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# SC clears way for price hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Households will see their monthly gas bill go up by Tk 150 from June 1, as the Supreme Court cleared the way for increasing the energy price yesterday.

The Appellate Division stayed until June 5 the High Court order that stayed the authorities' decision to increase the gas price in the second phase in just three months.

Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, chamber judge of the apex court, passed the order in response to a petition filed by Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) seeking a stay on the HC order. He also sent the petition to the full bench of the Appellate Division to hold a hearing on Monday.

There is now no legal bar for the government to hike the gas price from June 1, said Attorney General Mahubey Alam who appeared in court on behalf of BERC.

The HC on February 28 stayed for six months the government's decision to enforce a further increase in gas price within a span of three months after the Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) filed a petition questioning the legality of the move.

Households using double burners have been paying Tk 800 a month each from March 1 and single burners Tk 750 after the energy regulator raised gas prices for all consumers

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the international conference on the "IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme - 60 Years and Beyond: Contributing to Development" in the Austrian capital Vienna on Monday.

PHOTO: BSS

# Reap benefits of peaceful nuclear technology

Hasina urges developing nations at IAEA conference

UNB, Vienna

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the developing countries to forge greater cooperation to draw maximum benefits from the peaceful use of nuclear technologies through the IAEA expertise.

"Bangladesh remains committed to working with IAEA and other international partners in ensuring due diligence of the peaceful use of nuclear technology. The capacity-building and transfer of technologies are much needed by the developing countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals," she said.

The premier was addressing the international conference on the "IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme: 60 Years and Beyond - Contributing to Development" in the Austrian capital Vienna on Monday.

She said Bangladesh was solidly anchored at its principled position on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

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# Court for action against plaintiff, cop over case against infant

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to take legal action against the complainant and a sub-inspector for placing an 11-month-old infant and a dead man in a theft and vandalism case.

The court directed the officer-in-charge of Mirpur police to take legal action against complainant Habibur Rahman for filing the case and police high officials to take lawful action against SI Maruful Islam for neglect in investigation.

Metropolitan Magistrate Khurshid Alam passed the

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# Meet Ozzie, a giraffe prodigy



IANS, Las Vegas

Few giraffes have the talent that Ozzie was born with - the three-year-old giraffe paints at a lion sanctuary in Nevada and his work is selling reasonably well.

Standing almost four meters (13 feet) tall and weighing 635 kg, Ozzie surprises visitors to the Lion Habitat Ranch in Henderson, 25 km southeast of Las Vegas, with his colourful pictures, reports Efe.

"Ozzie likes to paint. If he didn't he wouldn't do it because we have no way to force him," Keith

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# BABRI MASJID DEMOLITION CASE

## Court frames charges against 3 BJP bigwigs

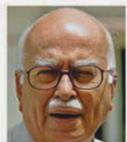
BJP leaders LK Advani, MM Joshi and Uma Bharti get bail after they appear before a Lucknow court

AGENCIES

An Indian court yesterday charged a minister and two senior leaders from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party with criminal conspiracy over the destruction of a mosque in 1992 that triggered deadly religious riots.

The trio were accused of inciting a Hindu mob to destroy the 16th-century Babri mosque in the city of Ayodhya, which ignited a wave of religious violence across India.

Water Minister Uma Bharti, as well as Lal Krishna Advani and M M Joshi, two leaders in Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), were among 12 present at the court in Lucknow as



LK Advani



MM Joshi

the judge read out the charges against them.

"The Court has invoked an additional charge of criminal conspiracy against them. They will all now face a joint trial," prosecution lawyer R K Yadav told reporters.

The trio denied any involvement in the demolition of the mosque, but the court ruled there was "enough evidence on record" to bring charges of criminal conspiracy.

They were granted bail.

Before the ruling, Bharti said she did not consider herself a criminal and saw no

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# Tigers crumble to heavy defeat

SPORTS REPORTER

Bowling became a big concern after the warm-up loss against Pakistan, but yesterday's 240-run loss to India also exposed Bangladesh's batting at the Oval.

Apart from Tamim Iqbal's century in the first warm-up, there were not many encouraging features to take into the

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# ROHINGYA ABUSES Indian rights lawyer to lead UN probe

REUTERS, Yangon

The United Nations yesterday appointed an Indian human rights lawyer and two other experts to a fact-finding mission investigating alleged killings, rape and torture by security forces against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

The mission will be led by Indira Jaising, an advocate of the Supreme Court of India, a UN statement

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	May	Sehri	Iftar
4	31	6-45	
5	June 1	3-39	6-46
6	2	3-39	6-46

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১৫, পুরানা পল্টন (চৌধুরী কমপ্লেক্স), ঢাকা

## রেন্টাল পাওয়ার (ধারা-৫২ এন) এবং লভ্যাংশ (ধারা-৫৪) হতে উৎসে কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সন্মানিত করদাতা ও সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর নিম্নবর্ণিত ২টি ধারায় উৎসে কর্তনকৃত আয়কর জমা প্রদানের অধিক্ষেত্র জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড কর্তৃক কর অঞ্চল-১৩, ঢাকায় ন্যস্ত করা হয়েছেঃ

ক্রমিক নং	উৎসে কর কর্তনের খাত ও ধারা	কর কর্তনের হার	কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ
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২	লভ্যাংশ (ধারা-৫৪)	ক) প্রাপক নিবাসী/অনিবাসী বাংলাদেশী কোম্পানী হলে ২০%	পাবলিক ও প্রাইভেট লিমিটেড কোম্পানীসমূহ
		খ) প্রাপক নিবাসী/অনিবাসী বাংলাদেশী ব্যক্তি হলে	
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ii. ১২ ডিজিট TIN ধারী না হলে ১৫%			

২। উপর্যুক্ত ২টি ধারায় বর্ণিত খাতসমূহের আওতায় সকল কর্তনকৃত আয়কর কেবলমাত্র কর অঞ্চল-১৩, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে (কোম্পানী করদাতার নিকট হতে উৎসে কর্তিত কর ১-১১৪১-০১০০-০১০১ কোডে এবং ব্যক্তি করদাতার নিকট হতে উৎসে কর্তিত কর ১-১১৪১-০১০০-০১১১ কোডে) জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।

❖ উৎসে কর কর্তনের ব্যর্থতায় জরিমানার বিধানঃ

কোন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান উৎসে কর কর্তনে ব্যর্থ হলে বা উৎসে কর্তিত/সংগৃহীত কর নির্ধারিত সময়সীমার মধ্যে সরকারি কোষাগারে জমা দানে ব্যর্থ হলে সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অনাদায়ী সময়ের জন্য মাসিক ২% হারে অতিরিক্ত অর্থসহ উৎসে কর্তনযোগ্য কর পরিশোধ করতে হবে (ধারা-৫৭)।

৩। এতদবিষয়ে অতিরিক্ত তথ্যের প্রয়োজন হলে এই কর অঞ্চলের অতিরিক্ত কর কমিশনার, পরিদর্শী রেঞ্জ-২ (ফোনঃ ৯৫৮৮৬২৮), যুগ্ম কর কমিশনার, পরিদর্শী রেঞ্জ-৩ (ফোনঃ ৯৫৮৮৬২৯), যুগ্ম কর কমিশনার, পরিদর্শী রেঞ্জ-৪ (ফোনঃ ৯৫৮৮৬৩০) এবং উপ কর কমিশনার (সদর দপ্তর, প্রশাসন) (ফোনঃ ৯৫৮৮৬২৫) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

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