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CAPITAL MACHINERY IMPORTS

Govt backtracks on slapping advance tax

Tk 5,23,190cr budget passed in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Entrepreneurs will not be required to pay Advance Tax on import of capital machinery and spare parts this fiscal year, as the government has backtracked on its move to levy the indirect tax on such import to facilitate industrialisation.

In the proposed budget for fiscal 2019-20, the government sought to slap 5 percent Advance Tax (AT) on import under the new Value Added Tax (VAT) to widen the VAT net and curb scope for money laundering through trade mis-invoicing.

The proposal for imposing AT raised concerns among businesses that it would push up operational costs of businesses, particularly for domestic market-oriented industries, as import of raw materials by export-oriented factories is now out of the purview of AT.

And finally, in his closing speech on the budget on Saturday, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal proposed AT exemption on import of capital machinery and spare parts, and machinery and other materials for power plants to encourage investment.

“We welcome the withdrawal and [are] thankful [to the government] for accepting part of our proposal for the manufacturing sector,” said Sheikh F Fahim, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump cross south of the Military Demarcation Line that divides North and South Korea, after Trump briefly stepped over to the northern side, in the Joint Security Area (JSA) of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized zone (DMZ) yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Trump steps into N Korea

Agrees with Kim to resume stalled nuclear talks during historic DMZ meeting

AFP, Panmunjom

Donald Trump yesterday stepped onto North Korean soil in a historic first as he met Pyongyang's leader Kim Jong Un in a moment of high diplomatic drama on the world's last Cold War frontier.

Moments after becoming the only sitting US president to set foot inside North Korea, Trump brought Kim back over the dividing line for a meeting where they agreed to start working-level talks on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons.

Trump also said he had invited the young leader to the White House “anytime he wants to do it.”

“It was an honour that you asked me to step over that line, and I was proud to step over the line,” he told Kim.

As they sat down for

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RIFAT MURDER

Cops arrest four more

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested four more people, including two accused, in connection with the killing of Barguna's Shah Newaj Rifat Sharif while the three key accused are still at large.

Ridoy, 21, Oli, 22, Tanvir, 23, and Sagor, 22, were arrested from different locations in Barguna town, police said.

Of them, Ridoy and Oli were named in the First Information Report while the other two were arrested on suspicion of being involved in the killing.

A total of eight people have so far been arrested in a case filed over the murder. The other four who got arrested earlier are

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Shaheen still unconscious

PM takes charge of teen three-wheeler driver's treatment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has promised the best possible treatment for the teen who was beaten up by a group of unidentified criminals in Satkhira's Patkelghata upazila on Friday.

The driver Shaheen, 14, has been receiving treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) since Saturday.

Brig Gen AKM Nasir Uddin, director of DMCH, said PM's Deputy Press Secretary Ashraf Alam Khokon visited the hospital early yesterday and enquired about Shaheen's condition.

Khokon urged the doctors to ensure best possible treatment for Shaheen and said the PM would bear all the medical costs for the boy, he added.

The DMCH director also said, “Although Shaheen is doing slightly better now, we are unable to say anything clearly before 48 hours pass by.

“We already conducted a surgery on him around

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DEC 30 POLLS

100pc turnout not normal

CEC says about figures of 69 polling centres

UNB, Dhaka

Noting that 100 percent voter turnout in any polling station is not ‘normal’, the chief election commissioner yesterday said the Commission had nothing to do with it once the gazette of the election result was published.

“I think, hundred percent voter turnout in any polling station is not a normal matter,” CEC KM Nurul Huda said.

He made the remark while replying to a question from reporters after inaugurating a voter list updating training

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End mobile internet shutdown in 2 states

US urges Myanmar

AFP, Washington

The United States on Saturday called for an end to a mobile internet shutdown in two strife-torn states in Myanmar, saying the cut-off undermines transparency amid clashes between the military and insurgents.

Myanmar's government last week took the unprecedented step of ordering mobile phone operators to shut down all internet data across at least eight townships in Rakhine state and one in neighbouring

Chin state.

The move came as the military moved against insurgents fighting for more autonomy for the region's ethnic Rakhine Buddhists.

“Internet service should be restored without delay,” the US State Department said in a statement.

“Resumption of service would help facilitate transparency in and accountability for what the government claims are law

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RAPE OF 9-MONTH-OLD

Accused surrenders at Ctg court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The accused of raping a nine-month-old baby surrendered before a Chattogram court yesterday.

Mozammel Haque, 26, paternal uncle of the baby, surrendered before the court of Judicial Magistrate of Chattogram, said Bijan Barua, inspector of Chattogram

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Crocodiles were once vegetarians

AFP, Washington

Crocodiles are sometimes described as living fossils for their close resemblance to their forebears who roamed the Earth during the age of the dinosaurs.

But if you happened

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PRAYER TIMING
JULY 1

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-10	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-17
JAMAAT 4-45	1-15	5-15	6-57	8-45

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EOI NO. BIFPCL/MSTPP/COAL SUPPLY/EOI/2019/679

DATE: 01.07.2019

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

FOR COAL SUPPLY FOR 2x660 MW MAITREE SUPER THERMAL POWER PROJECT At Rampal, District - Bagerhat, Bangladesh

Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BIFPCL), a Joint Venture Company of Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), Bangladesh and NTPC Limited, India is constructing coal based 2x660MW Maitree Super Thermal Power Project at Rampal in Bagerhat district of Khulna Division, Bangladesh.

BIFPCL, through this EOI, intends to qualify potential Coal Supplier for procurement of Coal on FOB basis. The potential Coal Suppliers qualified through this EOI shall be allowed to participate further in the tendering process.

The last date of submission of query	15.07.2019 upto 23:59Hrs(BST)
The last date of submission of EOI application	31.07.2019 upto 23:59Hrs(BST)

For Qualification Requirements, Scope of Supply and Services, EOI document and for further other information/updates, please visit www.bifpcl.com or contact the office of the undersigned.

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