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High hope on Payra

Container handling demand to triple by 2030; new port to play a big role in meeting the challenge

PAYRA PORT CAPACITY FORECAST 2030 (ANNUAL)

Containers: 6 million TEUs	Coal: 40 million tonnes	Wheat & grains: 1.8 million tonnes
Cement clinker: 6 million tonnes	Bagged fertiliser: 1 million tonnes	

SHARIER KHAN

Chittagong Port alone will not be able to handle the country's shipping needs in the next 15 years as the projected GDP growth dictates that the nation's container handling demand will triple by 2030.

The port now handles two million TEUs (Twenty Foot Equivalent Units) a year due to its inability to handle ships with high draught. It can only handle vessels with up to 4,000 TEU capacity. The port can at best deal with around 3 million TEUs a year.

But the country's needs are greater. In addition to container handling, the country will need coal, cement clinkers, food grain and many other materials in increasing volumes.

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PM opens country's 3rd seaport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Payra, the country's third seaport, began its journey yesterday on a limited scale with the authority saying it will take at least seven years and an estimated investment of \$16 billion to make the port fully operational.

"This [port] will open a new horizon of development," said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina while inaugurating the much-talked-about port.

The port will not only help the people in the southern region. Bangladesh as a whole and other South Asian nations will also benefit from it, Hasina said.

Around the port, according to government plans, will be exclusive economic zone, power plants, Liquefied Natural Gas terminal, eco-tourism and an airport, which is expected to bring a new lease of life

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The banks of the Buriganga river near Alam Market in Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the capital, turning pitch-dark due to unabated dumping of garbage and used engine oil from vessels. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUL RAHMAN

Hasnat first arrestee in Gulshan attack case

The ex-NSU teacher, Tahmid taken on fresh remand; police claim to have gleaned vital info from the two

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hasnat Karim, a former private university teacher detained over the Gulshan café attack, was shown arrested yesterday in a case relating to the terror incident.

He is the first arrestee in the case. Also yesterday, Hasnat and another detainee, Tahmid Hasib Khan, were taken on a fresh remand as police claimed to have gleaned vital information from the duo during the previous remand.

Though Hasnat was shown arrested in the case, police chose to continue interrogating Tahmid under section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for suspicious movement.

In connection with the July 1 militant strike at Gulshan's Holey Artisan Bakery, the two were interrogated while on an eight-day remand that ended on Friday.

According to police, Hasnat, who taught at the NSU, was held in front of Aarong in Gulshan and Tahmid, a Canadian university student, in Bashundhara Residential Area on August 3.

Both were arrested under section 54.



Hasnat Tahmid

Police told the media about the arrests the next day, about a month after the duo were taken into custody for questioning following the end of 11-hour siege at the upscale eatery on the morning of July 2.

Before August 4, police kept claiming that Hasnat and Tahmid were released after questioning but the families insisted that the two never returned home and could not be reached by any means.

Hasnat was now shown arrested in the case as police saw possibility of his involvement in the attack, said a top official of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

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4 judges to lose job for corruption

Law ministry gets SC approval

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law ministry will tomorrow start the process for dismissing four lower court judges over their corruption and irregularities.

The ministry received an approval of the Supreme Court for dismissal of the four judges on Thursday afternoon, two top officials of the ministry told The Daily Star yesterday.

The judges are former Comilla women and children repression tribunal judge SM Aminul Islam (district judge), former Thakurgaon district judge Ruhul Amin Khandaker, former Jamalpur additional district judge Md Sirajul Islam and former Khulna additional district judge Moinul Haque.

They have been attached to the law ministry.

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15TH AUGUST TRAGEDY

Of the helpless chiefs of army, air, navy

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The phone rang. Major General KM Shafiullah picked it up. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was on the other end.

"Shafiullah, your troops have attacked my home. They might have killed Kamal [Bangabandhu's son]. Send forces quickly," he ordered the army chief in an angry voice amid deafening sounds of gunshots in the pre-dawn hours of August 15, 1975.

"I am doing something. Can you get out of the house?" replied the general, according to a statement he made before a court as a witness in the Bangabandhu murder case.

The army chief could not talk more as he got no reply from the Father of the Nation. Moments later, he found the phone line dead.

Minutes before Shafiullah talked to Bangabandhu over the phone, Lt Col Salauddin, director of military intelli-

gence, went to his house inside Dhaka Cantonment sometime between 5:15am and 5:35am to enquire about the movement of troops.

"Sir, did you order armoured and artillery divisions to march towards the city?" asked Salauddin.

"No," replied the general.

"Tanks and artillery divisions are heading towards the radio station, Gono Bhaban and Bangabandhu's house on Dhanmondi Road-32," Salauddin said, according to Shafiullah's statement.

"Does Shafayat know about it?" asked the general.

"I don't know it, Sir. I came to you first." "Go and tell Shafayat to stop them [the troops] with three artillery divisions. I am giving him the order over the telephone," Shafiullah said.

The general picked up the phone to warn Bangabandhu about the information he received from Salauddin. But the line was engaged.

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Mother of slain children arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The mother of the slain Bashabo siblings has been arrested early morning yesterday from the same neighbourhood in the capital.

Police arrested the mother, Tanzin Rahman, 28, around 4:30am while she was wandering aimlessly on the roads in the vicinity of the house where she lived.

She had been missing since the hacked bodies of her two children -- Mashrafe Bin Mahub Abrar, 7, and Humaira Bin Mahub Takia, 6 -- were recovered on Friday night.

Her husband Mahubur Rahman, a computer operator at Wasa (Water Supply and Sewerage Authority), filed a case with Sabujbagh Police Station yesterday accusing his wife, whom he married in 2008, according to the case statement.

Tanzin, during primary interrogation, has admitted

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Jamaica sprint king Usain Bolt (C) took a firm step on his quest for an unprecedented "treble treble" when he safely negotiated the first round of the Olympic men's 100m with a timing 10.07 seconds at the Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

PHOTO: MONIRUL BHUIYAN

Mezbah, Siddikur frustrate

SPORTS REPORTER from Rio de Janeiro

Like his female compatriot, Bangladesh's fastest sprinter Mezbah Ahmed failed to qualify for the first round heats after lagging too far behind the eight qualifiers in the preliminary round of the heats at the Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday.

The 21-year-old sprinter clocked 11.34 seconds to finish 14th among 21 competitors in the preliminary heats. Had he been able to clock his best time of 10.72 seconds, he would have easily moved into the first round of the heats.

Said Hassan of Maldives clocked the fastest time at 10.43 seconds while the eighth and final qualifier clocked 10.92 seconds.

Both sprinters from Bangladesh -- Mezbah and Shirin Akter -- received wild card entries for Rio 2016 after the official allocation date had passed. While the swimmers from Bangladesh managed to improve on their timing, the two sprinters' performances left everyone disappointed. The sprinters themselves however had been saying that they hardly got the proper training required to participate in an Olympic Games.

Meanwhile, after a day of relative respectability, golfer Siddikur Rahman was back in the mire with a frustrating third round performance at the Olympic Golf Course on Saturday. Having started the day at 46th position, the



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