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President Abdul Hamid

yesterday stressed the need

for maintaining checks and

balances among the three

wings of the government

ture and judiciary are the

state. The role of these

three organs is unique in

mental rights as well as

while addressing a

20 years of the Law

democracy, human rights and rule of law," he said.

programme, marking the

Commission, at Judicial Administration Training

Institute in the capital.

protection of people's

it affected not only the

the judiciary.

president said.

Laying emphasis on the

fundamental and constitu-

tional rights, Hamid said if

justice was not established,

individual but all, and the

people lost confidence in

People expect that

duties with integrity and

highest neutrality for the

country, and people, the

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interest of democracy,

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The president said this

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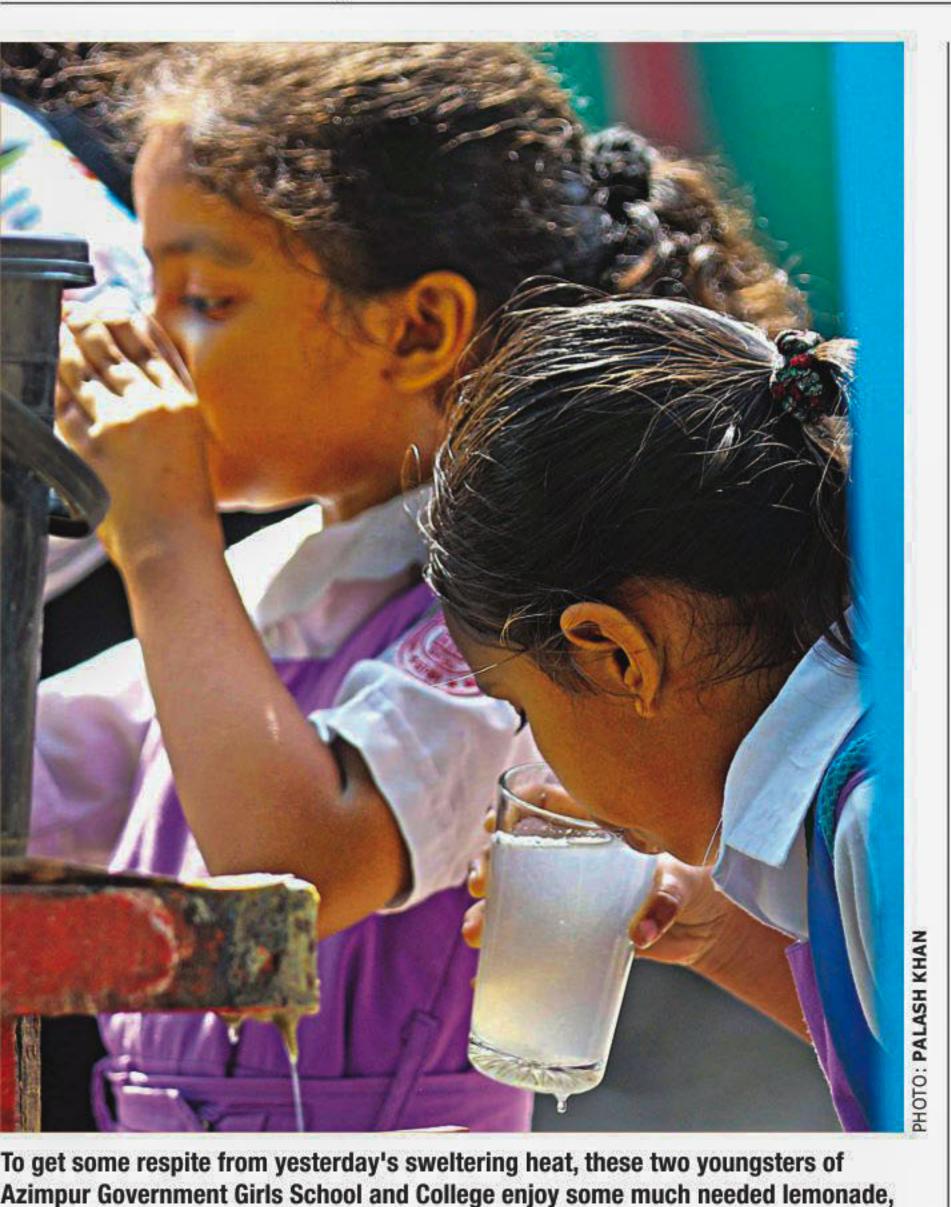
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sold by a street vendor next to their institution, with the mercury rising up to 35 degrees Celsius in the capital. But the catch is the hygiene of these drinks which might end up giving the kids water borne diseases like cholera, jaundice, and typhoid. Isn't it high time that the authorities concerned make sure that the country's street foods and drinks are completely safe without a question?

Desco signs deal

with Korean firm

for five grid

substations

Dhaka Electric Supply

Company Ltd (Desco),

which commands the

power distribution system

in north-west and eastern

parts of Dhaka city, yester-

day signed a contract with a

South Korean company to

grid substations to improve

As per the deal, Korean

Corporation will supply

and install all the substa-

tions on turnkey basis at

Purbachal, Bashundhara,

"Once the substations

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come into operation, they

will play a vital role in

contractor Hyosung

Uttara, Aftabnagar,

and Gulshan-Banani.

set up five 132/33/11 kV

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its system.

# Airport Road clogs even on weekend in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

City commuters heading towards Kamal Ataturk Avenue from Mohakhali suffered in long tailbacks on Airport Road despite yesterday being a weekend, as road excavations prompted police to block right turns at the Kakoli intersection, suggesting U-turns near the Banani graveyard.

"I got stuck for half an hour on Airport Road at Chairman Bari," said Banani resident Abdul Hoque, adding that traffic had slowed to a snail's pace.

Abdus Shahid, a Gulshan resident's chauffeur, said the entire stretch of Airport Road was plagued with congestion as all of Banani's roads were dug up, leaving scanty room for traffic men layer. movement.

On the decision based on the road digging at the Kakoli intersection, Nusrat Jahan Mukta, assistant commissioner of traffic of more months as the road surface needed police in Gulshan, said, "If we allow the to settle down.

slow turning, traffic tailbacks would spill up to Mohakhali." But the Banani graveyard road too is not

completely ready for a smooth traffic movement so it caused some congestion on Airport Road, she said.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) had told them that they would wrap up works at the Kakoli intersection by May 6, said Nusrat.

Stating to be unaware of the block, DNCC Additional Chief Engineer Syed Kudrat Ullah said they dug up 18 kilometres of roads in Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara for laying storm drainage and improvement of roads and footpaths, and Kamal Ataturk Avenue was getting a bitu-

He said they would make vehicular movement on the roads possible before Ramadan but laying the bitumen would take a couple



Vehicles continue driving straight over the capital's Kakoli intersection yesterday after road digging by Dhaka North City Corporation prompted police to block turns there and suggest taking it near the Banani graveyard, where the road is not completely ready for traffic movement, ultimately leading to long tailbacks on Airport Road.

# Govt downsizes afforestation target after failure

FAO says country's 78pc of forest areas disturbed

percent.

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Having failed to meet the earlier target of increasing the country's forest coverage to 20 percent by 2015, the Forest Department has reset its target at 15 percent, to be achieved by 2021.

In 1994, the government took a "Master Plan" under a new forest policy with the objective that about 20

percent of the country's total areas would be forested within 20 years (1995-2015).

Though there is no credible statistics about how much area was under forest coverage in 1995, forest officials say it was nearly 10

The Forest Department claims the country has now 13.2 percent forest coverage, including trees on private

land and homesteads, but environmentalists call the figure inflated, saying it will not be more than 7-9 percent.

As per its own statistics, the Forest Department has been able to increase forest coverage by nearly 3 percent over the last two decades.

According to global environment experts, a country must have at least SEE PAGE 5 COL 2



সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের (বাড়ি/ফ্লাট/স্থাপনাসমূহের মালিক) জ্ঞাতার্থে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, মহানগরীর সৌন্দর্যবর্ধনের লক্ষ্যে যে সকল সন্মানিত করদাতাগণ তাদের বাড়ি/ফ্লাট/স্থাপনার আঙ্গিনায়, ছাদে, বারান্দায়/ব্যালকনিতে ফুল, ফল ও বিভিন্ন জাতের বৃক্ষরোপণ করে ঢাকা মহানগরীকে সবুজ ঢাকায় রূপান্তরিত করার কাজে সহযোগিতা করছেন, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্শোরেশনের মাননীয় মেয়র **মোহাম্মদ সার্হ্রদ খোকন** সে সকল সম্মানিত পৌরকর দাতাগণের জন্য ৩০ জুন/২০১৬ পর্যন্ত বকেয়াসহ হালসনের (২০১৫-১৬) ৪(চার) কিন্তির সমুদয় পৌরকর একত্রে পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে হালসনের ৪(চার) কিন্তির ওপর ১০% বিশেষ রিবেট সুবিধার ঘোষণা দিয়েছেন।

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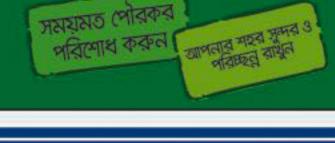
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# Govt to establish aviation university

BSS, Dhaka

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon yesterday said the government has taken an initiative to establish an aviation university considering huge employment potential centring the aviation sector.

The minister said the aviation sector is expanding and its spectrum is getting bigger day by day. "But we are yet to expand our sector...," he said while addressing a seminar in the capital.

Menon also urged the local airlines to provide more hospitality and discounted fare on their tourist routes. Other speakers urged the government to bring all domes-

related academic and training facilities, the minister said.

tic airports under operation for boosting the local tourism industry. Presently, seven domestic airports - Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Barisal, Jessore, Rajshahi and Syedpur - out of 15

are under operation. The non-operative ones are in Khulna, Ishwardi, Sirajganj, Rangpur, Thakugaon, Shamsernagar, Sandip and Comilla.

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