

বিশ্ব বলেছিলো- পদ্মা সেতু 'সম্ভব না' একজন প্রধানমন্ত্রী আর ১৬ কোটি বাঙালি বলেছিলো- 'কেন না!'

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ADMISSION TESTS
DU expels 15 students over fraudulence
DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities last night expelled 15 students from the institution over fraudulence in admission tests. Among those expelled are two leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League, a pro-Awami League student front. The decision was made at a meeting of the university's syndicate, said Vice-Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman. Twelve of them got admitted to the university last year through fraudulence while the rest were members of a gang that helped admission seekers take the entry test either by providing leaked questions or sending answers to students through electronic devices during the admission tests.

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A BNP activist hits a policeman with a stick, right, in front of a prison van near the Supreme Court yesterday during a clash with police. A policeman retaliating with a stick, top left. A BNP activist attacking a policeman, left middle. Two policemen hit a female BNP activist with a stick and a shotgun, bottom left. The clash erupted after police had picked up two BNP activists near the High Court and put them in the prison van.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Banks asked to lower their loan-deposit ratio
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The central bank yesterday instructed banks to lower their loan-deposit ratio to within 83.5 percent by June 30 in a move to reining in the banks' aggressive lending practices. The Shariah-compliant banks will have to lower their ratio to 89 percent from 90 percent. The runaway private sector credit growth has compelled the Bangladesh Bank to take this stand, said a central bank official. Earlier in December last year, the BB blocked Tk 76 crore of two banks with its account as penalty for breaching the ceiling for loan-deposit ratio set by the central bank. The private sector credit growth stood at 18.13 percent in December last year, which is way past the target of 16.2 percent set by the BB for the first half of the fiscal year. While unveiling the monetary policy for the second half of fiscal 2017-18, BB governor Fazle Kabir said that the central bank will slash the loan-deposit ratio with the view to ensuring the quality of credit. "The banks will have to follow the asset-liabilities and foreign exchange risk management. Strict measure will be taken against

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Deadlock ends at Benapole
Trade resumes thru' the landport after 5 days

Trade activities through Benapole Land Port resumed Monday night after five days. The activities had come to a halt on Thursday when the users of India's Petrapole Land Port, which is opposite to the Benapole port, went on an indefinite strike after Petrapole customs officials decided to issue car passes writing the details themselves. The car pass is the permission for entering the goods-laden trucks on both sides of the land port. In a car pass, details of a vehicle, its driver and helper and the goods the vehicle is carrying are written. The land port users used to write the information in the form of a car pass seeker. The impasse was over around 11:00pm on Monday after

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Missing BNP leader arrested by Rab
Confirms Rab official, says he was held for plotting subversive activities; family alleges Rab men take away his passport

Rab yesterday confirmed that it arrested BNP leader Anisur Rahman Talukder Khokon over allegations of plotting subversive activities around 20 hours after he went missing in the capital's Gulistan area. "We have arrested him [Khokon] on information that he was involved in plotting subversive activities," Lt Col Emranul Hasan, commanding officer (CO) of Rab-3, told this newspaper yesterday evening. He, however, didn't say what type of subversive activities Khokon, mass education affairs assistant secretary of the BNP, was allegedly plotting. Rab later handed him over to Ramna Police Station. He was shown arrested in a case filed last year over plotting subversive activities, said Sub-inspector Mizanur Rahman of the police station, also investigation officer of the case. Talking to this correspondent, Khokon's wife Shah Israt Azmery said members of the elite force picked up her husband on a vehicle with a Rab-3 sticker in front of

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Khokon

Amazon opens own rainforest in Seattle

Amazon.com Inc on Monday opened a rainforest-like office space in Seattle that it hopes will spark new ideas for employees. While cities across North America are seeking to host Seattle-based Amazon's second headquarters, the world's largest online retailer is still expanding

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SIBL Foundation Hospital & Diagnostic Center
PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 31
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-35 12-45 4-15 5-46 7-15
JAMAAT 6-10 1-15 4-30 5-50 7-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Empty Indian trucks in a gridlock at Benapole Port yesterday after they had offloaded goods and were trying to get back to India. Trade resumed yesterday five days after Indian traders went on a strike protesting a change in the process of issuing "car passes".

PHOTO: STAR

Russians named, shamed
US releases list of oligarchs, political figures eligible for sanctions; Putin says it is an unfriendly act

The US has released a sweeping list of prominent Russian business and political figures, in defiance of Moscow and implementing a Congressional law designed to punish Russia for election meddling. The US Treasury report, published on Monday night, listed every senior member of the political administration at the Kremlin, and every Russian oligarch with a net worth of \$1 billion or more. Some of those named are already subject to US sanctions. But the administration stopped short of imposing any new punishments, saying the legislation was already doing its job. The report was "not a sanctions list," it said. Instead, the Treasury report resembled an exercise in naming and shaming -- putting individuals on notice that they may be subject to sanctions in the future. The list includes 114 senior political figures with close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, including his chief spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Prime Minister Dimitry Medvedev. The Treasury said the list was "based on objective criteria drawn from publicly available sources." The oligarchs' names matched exactly a list of 96 Russian billionaires compiled by Forbes magazine last year.

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খানা তথ্যভাণ্ডার শুমারি
১৪ জানুয়ারি থেকে ০২ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০১৮

দেশের সকল খানার আর্থ-সামাজিক অবস্থার তথ্য সংগ্রহ করে একটি জাতীয় তথ্যভাণ্ডার গড়ে তোলার লক্ষ্যে শুরু হচ্ছে খানা শুমারি। ১৪ জানুয়ারি থেকে ০২ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৮ পর্যন্ত ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগের সকল জেলা এবং ময়মনসিংহ বিভাগের নেত্রকোণা জেলার সকল খানার তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা হবে। পরবর্তী ধাপে সিলেট, খুলনা এবং রাজশাহী বিভাগের সকল জেলায় শুমারি কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হবে।

শুমারির লক্ষ্য ও উদ্দেশ্য

- এ তথ্যভাণ্ডার দেশের খানাভিত্তিক আর্থ-সামাজিক চিত্র ও উন্নয়ন প্রগতি সম্পর্কে পরিপূর্ণ ধারণা পেতে সহায়তা করবে যা বিভিন্ন উন্নয়ন কর্মসূচি গ্রহণে প্রয়োজনীয় সহায়ক হিসাবে ব্যবহৃত হবে;
- সরকার কর্তৃক গৃহীত বিভিন্ন সামাজিক নিরাপত্তা কর্মসূচি যথাযথ বাস্তবায়নের মাধ্যমে দারিদ্র দূরীকরণে এবং অন্যান্য সেবাসমূহ দ্রুত জনগণের দোর-গোড়ায় পৌঁছে দেবার ক্ষেত্রে এ তথ্যভাণ্ডার গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ও নির্ভরযোগ্য সহায়ক হিসাবে ব্যবহৃত হবে;

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তথ্য সংগ্রহকারীকে নিজ খানার নির্ভুল তথ্য দিন এবং তথ্য প্রদানে অন্যকেও উৎসাহিত করুন

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