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Democracy vital for development

An economist says

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Democracy promotes economic growth and development as it provides room for questioning actions, identifying the wrongs and correcting them, said a development economist yesterday.

"Development is not about material wellbeing; it also includes expansion of freedom of all kinds, including expansion of democratic freedom, civil and political freedom," said Siddiqur Rahman Osmani, a professor of developmental economics at the UK'S Ulster University.

In that sense, democratic freedom is a constituent of development itself, he said at the inauguration of the second South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (Sanem) annual economists' conference.

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Bangladesh goes up nine rungs in economic freedom index

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Bangladesh ranked 128th out of 186 economies in an annual index of economic freedom -- ahead of South Asian neighbours India and Pakistan.

In 2016, Bangladesh came in at No. 137 in the Index of Economic, a flagship publication of Heritage Foundation, an American conservative political think-tank, and The Wall Street Journal.

The index, which is now in its 23rd year, is based on the premise that enhanced economic liberty and individual opportunity are the surest path to greater prosperity.

It is intended to be a guiding principle for policymakers as they shape the laws of society.

Countries are graded and ranked on 12 measures of economic freedom that evaluate the rule of law, government size, regulatory efficiency and the openness of markets.

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Inequality rises despite economic progress: experts

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South Asian countries experienced robust growth between 2000 and 2015 but inequality increased at the same rate, which raises the question whether the growth will last, said experts.

"It is puzzling why countries are performing well in social development indicators, but not in improving equality," said Wahiduddin Mahmud, a noted economist.

Inequality is widening in terms of per capita income, he said at a session on managing growth for social inclusion at the second South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (Sanem) annual economists' conference in Dhaka yesterday.

Rehman Sobhan, chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, said, "Tackling inequality has significant instrumental value in promoting both growth and equality."

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Current account deficit widening

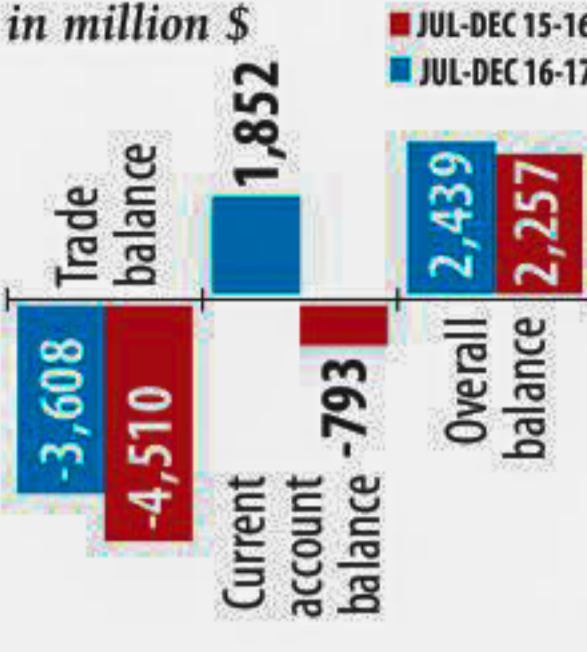
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Current account deficit widened further in the first six months of the fiscal year on the back of the sliding remittance inflow and slow export growth.

Between the months of July and December of 2016, the current account deficit stood at \$793 million in contrast to \$1,852 million in the surplus a year earlier, according to the central bank's balance of payments data.

The current account balance set foot into the negative territory for the first time in four years in the first quarter of fiscal

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS POSITION



2016-17: the deficit was \$504 million and every month it has been gradually increasing.

The last time the current account was in the deficit -- of \$447 million -- was way back in fiscal 2011-12. Since then there had been no deficit in the current account balance at any point in time.

A major source of foreign currency for the country in the last 10 to 12 years has been remittance sent by

expatriate Bangladeshis, which also keeps the external balance sheet in a strong position.

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4G auction to be open for all: BTRC

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The telecom regulator plans to issue 4G licences by a month, which will enable people to enjoy fastest data service.

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission has decided to make it an "open for all" licence where even a new entity can participate.

The commission will also arrange an auction to distribute spectrum in four months, BTRC Chairman Shahjahan Mahmood told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Prior to the auction, we will give go-ahead to technology neutrality for all existing spectrum," said Mahmood.

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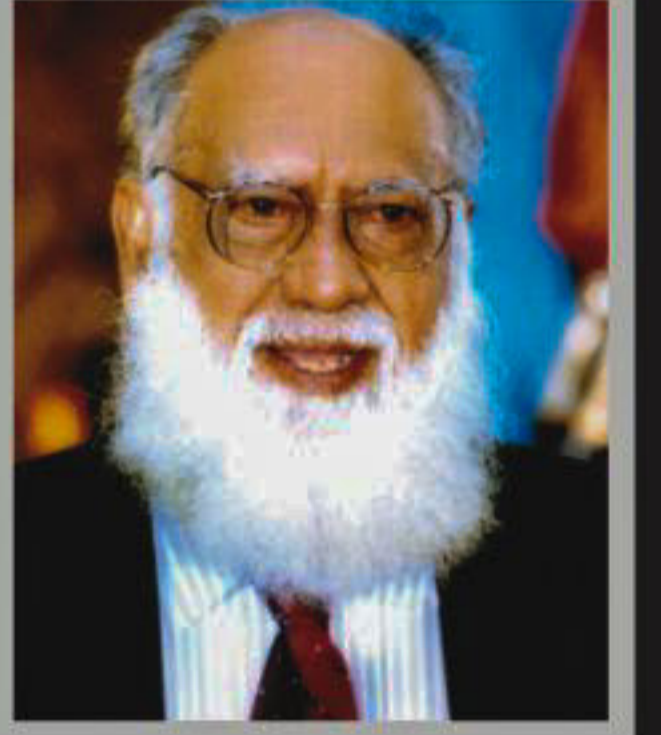
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Mr. Khayer was a freedom fighter, industrialist and a trusted close associate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He received the Swadhinata Padak posthumously in 2014 for his contribution to the 1971 War of Independence. Mr. Khayer was the founder-chairman of Jamuna Bank.

We pray for the eternal peace of his soul in heaven.



Apple to start assembling in India soon

REUTERS, Mumbai

Apple Inc will in the coming months start assembling its lower-priced iPhone SE models at a contract manufacturer's plant in the southern Indian technology hub of Bengaluru, an industry source with direct knowledge of the matter said on Friday.

Apple's Taiwanese manufacturing partner Wistron is setting up a plant in Bengaluru to focus solely on assembling iPhones, a separate source said.

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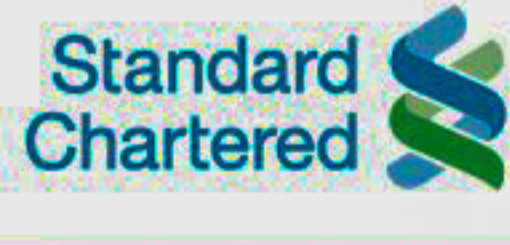


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