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# Decision final, move unclear

Minister, secretary talk about removal of commercial entities from residential areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain and the ministry's Secretary Abdul Malek yesterday came up with different statements about removing commercial entities from residential areas.

At a press briefing at the secretariat, the minister said all the business establishments -- legal and illegal -- in the residential areas would have to relocate to other places. However, the secretary at the same programme said only the illegal ones would be removed.

"Any commercial entity in the government-approved residential areas is illegal and they must go within six months from April 4," Mosharraf said.

The briefing was organised to explain the implementation of a cabinet decision that commercial entities in residential areas of the country must be removed within six months.

The secretary said, "We won't remove the organisations which have been running with approval [from the authorities concerned]. Those who have no approval won't be given approval now, and they will have to leave."

Confused, several journalists repeatedly asked the minister and the secretary what would happen to the commercial entities operating in the residential areas with the permission from the authorities concerned.

Malek said they would "examine" the legal commercial

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**Mahfuza Atker Subarna and her nine-and-a-half-year-old daughter Sanjida Sultana Rima at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. Unknown criminals, hired allegedly by Mahfuza's husband over a family dispute, threw acid at them at Rupnagar in the capital's Mirpur earlier in the day. Story on page 2.**

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# BB HEIST 'Malware sent info to Egypt'

AFP, Dhaka

Bangladesh police probing an audacious \$81 million heist from a central bank account have found suspicious malware in the bank's computer systems that was sending information to Egypt, an officer said yesterday.

Hackers stole the money from the Bangladesh Bank's account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on February 5 and managed to transfer it electronically to accounts in the Philippines.

Investigator Shah Alam said the malware just discovered in the Bangladesh Bank's main servers had allowed information to be sent to an email address in Egypt for more than seven hours at the time of the theft.

"We sought help from our Egyptian counterparts to find out the real person who was using that IP address during that period," Alam told AFP.

Alam gave no further details, but an investigator said on condition of

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# Doubling gas prices proposed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gas distributors have proposed increasing the charge for double-burner stoves in households to Tk 1,250 a month and single-burners to Tk 1,000.

In September, gas prices were raised 50 percent for single-burner stoves (to Tk 600). For double burners, it rose to Tk 650 from Tk 450.

Gas charges for other users had also been increased then.

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# Hasina pushes for Saarc food bank

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for speedy implementation of the initiatives taken for setting up Saarc Food Bank and Saarc Seed Bank.

"Since it is essential for tackling any kind of disaster, I would like to urge the South Asian leaders to take necessary steps to establish the Saarc Food Bank as soon as possible. Let the Saarc Food Bank be a friend of need so that no one dies of starvation in our region," she said.

The PM was addressing the inaugural session of the 3rd Meeting of Saarc Ministers of Agriculture at a city hotel, reports UNB.

She called upon the policymakers to take steps to formulate policies to ensure the participation and empowerment of farmers in seed areas.

Hasina hoped the ministers and experts attending the conference will make recommendations that would help eradicate poverty from this region through increasing agri-production in a sustainable manner.

"In this august conference, it should be our commitment to ensure food and nutritional security across the South Asia region," she said.

Citing that there is a high risk of adverse impact of climate change on Saarc countries, the premier said: "We won't be able to prevent natural disasters, but we can minimise the loss of lives and property by removing the causes of disasters and improving the post-disaster management."

Emphasis should be put on ensuring improved seeds at reasonable price, proper water management in agriculture, fair prices of agricultural produces at farmer level, introducing organic farming and reducing the use of chemical fertiliser, she observed.

"We don't want a single human being to starve and suffer from malnutrition. We want to meet the basic rights of every citizen. But it's not possible for an individual country to achieve this; rather a joint effort is required."

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# Hurt, handcuffed, under treatment

Banshkhali shooting victims say they don't know why they've been made accused

STAR REPORT

Handcuffed Zahirul Islam was lying on the floor of ward-26 of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday with a bullet wound in his right leg. Three policemen were on guard.

The 30-year-old tea-stall owner was arrested by police on April 5 for his alleged involvement in the April 4 rally that protested the installation of a coal-based power plant by S Alam Group at Gondamara union in Banshkhali upazila, Chittagong.

The police opened fire on the protestors killing at least four people and injuring 30 others.

"We are the victims. Now they are saying we are the accused," said 58-year-old Abul Khair, Zahir's father.

Not just Zahir, 3,000 unnamed people were sued in the case filed by police in connection with Monday's incident. This has panicked the villagers.

Abdul Khalek, 30, who lost his two uncles -- Anwarul Islam and Mortaza Ali -- and a brother-in-law, in the firing was also under treatment at the CMCH in police custody.

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# Shakespeare's First Folio found

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A copy of Shakespeare's First Folio - a book containing 36 of his plays published seven years after his death - has been discovered at a stately home on a Scottish Island.

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# Govt rejects HRW report on arsenic

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday rejected the Human Rights Watch (HRW) report on arsenic contamination in Bangladesh, terming it "flawed and false".

Referring to the number of deaths cited in the report released on Wednesday, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain claimed that not a single person had died of arsenic

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
**APRIL 8**  
 Fajr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha  
 AZAN 4-40 12-30 4-45 6-21 7-45  
 JAMAAT 5-15 1-15 5-00 6-24 8-15  
 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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**A fish trader shows a shark at the Cox's Bazar Fishery Ghat. Traders there said they get Tk 50 to Tk 80 for a kg of the fish. Catching sharks is a lucrative business for many fishermen as its skin, fins, teeth, bones and stomach are also sold at a good price abroad. Due to this, sharks are often hunted indiscriminately in the south-eastern coast, threatening the marine ecosystem of the country.**

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## We Deeply Mourn



Our beloved Chairman of Northern Tosrifah Group, Alhaj Tosrifah Ahmed (age 81) died on 7th April 2016 at 7:15 a.m. in United Hospital (Innalillahi owa inna ilahi rajeun). This irreparable loss will never be filled up. She will always remain in our heart, memories and prayers for her remarkable contribution to the group and society.

We pray to the Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul and also express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

A dua mehfil will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque baad Magreb on 10th April 2016 Sunday All well wishers & relatives are requested to attend the dua mehfil.

**Board of Directors and All Employees of NORTHERN TOSRIFA GROUP**