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Bangladesh firm to ensure RMG compliance

PM tells World Economic Forum workshop in Davos

BSS, Davos, Switzerland

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government was highly committed to ensuring compliance with regard to the readymade garment (RMG) industry.

"The contribution of the apparel and textile industry to our economy is

1971 WAR CRIMES

BNP leader

Osman faces

investigation

committed during the Liberation War in

"A formal investigation against Osman

Farruk has started," Abdul Hannan Khan,

coordinator of the agency, told The Daily

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The Investigation

International Crimes

top BNP leader and

Tribunal has launched

an investigation against

former education minis-

ter Muhammad Osman

Farruk into his alleged

involvement in crimes

Star yesterday.

Agency of the

immense. We are highly committed to ensure compliance with regard to labour rights, workplace safety and environmental standard in the industry," she said. The PM was replying to questions at a workshop titled

"Shaping a New Water Economy" at the 47th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum at Congress Centre here. Hasina said Bangladesh's RMG industry achieved higher

compliance standards in terms of wages, workplace safety, norms, practices and harmonious industrial relations.

"There has been a 77 percent increase in basic wage. PHOTO ON PAGE 2 SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

Osman Farruk

SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



A folding barrier is being installed at the capital's Sonargaon intersection by Dhaka North City Corporation to control traffic and stop jaywalking. A traffic sergeant yesterday said they would initially use the barrier during movement of VIPs through the area. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

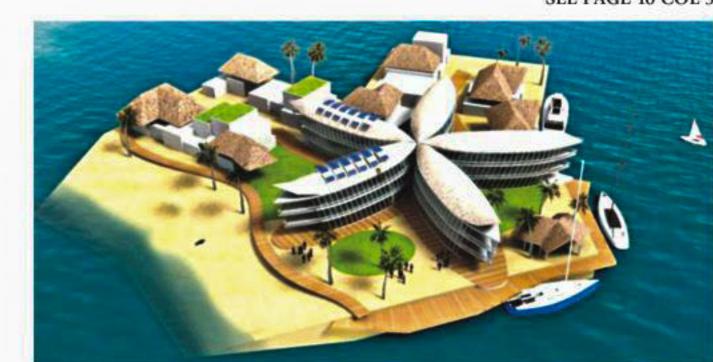
Floating city planned for French Polynesia

ABC NEWS ONLINE

The world's first floating city could be constructed off the waters of French Polynesia after the government signed an agreement with a United States company in San Francisco at the weekend.

The Seasteading Institute has been researching the potential for what it describes as permanent, innovative communities floating at sea for the past five years.

After signing a memorandum of understanding with the French SEE PAGE 10 COL 5



NASIRNAGAR FB POST Rasraj freed but worries about security

A CORRESPONDENT

Rasraj Das was released on bail yesterday after he languished in jail for

more than two and a half months in connection with a Facebook post, which,

according to evidence, had

not been uploaded by him A fisherman with little educational background, Rasraj was arrested in October last year under article-57 (2) of the Information and Communication

Technology Act allegedly SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

Nigeria accidental air strike 'kills 52'

Victims include aid workers and civilians

AFP, Kano, Nigeria

At least 52 aid workers and civilians were killed yesterday when an air force jet accidentally bombed a camp in northeast Nigeria instead of Boko Haram militants, medical charity MSF said.

The incident happened around 9:00am (local time) in Rann, in the far north of Borno state, the epicentre of the jihadists' insurgency, as food was being distributed to displaced people.

There was no official death toll from the military, which blamed "the fog of war" for the mistake, but one senior SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

Injury-beset Tigers back in Christchurch

AL-AMIN from Christchurch

The Bangladesh cricket team returned to Christchurch yesterday, a city from where they started their demanding New Zealand tour nearly a month ago. They are however residing in a different hotel this time named Rendezvous. But interestingly they are feeling a sense of déjà vu going into the second and final Test at the Hagley Oval, where they started a rough journey with a 77-run defeat in the Boxing Day ODI.

Before going into the second Test that starts from January 20, the biggest concern for a battered and bruised Tigers are injuries to key players. Skipper Mushfiqur Rahim is still in agony with his left thumb, although he was getting over a mild concussion he sustained when being struck by SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



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4 'Missing' Gaibandha Leaders

Locals enforce half-day hartal, block railroad

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Demonstrators in Sadullapur upazila yesterday blockaded the rail tracks for an hour during a half-day-long shutdown that was called in protest at the "disappearance" of four local political leaders nearly nine days ago.

The protesters held the Lalmonirhat-bound Lalmoni Express, an inter-city train, at Naldanga railway station till SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



Late-Mohammed Hanif Bhuiyan

Founder Chairman of Abedin Group of Industries and an important social welfare worker, who died on 18th January 2002. He built many industries, social institutes such as Mosque, Madrasha, School & College which made him alive among us forever.

We remember him with deepest sorrow, love & respect on the occasion of his 15th death anniversary and pray to almighty Allah for peace & happiness of his departed soul.

Wife, Sons, Daughters of Late-Mohammed Hanif Bhuiyan All Officer & Staffs of Abedin Group of Industries.

