, including that of genocide, committed in the district during the Liberation War.

The charges are based on incidents that took place in



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Declared dead, woman wakes up after 3 hrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a bizarre turn of events, an unidentified female patient at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital woke up three hours after she had been declared dead by doctors there yesterday.

Hospital doctors had even issued a death certificate in which was written "It is a police case", DMCH

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ANOTHER 'KILLER COP' GOES FREE

Anger boils in NYC

AFP, New York

New York mayor Bill de Blasio appealed for calm yesterday after a night of angry protests over a grand jury's decision not to charge a white police officer in the choking death of a black man.

Police said 83 people were arrested overnight, most for disorderly conduct, after protesters converged on Rockefeller Center and the city's iconic Times Square chanting: "No justice, no peace."

Another demonstration was called for later yesterday outside the headquarters of the New York Police Department, and the city's liberal mayor called on protesters to keep them peaceful.

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Sharmin at National Institute of Traumatology & Orthopaedic Rehabilitation in the capital yesterday after she returned from Lebanon Wednesday night with a fractured leg. A Bangladeshi manpower broker tried to force her into prostitution in the Middle East country. Orphan Sharmin returned empty handed and is facing an uncertain future.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Jinxed as yet

Woman tells of her latest ordeal on return from Lebanon

BELAL HOSSAIN BILOB

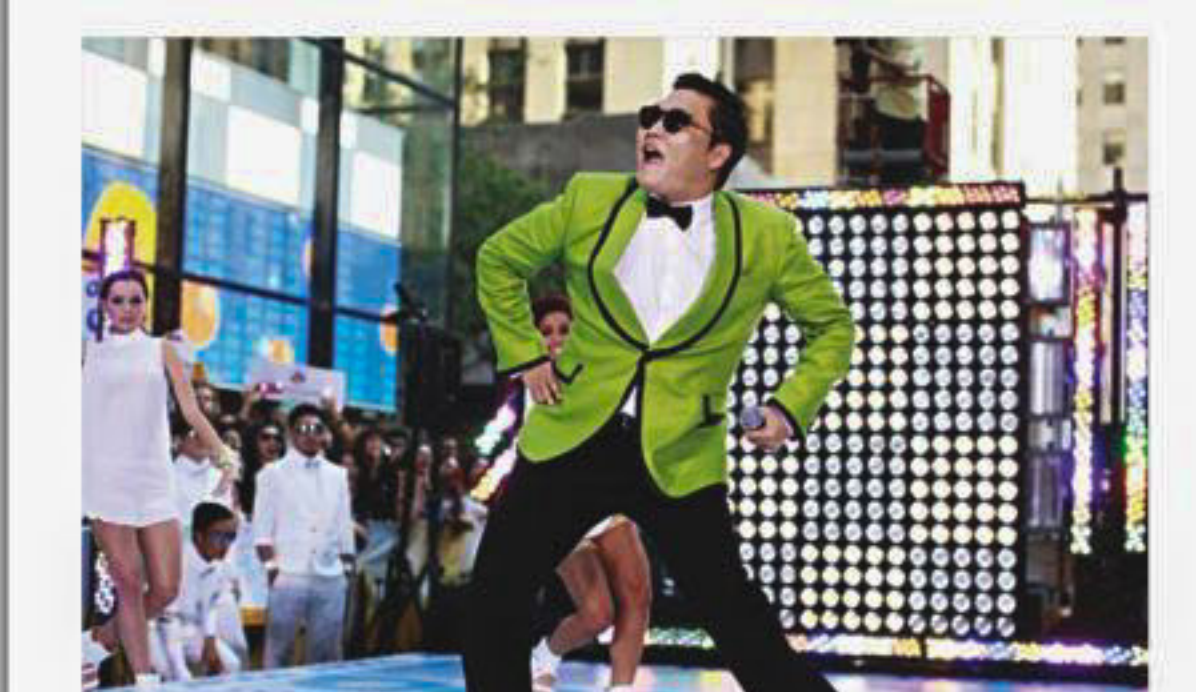
She lost her mother at birth. She left her deceitful husband four months after marriage. Even so, she thought a better life was possible. So she rested her hope on an overseas job.

As Sharmin Akter, 25, established contact with Nipa, an agent for Bangladeshi female migrant workers in Lebanon, she barely knew what lay in wait for her would put the final nail in her coffin.

She had flown to Lebanon in April this year. Two weeks after she started a job as a domestic help, Nipa talked her into leaving her employer for a more lucrative job.

It was only when she was taken to 20 other Bangladeshi girls that she realised she was being forced into prostitution by her

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Psy stretches YouTube limit

BBC ONLINE

The music video for South Korean singer Psy's Gangnam Style exceeded YouTube's view limit, prompting the site to upgrade its counter.

YouTube said the video - its most watched ever - has been viewed more than 2,147,483,647 times.

It has now changed the maximum view limit to 9,223,372,036,854,775,808, or more than nine

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The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BGMEA President Atiqul Islam that there is no child labour in the garment sector?

Yes (19%)

No (81%)

TOTAL VOTES: 221

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with a Transparency International's global survey that corruption rose in Bangladesh?

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Fazr	5-15	5-50
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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