



Rohingya Crisis If not solved,

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it may harm stability in the region

Says president

UNB, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Stressing the importance of a peaceful solution to the Rohingya crisis, President Abdul Hamid has said the crisis can destabilise the entire region if it is left unresolved.

The president was addressing the 5th Summit of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) at Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, yesterday.

Hamid said Bangladesh seeks a peaceful solution to the crisis and has signed instruments on repatriation with Myanmar.

He also sought support and cooperation from CICA partners so that the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals can return to their homeland with safety, security and dignity.

"The world knows Bangladesh hosts 1.1 million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals. You must be aware of the evidence of genocide and gross violation of human rights, which has been termed a 'textbook example of ethnic cleansing' and SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Australia captain Aaron Finch struck 153 to help post 334 for seven against Sri Lanka in a World Cup match yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Finch, Starc shine in 87-run win over SL

AFP, London

Australia captain Aaron Finch and pace bowler Mitchell Starc stole the show as the World Cup holders eased to an 87-run win over Sri Lanka at the Oval yesterday.

chipped in with 73 as Australia Karunaratne and Kusal Perera. scored an imposing 334-7.

run-chase to claim a shock win,

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Finch equalled his career-best Sri Lanka got off to a flying start one-day international score with thanks to a first-wicket partnership a masterful 153 and Steve Smith of 115 between captain Dimuth

But Perera departed for 52 and Needing a World Cup record when Karunaratne fell on 97 the SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

Sohel Taj's nephew abducted

Ex-minister alleges on Facebook

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Former state minister for home affairs Sohel Taj in a Facebook status posted on Friday night alleged that his cousin's son was abducted from Chattogram city.

In the status, Sohel claimed that they knew who the abductors were and urged them to bring his nephew back safely.

The victim is Sayed Iftekhar Alam alias Souray, a student of media and communication at Independent University Bangladesh.

"We know who you are. We will reveal your names in public if you don't give my nephew back," Taj's status read.

According to the victim's family, Sourav was picked up by plainclothes men from in front of Afmi Plaza on June 9 around 7:00pm.

Riten Saha, subinspector of Panchlaish Police Station, told The Daily Star that Idris Alam, the victim's father, filed a missing person complaint with the station on June 10.

The complaint read that Sourav was picked by SEE PAGE 2 COL 2

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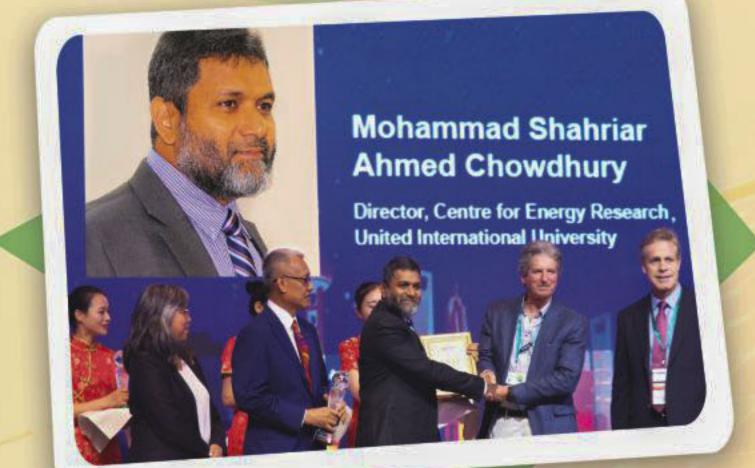
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New VAT law will push up living cost

Analysts warn at ICAB-The Daily Star roundtable on FY19-20 budget

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The new VAT law may increase cost of many goods and services and hurt consumers, analysts said yesterday. Introduction of so many rates go against the

fundamentals of the law. Since there are no rebate facilities for products and services that have less than 15 percent VAT, cost could increase by 38 percent for some products, they said. The observations came after the government unveiled

the budget for fiscal year 2019-20 along with the decision to start implementing the much talked-about VAT and Supplementary Duty Act 2012. It plans to introduce four main rates, moving away from the original uniform 15 percent rate.

The Daily Star and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) jointly organised a discussion at The Daily Star Centre yesterday to analyse the proposals in the budget. Planning Minister MA Mannan was the chief guest of the

event where businessmen, economists, and professionals also spoke.

Under the new system, the rates of VAT would be 5 percent, 7.5 percent, 10 percent, and 15 percent. But businesses would enjoy VAT rebate facilities only if they pay 15 percent VAT.

The government also declared four other special VAT rates SEE PAGE 2 COL 6



Tigers prepare for bumper barrage

SAKEB SUBHAN from Taunton

On the ground that was once graced by Viv Richards when he played for Somerset in the halcyon days of West Indies cricket, preparations for facing the Caribbean side had taken on a 1980s feel yesterday. In their first full practice session since the World Cup match against Sri Lanka was washed out on June 11, the Tigers were practising short-pitched against deliveries in the nets to be primed for the West Indies pacers in their next match tomorrow.

Practice was not without its perils as wicketkeeperbatsman Mushfigur Rahim was hit on the right forearm by a short delivery from Mustafizur Rahman and immediately left the nets for treatment by the team physio. He was later taken for an X-Ray after practice, SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



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