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ABE SORRY FOR HECKLING

TK 2,95,000CR BUDGET

Size shrinks for fund shortfall

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The finance ministry will scale down its plan to lay out a budget upwards of Tk 300,000 crore for fiscal 2015-16, as it has failed to find viable sources to fund such a big outlay. Now, a budget of Tk

295,272 crore is likely to be presented in parliament on Thursday so that the deficit stays within 5 percent of gross domestic product, in keeping with the loan conditions by the International Monetary Fund.

The revenue earning projection embedded in the draft budget is already optimistic compared with this year's actual performance, said a finance ministry official seeking anonymity.

The ministry could not stretch it any

PROJECTED BUDGET FOR

	In taka crore	In % of GDP
Total outlay	295,272	17.2
Revenue target	207,721	12.1
Deficit	85,835	5

further to support a budget above Tk 300,000 crore as stated by Finance Minister AMA Muhith on May 22 in Sylhet. The resource constraint

puts a damper on IMF's

efforts, which has long been pushing the government to raise its revenue earning capabilities so that it can roll out budgets matching its growth ambitions.

In fiscal 2015-16, around Tk 17,000 crore of additional funds are needed to finance the new pay scale, due to take effect from July, for civil servants, military officials, teachers and pensioners.

The ministry initially planned to keep that amount in block allocation. But now it is likely to put a lesser sum in block SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Dhaka South City Corporation evicts all structures erected by hawkers at Gulistan yesterday. The photo was taken in front of Baitul Mukarram Mosque. The hawkers had fled the scene before the drive began. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Shab-e-Barat tonight

UNB, Dhaka

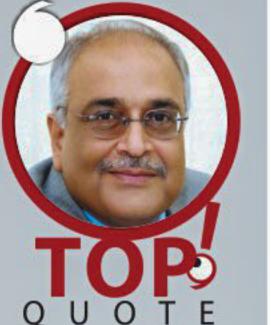
Holy Shab-e-Barat, the night of fortune and forgiveness, will be observed in the country tonight with due religious fervour.

Muslim devotees will offer special prayers, recite from the holy Quran, hold milad, zikr and perform other religious rituals throughout the night, seeking divine blessings for the wellbeing of mankind.

They will also visit the SEE PAGE 10 COL 3

HOLIDAY

The office of The Daily Star will remain closed today on the occasion of Shabe-Barat. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.



"Bangladesh needs to carry out

institutional and policy reforms

fast if it wants to go beyond the

6 percent plus growth rate."

DR DEBAPRIYA BHATTACHARYA

DISTINGUISHED FELLOW OF CPD

AT A PROGRAMME ON THE REVIEW

OF COUNTRY'S ECONOMY

CPD for law to curb black money STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Centre for Policy Dialogue yesterday urged the government to formulate a law to bring into the mainstream economy black money and benami properties bought in and outside the country.

The think-tank made the proposal saying it found that ad hoc fiscal measures to whiten black money had failed to do so. "It is now important to formulate a predictable legal

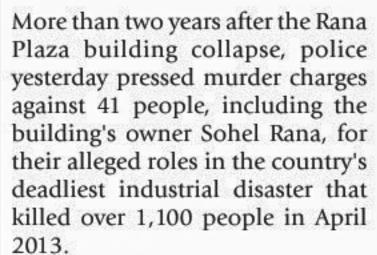
No ad hoc step

framework where tax rate should be above the marginal rate," Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, distinguished fellow of SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

KILLING OF 1,136 PEOPLE IN RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE

Owner, 40 others charged

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY



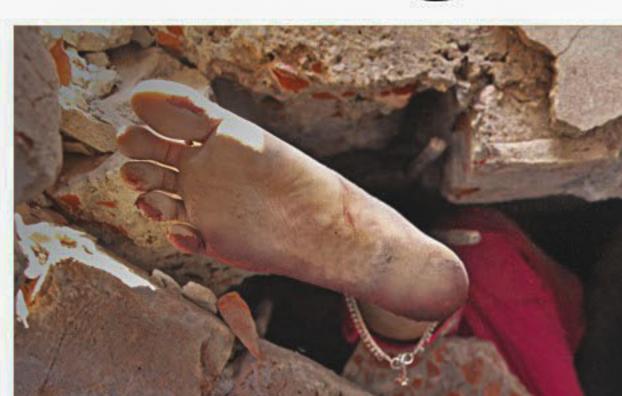
'violating building codes" in constructing

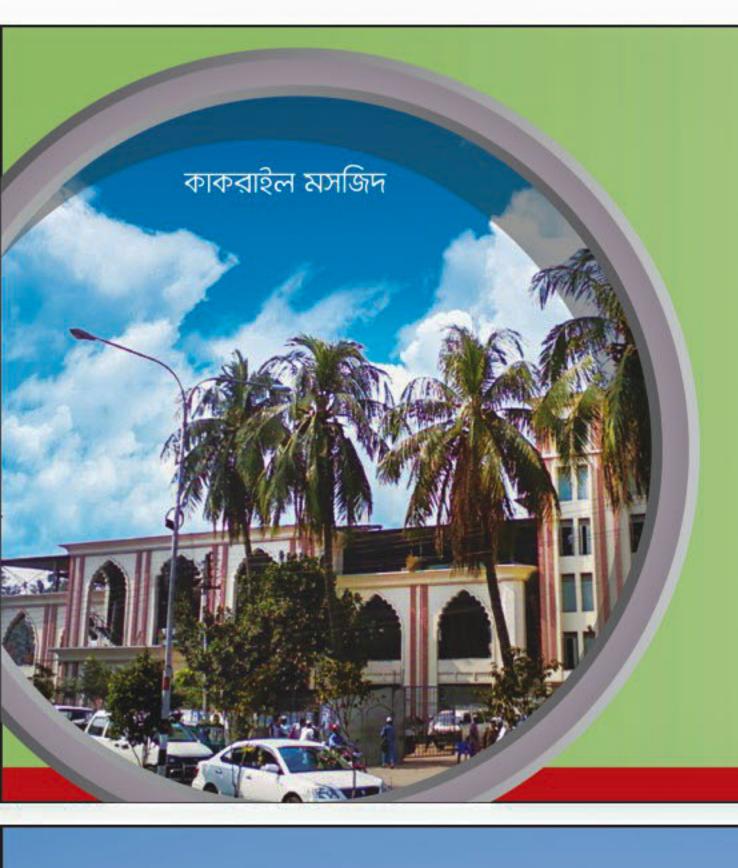
the nine-storey building that housed five garment factories on its upper floors in Savar. Of them, 17 are among the 41. Most of the dead were garment

workers who toiled day and night stitching clothes for global brands. The accused persons also include Rana's parents, owners of

four factories, mayor of Savar municipality and 14 government officials.

Sohel Rana But the then Upazila Nirbahi Eighteen people were also charged for Officer of Savar Md Kabir Hossain Sarder SEE PAGE 2 COL 4





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