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Firm, right step to \$50b hope

*PM opens garment summit, urges
buyers for better prices*



\$50b garment export target by
2021
18 more economic zones
Govt reduces tax at source to **0.30%**
from **0.80%** for garment exporters
Tax on fire safety equipment
imports exempted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With a whopping \$25 billion export turnover last fiscal year, Bangladesh's apparel sector is now ready to take the next giant leap.

Exporters for the first time hosted an apparel summit yesterday with twin objectives -- to hit \$50 billion garment exports by 2021, and to repair the sector's image that was dented by industrial disasters.

The three-day Dhaka Apparel Summit has brought together retailers, trade body leaders, policymakers and scholars, especially from the US and the EU, the two main

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*Centre of
excellence
takes off*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday officially opened the Centre of Excellence for the Bangladesh Apparel Industries (CEBAI), an initiative to create a skilled labour force for the export-oriented industry.

Based in Ashulia, the centre will help meet the

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A man talking on his phone on a pavement near Karwan Bazar where a manhole is missing its lid. The manhole on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue have been missing the lid for over a month posing a risk to unsuspecting or absentminded pedestrians.

PHOTO:
ANISUR RAHMAN

Govt to prolong DCC adhocism

*Says extension of administrators' tenure
will ensure 'better service'*

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Instead of making way for elections to the two Dhaka city corporations, the Awami-League led government now moves to extend the tenures of city administrators to one year from six months.

The local government and rural devel-

opment (LGRD) ministry has sent a proposal in this regard to the cabinet division for approval, touting the move will help improve the city services.

Interestingly, the government cited the same reason when it split the city corporation in 2011 and appointed two

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DHAKA-GUWAHATI BUS Trial run Dec 10-11

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
New Delhi

The trial run of a regular passenger bus service between Dhaka and Guwahati in Assam will be held on December 10 and 11, an official announcement of the Indian government said in Delhi yesterday.

"To study and finalise the routes and start the bus services to Dhaka from Shillong and Guwahati, a joint technical survey/trial run is being organised on December 10-11, 2014 from Guwahati to Dhaka", the statement said.

The trial run will be carried out jointly by delegations from India and Bangladesh by way of a dry run of the service to assess route conditions and other technical parameters, it said, adding that the dry run will conclude in Dhaka on December 12.

Thereafter, the two countries' delegations are expected to submit their reports on the details and feasibility of starting of the regular bus services.

The Dhaka-Guwahati bus service, which will go via Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya of India, will be in addition to two passenger bus services to

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ENERGY PRICE BNP warns of non-stop agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 20-party alliance has threatened to wage a non-stop movement if prices of gas and electricity are hiked in January next year.

"We demand that the government shelve its plan to increase gas and power prices. We will be bound to announce a non-stop agita

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Farmers taking their harvest home at Gumai Beel in Rangunia upazila in Chittagong. The Beel is famous for its high yield and according to the agriculture ministry, three tonnes of rice was produced there per hectare last year.

PHOTO:
ANURUP KANTI DAS

BUS COLLISION IN RAJSHAHI 3 college girls killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

"Lucky" was the name of the college bus some 60 female students boarded, hoping to go home. But the journey the students of Rajshahi Government College (RGC) took was anything but lucky.

Three of them were killed and around 50 more injured as a passenger bus rammed

theirs at Katakali on the outskirts of Rajshahi city yesterday.

The dead are Sharmin Akhtar, final year student of Management; Mahbuba Haque Tania, 1st year student of Social Work; and Beauty Khatun, 4th year student of Islamic History, said college Principal Hobibur Rahman.

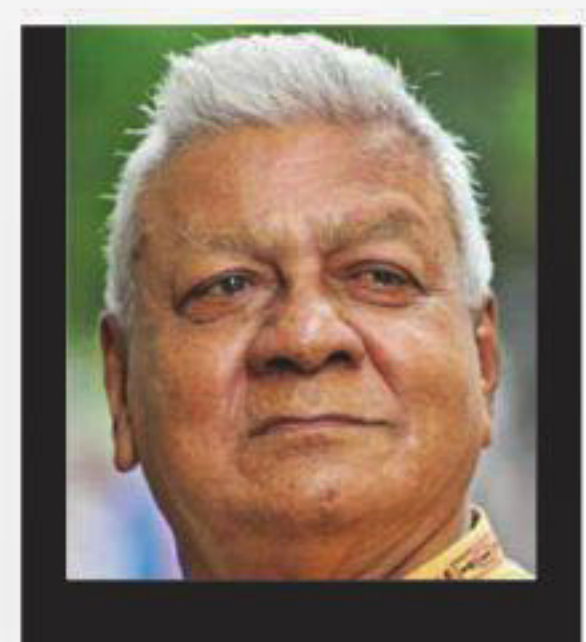
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Khalil: 1934-2014

FAHMIM FERDOUS

His was not the dulcet tones of a father. His was a voice inflected with grit and power. His was a voice that never failed to assume command over his audience. His was a voice that would transcend his type-cast role, transforming even

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