Govt makes

FROM PAGE 16 Supporting the government's decision for increasing power and gas tariffs, Nasrul said the government, considering people's sufferings, did not increase prices of fuels when prices increased in the international market in the past.

The government tackled the situation by compensating, he added. Nasrul said prices of fuels might increase any moment even though

the price has dropped in the international market. "That's why the government has

not re-fixed the prices of fuels," he added. He said Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation was in debt. "We will

have to consider this matter." In response to another query, Nasrul said 74 percent of the people were covered by the power supply network and the government has plans to pro-

vide electricity to all by 2021. He said it would be possible to supply gas to the national grid from an LNG terminal by 2017.

Standards

FROM PAGE 1 dailies being published from Dhaka. The daily's circulation is 5.53 lakh.

According to his scripted reply, the other top circulating newspapers are Prothom Alo (5.01 lakh), Kaler Kantho (2.5 lakh), Janakantha, (2.23 lakh), Amader Somoy (2.22 lakh), Jugantor (2.21 lakh), Ittefaq (1.94 lakh) and Samakal (1.64 lakh).

Of the 156 dailies, 44 newspapers are implementing the eighth wage board, Inu said.

He also informed the House that negotiations with three foreign companies were underway for establishing five full-fledged centres of Bangladesh Television at the divisional headquarters in Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sylhet, Khulna and Barisal.

"The government is negotiating with the China-based Areospace, Long-March International Trade Company Ltd, and Radio, Film and TV Design and Research Institute for setting up the BTV centres," he said.

SC stays

FROM PAGE 16 killed in the incident, which is seen as one of the worst workplace disasters in history. A four-member bench of the

Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha stayed a High Court order that issued the ban.

The apex court passed the order in response to a petition filed by producer of the film Shamima Akhter.

In the petition, she said the Censor Board had approved screening of her film after cutting some scenes as per the HC directives.

There is no legal bar on the authorities from releasing and screening the movie following the SC order, AM Amin Uddin, a lawyer for Shamima,

told The Daily Star yesterday. Shaharia Kabir Biplob, another counsel for Shamima, told this correspondent that his client would apply to the Censor Board for releasing the film

in cinemas after receiving the SC order. The film had earlier been scheduled for release on September 4, he added.

Following a writ petition filed by President of Bangladesh National Garments Workers Employees League Sirajul Islam Rony, the HC on August 24 imposed a six-month restriction on the screening of Rana Plaza.

In the petition, Rony said the producer of the film had not deleted scenes previously directed by the court.

In March, the HC asked the authorities to cut some scenes portraying horror, cruelty and violence associated with the disaster, he claimed in the petition.

'Mugger' FROM PAGE 16

5:00pm, said hospital sources.

He died of excessive bleeding as both of his legs were badly wounded by multiple shotgun pellets, the sources added. The deceased, Akash Ferdaus, 30,

owned a mobile phone shop in Keraniganj, said his mother Aleya Begum.

Tk 28,000 and two crude bombs had been recovered from Akash, said OC Tapan.

In Shyampur, criminals shot Kamruzzaman Suman, who runs a shop in Jurain, and took away his

money. Police said three people riding a motorcycle intercepted Suman when he along with a fellow trader was

returning from a bank on a rickshaw around 12:30pm. They shot Suman in his right thigh

twice, snatched away the bag with the money in it and rode away, according to Officer-in-Charge Kazi Wazed Ali of Kadamtali Police Station.

Suman was admitted to the DMCH and was in a stable condition, said hospital sources.

BNP demo foiled

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In Barisal, police charged truncheons on the activists of the BNP and its front organisations and cordoned off the BNP office area, foiling a programme scheduled to be held jointly by Barisal district and city units of the BNP and its front organisations.

Five BNP activists were injured, and three of them were detained by police, claimed the BNP leaders.

Abul Kalam Shahin, district Daily Star. (south) unit BNP secretary, alleged that when their procession was trying to go to the BNP office in Ashwini Kumar Hall area, police stopped them at Jailkhana intersection around 10:15am. The activists of the ruling Awami

League and its front organisations were never prevented from holding programmes in the city, then why the peaceful programme of the BNP activists would be stopped? he asked. Sakhawat Hossain, officer-in-

charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police acted as per directives of the higher authorities to ensure an easy flow of traffic on the streets.

The detained BNP activists would

be released if they were not accused or wanted in any criminal case, the police official said.

Police also thwarted programmes in Pirojpur, Manikganj and Jhenidah. "The BNP high-ups earlier told us

that they would brief us when we would bring out processions or rallies. But they did not brief us as of 4:00pm," a leader of the alliance, wishing not to be named, told The According to the BNP press

release, police also foiled the demonstrations in Rangamati and Magura. The BNP leaders and activists could not stage the demonstrations

due to police obstruction in nine districts, including Rangpur and Faridpur, the release added. Meanwhile, Supreme Court Bar

Association President Khandker Mahbub Hossain yesterday at a press conference said when the government hiked the prices [of gas and electricity], they [government] did not consider the sufferings of the people. They only considered the businessmen who were loyal to their

SIM re-registration

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mobile connections are the sources of all criminal activities like militancy and abduction. So we are going for the re-registration of all existing num-The move came a month after a

meeting of Digital Taskforce, chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, where senior ministers raised the fake SIM registration issue, saying law enforcement agencies cannot arrest those who commit crimes using SIMs registered with false information.

The prime minister instantly instructed the BTRC chief to come up with a solution.

There are 12.87 crore active mobile subscribers in the country, according to latest statistics from the BTRC, the telecom regulator. Wishing anonymity, a top official

of a private mobile operator told The Daily Star that at least 70 percent of the subscribers do not have proper registration. However, the government is faced

with a mammoth task if it wants to

complete the re-registration process

by the end of this year. The state minister herself admitted that this is going to be a tough job. "The government still wants to

do it for the sake of security," she said. In 2008, the BTRC initiated a reregistration process but was not successful as there was no national identification (NID) database at the time. But now the Election Commission (EC) has an NID database.

The state minister said the telecommunications division would request the EC to allow mobile operators to access the database so that they can verify identities of the persons applying for SIM/RUIM registration and re-registration. The BTRC will supervise the re-registration process.

Manzurul Alam, former chairman

of BTRC, said it would be the first step towards ensuring telecommunications related safety. "It is a good step. For ensuring

security, the government needs to come up with a solution about proper mobile phone registration, said Alam, adding the government also needs to give some time to operators as the number of active SIMs is quite high.

Experts said security of e-commerce and e-banking issues also depends largely on proper SIM registration. So the government should be tough on the

Mobile phone operators too welcomed the decision.

asking for access to the NID database."

Another senior executive of a mess in the market."

termination (VOIP) and fake or unregistered SIMs.

The BTRC recently seized a huge number of unregistered SIMs. The state minister directed the regulator to seek explanation from the operators in this regard.

them as per laws," said Tarana.

The BTRC imposes a \$50 fine for

Tarana said she would sit with the mobile operators some time this week to discuss all the decisions

How safe are your

hospital-acquired infections by multidrug-resistant bacteria cause around 30,000 deaths a year. And the annual cost due to antibiotic-resistant infections was estimated to be about \$2 billion, WHO documents show.

"It is very, very alarming. Many patients die in Bangladesh from hospital-acquired wounds because some antibiotics have just stopped working," said Prof AKM Shamsuzzaman, director of Communicable Diseases Control at the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

There is no concrete data on casualties, and he suggested that the government conduct a research in this regard.

In India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal and Bangladesh, one child dies in every five minutes because the antibiotics are ineffective due to bacterial resistance, a study shows.

In Bangladesh, rural people are particularly exposed to serious health problems, including damage of liver and kidney, because of indiscriminate intake of antibiotics, states the research published in the Science Domain International, a UK-based journal, on January 15 this year. It found 44 percent doctors pre-

scribe antibiotics for cold, fever and acute respiratory infections without diagnosis, a mandatory procedure according to WHO guidelines. The study was conducted among

6,000 patients, 580 physicians, village doctors and pharmacists in the rural areas of Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions between July and December 2012. **BRIBING THE DOCTORS**

Kumar Bishwajit Sutradhar, one of the researchers and a senior lecturer of pharmacy at Stamford University in Dhaka, told The Daily Star early this year that drug companies bribe a sec-

"This is something we have been waiting for," said Mahmud Hossain, chief corporate affairs officer of Grameenphone. "We have been

mobile operator, on condition of anonymity, said, "We have to go for the re-registration to clean up the

The meeting also decided to revisit the existing telecommunications laws to strengthen the telecommunications related activities and take tough action against illegal call

"If the mobile operators fail to explain, we can impose fines on

each unregistered SIM.

taken at the meeting.

tion of doctors in cash or kind to to

prescribe antibiotics. "This is true," Prof Shamsuzzaman

said, citing his experience. "It's because the medicine companies want to increase their sale. But things are particularly worrying in rural areas, where representatives of medical companies can easily influence the pharmacy owners or salesmen."

Patients, on the other hand, are often careless. The study found almost 50 percent of them stop taking the prescribed antibiotics the moment the symptoms of illness disappear, and 27 percent think it's not always important to follow prescriptions.

However, the next time they contract the disease, they need double the dose because the bacteria, which were supposed to have been killed or kept from reproducing, has instead grown stronger by this time.

POST-ANTIBIOTIC ERA

The AMR issue is extremely complicated and therefore difficult to deal with because it involves biological, technical, behavioural and regulatory matters. But a strong guideline on the use of antibiotics can be a big first step to address the threat, said Dr Be-Nazir Ahmed, professor of microbiology and head of parasitology at the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine.

WHO experts echoed his view at a roundtable with journalists from the member states of its Southeast Asia Region in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste, yesterday.

"If urgent and comprehensive steps are not taken to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR), the world shall slip into a 'post-antibiotic era' where mortality and morbidity due to infectious diseases shall be at par with those that were seen in the 'pre-antibiotic era'," the WHO warns.

bill on financial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

reporting

The House last night passed the Financial Reporting Bill 2015, with a provision for forming a regulatory body to ensure transparency and accountability in the financial sector.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, while placing the bill, said it was necessary to ensure transparency in formulating financial reports and maintaining accounts of the "public interest entities", specially the corporate sector, public sector corporations, government-owned autonomous bodies, NGOs, banks and other financial organisations. He said initiatives had been

taken to form a 12-member regulatory body.

The bill was passed in voice votes later.

Another bill titled "Foreign Exchange Regulation (amendment Bill-2015, which aims at controlling purchase, sale, repay export and import of foreign exchange, was also passed.

Literacy

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"We have taken special initiatives to turn the huge population into human resources by eradicating illiteracy and providing skill-based training," Mostafizur added. The minister also said they had

taken up a project with own funds to eradicate illiteracy. Basic Literacy, a Tk 483-crore pro-

ject, would be implemented by the BNFE to school 45 lakh people aged between 15 and 45 in 64 districts. The deputy commissioners of the districts would carry out the field-

level work through selective NGOs,

Mostafizur added. STIPEND TO INCREASE

The minister also announced that the government would increase the number of stipend recipients to 1.3 crore from 78 lakh.

"A total of one crore and 30 lakh primary school students will get monthly stipend," he said, adding that the proposal's approval was at the final stage. The government at present gives

Tk 100 stipend a month to 78 lakh primary students in rural areas. Mesbah ul Alam, secretary to the

ministry, was also present at the briefing.

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House passes 3 of another company

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case proceedings, he need not to renew the bail until the proceedings resume, said the court's public prosecutor Shaheen Ahmed Khan.

The Directorate General of Drug Administration filed four cases against four pharmaceutical companies, including Polychem, in December 1992 and January 1993 after paracetamol syrups produced by them had been found tainted with industrial toxic diethylene glycol.

The drug manufacturers were accused of causing deaths of 92 children in 1992 alone, who died of renal failure after taking paracetamol syrups for fever.

The trial of Polychem is the last to be held at the trial court, as accused in two other cases against Adflame Pharmaceuticals and BCI (Bangladesh) Ltd have already been handed down 10

years of imprisonment and fined Tk 2 lakh each in 2014 and this year.

The other one, Rex Pharma was acquitted by a Mymensingh court in 2003, as the prosecution had not pro-

duced results of the tests on the syrups. The government has not yet appealed against the verdict.

Accused from all the four companies obtained bail and HC stay orders on the cases' proceedings in 1994.

After remaining suspended for 16 years, the trial against Adflame Pharmaceuticals resumed in November 2009, hard on the heels of a revelation that manipulation and corruption had kept the trial of the cases on hold for so long.

According to a study by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, kidney failure caused by adulterated syrups killed at least 2,700 children between 1982 and 1992.

Homemade 'seaplane' FROM PAGE 16

enough to set tongues wagging for hours, if not for days. But the plane in question is the brainchild of local college student Mahbubur Rahman Shaon and yet people were unwilling to miss the spectacle.

While waiting to see if their lad's plane will fly, there can be nothing for the villagers to do other than hold collective breaths in the hope of success. "My son talked about building a

seaplane," says Shaon's father, madrassa teacher Nasir Uddin, "I never imagined he actually could." With the assistance of one carpenter,

Abdul Momin, and one workshop employee, Md Jahir Uddin, Shaon's oneseater aircraft was constructed in only two weeks. Featuring an old 100cc motorcycle engine, an electric fan, aluminium rods, polythene and cloth, the plane's cost is a very reasonable Tk 20,000. Measuring 6.5 feet in length and four in width, the self-starting plane

can carry up to 80 kilograms according

to its inventor, the novice aviator who

studies at Barisal Ideal College. "The

wings are made of cloth, nets and polythene," explains Shaon. He points out the nifty, inbuilt plastic chair which serves as the pilot's seat and the glass panel installed as windscreen to provide basic security to

the pilot while flying.

"I saw photos of seaplanes on Google on my mobile phone," says Shaon. "It piqued my interest. Before I knew it I'd collected over seventy photos of the planes." "When I shared my idea to build

one with Momin and Jahir Uddin they

both encouraged me. Luckily we were

able to buy an old motorbike engine at

a reasonable rate from Jakir Hossain, who usually sells tools in the village." First designing and then building the plane's structure with wood and

aluminium happened fast. Within two weeks the plane was ready for its first trial flight. "I decided to try it on our pond as an experiment," says Shaon, "and it really worked!"

With the plane's dress rehearsal

under its belt, by 4:00pm on Friday it's in place on the river in readiness for its public debut. With a whir the engine starts, Shaon in the plastic pilot's seat, preparing the plane for takeoff. If the day's flight is successful, Shaon said earlier, he plans a follow-

up demonstration in the presence of Kalapara upazila and Patuakhali district officials. As an inexpensive vehicle based around a basic petrol-run engine, he believes his seaplane has future application potential in transporting patients from remote villages on offshore shoals to the district hospital, or to carry emergency supplies to island patients. Fortunately for Shaon and the villagers of Moazzempur the day ends well.

To cheers and astonishment the local aviator achieves a flight of five minutes along the river, far in excess of the first powered flight managed by the Wright brothers, which covered a distance of only 37 metres and lasted 12 seconds.

Modi takes

FROM PAGE 16 Narendra Modi.

In what is fast becoming a hallmark of PM Modi, it seems he took a spontaneous decision to sample the metro services. Shelving plans to take a chopper, he boarded the Metro from the heart of Delhi -- which he inaugurated minutes before.

The schedule said he was to take a helicopter to the Civil Court Grounds of Faridabad, in neighbouring Haryana, where he was to flag-off the down train.

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		INVITATION FOR TENDERS
1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity name	Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant.
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Works (Single Lot)
7	Invitation Ref. No.	EGCB/CE/Haripur/412.08/2015/858
8	Date	01/09/2015
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9	Procurement Method	NCT (Open Tendering Method.)
FUN	NDING INFORMATION	
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (Own fund of Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
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12	Project/ Programme Code (if applicable)	. N/A
13	Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No	N/A
15	Tender Package Name	Repairing, Maintenance and Servicing of Air-Conditioning System for 01 (one) year of Haripur 41. MW CCPP EGCB Ltd.
16	Tender Publication Date	07/09/2015
17	Tender Last Selling Date	21/09/2015 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
18	Tender Submission Date & Time	22/09/2015 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date & Time	22/09/2015 on 12:30 Hrs (BST) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed t attend).
20	Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document - Receiving Tender Document - Opening Tender Document	Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. Corporate Office, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A.
INF	ORMATION FOR TENDERER	
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	 a) The Tenderer shall have a satisfactory completion of similar works (Air Conditioning Repair & Maintenance Work under yearly Basis) of at least Tk Five Lac (5,00,000/-) under a single contract during last five (05) years. b) The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the similar kind of works.

The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the similar kind of works (Air Conditioning Repair & Maintenance Work under yearly Basis) as Contractor shall be: five The Tenderer should have valid Trade License, should be financially solvent, Income Tax payee, should have the legal capacity to enter in to the contract, and shouldn't have a conflict of interest pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rules-2008. N.B: years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. 23 Brief Description of Goods & Works

Repairing, Maintenance and Servicing of Air-Conditioning System for 01 (one) year of Haripur 412 MW CCPP EGCB Ltd

NA. BDT 500/= (Taka Five Hundred only) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order in favor of Chief Engineer, Hanpur 412 MW CCPP , EGCB Ltd. Hanpur, Narayangani

Location Completion Time Tender Security Amount Repairing, Maintenance and Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Servicing of Air-Conditioning 01 (One) year Tk. 25000/-Plant, EGCB Ltd. Haripur, Bandar, System for 01 (one) year of Haripur from start date (Twenty Five Thousand Taka) Narayangani, Bangladesh.

27 Name of Official Inviting the Tender Md. Kamruzaaman 28 Designation of Official Inviting Tender Superintending Engineer (Maintenance) Address of Official Inviting the Tender Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd. Haripur, Bandar, Narayanganj, Bangladesh. Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender: Tel: 01770794820 Ext..... Fax:..... E-mail: se.mnt412@egcb.com.bd a) The Full Tender Document will be available in PDF format in the EGCB website b) The tenderers are requested to read the tender document carefully before submission of their offer. 32 The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.

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