

## MPO spending tops Tk 15,000cr

2,762 more educational institutions become eligible for monthly pay order; fresh list soon

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With around 3,000 more educational institutions coming under the monthly pay order scheme anytime soon, the government has proposed to allocate Tk 15,001 crore this fiscal year for salaries of all the teachers and staff on the MPO list.

Of the allocation, Tk 1,147 crore has been earmarked for newer institutions, many of which have been waiting in queues for decades to get salaries of their teachers and staff, said officials of the finance and education ministries.

The allocation was Tk 13,144 crore in the last fiscal year.

According to the education ministry list, some 2,762 out of 9,614 private secondary schools, colleges, technical institutions and madrasas have become eligible to get the MPO benefits.

More than half for 1,629 of the institutions are schools and colleges while the number of technical and vocational institutions are 582. A total of 551 madrasas have met the criteria to be under the MPO scheme.

Sources in the finance ministry said

MPO ALLOCATION (Tk in crore)



schools and colleges will get Tk 865 crore, and Tk 282 crore will go to vocational institutions and madrasas.

The last time the government went for fresh inclusion of institutions in the MPO list was in 2010.

This time, the government is putting special emphasis on technical and vocational institutions as it wants to expand technical and vocational education, deemed crucial for creating skilled manpower and national development.

The ministry is mulling an increase in the number to around 3,000 institutions as it wants to accommodate those from the

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## BARGUNA MURDER Another key suspect held

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL from Barishal

Police arrested Rifat Farazi, an accused in the sensational Rifat murder case, on Tuesday night, a day after prime accused Nayan Bond was shot dead in what officers said was a gunfight.

"After being tipped off, a team of police in Barguna raided a neighbourhood in the town at midnight and caught Farazi. We are trying to arrest the rest of the accused," Shafiqul Islam, deputy inspector general of Barishal Range Police, told a press conference at the police superintendent's office yesterday.

Nayan and his close accomplice Rifat Farazi allegedly attacked 25-year-old Rifat Sharif, an internet service provider, with sharp weapons in front of Barguna Government College when Rifat and his wife Ayesha Siddika Minni were leaving the college premises on June

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Jonny Bairstow is ecstatic after scoring a century against New Zealand during their World Cup match in Chester-le-Street yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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## England in semis; New Zealand almost there

AFP, Chester-le-Street

Jonny Bairstow's second successive hundred laid the foundation for England's 119-run thrashing of New Zealand that saw the tournament hosts secure their place in the semifinals of the World Cup on Wednesday.

It is the first time England have reached this stage since 1992, when they made the last of their three losing appearances in the final.

England, yet to win the World Cup, were set for a huge score at 194-1 off 30 overs before managing just 111 in the last 20 against a New Zealand attack missing injured fast bowler Lockie Ferguson.

But, with Bairstow making 106, a total of 305-8 proved more than enough at Chester-le-Street.

New Zealand could only manage 186 in reply as they suffered a third successive defeat of the tournament following losses to Pakistan and champions Australia -- the team that beat them in the 2015 final.

One consolation for the Black Caps is that they should still join Australia, India and England in the last four as it will take a colossal change in net run-rate for Pakistan

to overtake them even if Sarfaraz Ahmed's side beat Bangladesh at Lord's on Friday.

"I am really pleased," said man-of-the-match Bairstow. "We knew these two games were must-win to give ourselves the best opportunity of reaching the semi-final."

"We knew the performances in the last couple of games weren't up to scratch. To play the way we have and hopefully keep it going into the semis is pleasing."

England are now guaranteed to finish third in the standings and so will play in the second semifinal at Edgbaston on July 11.

As things stand, they are in line to face India, currently second, but it is still possible for Virat Kohli's men to leapfrog Australia at the top of the standings.

If England do play India it will be a repeat of Sunday's match at the Birmingham ground when, following back-to-back defeats by Sri Lanka and Australia, they inflicted a first reverse upon Kohli's side.

The opening semifinal between the first and fourth-placed sides is scheduled for Old Trafford next Tuesday.

New Zealand, who would have reached the semifinals

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## ATTACK ON HASINA'S TRAIN

# Nine to die, 25 to serve life term

The attack happened 25 years ago in Pabna when Hasina was opposition leader; all the convicts BNP men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court yesterday sentenced nine people to death in a case over the attack on a train carrying the then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina in Ishwardi 25 years ago.

The court also handed down life sentence to 25 accused and 10-year rigorous imprisonment to 13 others in the case filed under the Explosives Substances Act, 1908.

All the convicts are leaders and activists of local BNP and its front organisations, Jahirul Islam, office secretary of Pabna district BNP, told The Daily Star.

Of the convicts, 33 were present in a crowded courtroom when Judge Rustom Ali of Pabna Special Tribunal-3 pronounced the judgment. Another convict is in jail in a separate case while the remaining 13 are on the run.

The prosecution and local Awami League leaders expressed satisfaction over the verdict, saying justice has been done after a long time.

However, defence counsels and local BNP leaders said they were deprived of justice and will challenge the verdict in higher courts.

On September 23, 1994, Hasina, now the prime minister, was travelling from Khulna to Saidpur by train and addressed several rallies at different railway stations on the way.

As the train reached Paksey station in Ishwardi, it came under attack. Crude bombs were hurled and shots fired. The attack continued till the train reached Ishwardi station. Many were injured while the AL president was unhurt.

Following the attack, Nazrul Islam, the then officer-in-charge of

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## Fresh war crimes in Rakhine

Says UN investigator citing recent mobile phone blackout in restive western states

REUTERS, Geneva

Myanmar security forces and insurgents are committing human rights violations against civilians in restive western states that may amount to fresh war crimes, a United Nations investigator said on Tuesday.

A 2017 military crackdown drove more than 730,000 Rohingya Muslims to flee to Bangladesh. UN investigators have said that Myanmar's operation included mass killings, gang rapes and widespread arson and was executed with "genocidal intent".

The Yangon government denies committing those atrocities and says its military campaign across northern Rakhine was in response to attacks by Rohingya militants.

Government troops are currently fighting ethnic rebels in conflict-torn Rakhine and Chin states. The Arakan Army is an insurgent group that is fighting for

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## Undaunted Tigers head for last stop

SAKEB SUBHAN from Birmingham

After their hard-fought and valiant World Cup campaign effectively came to an end when they lost to India by 28 runs on Tuesday, the Bangladesh team left Birmingham yesterday afternoon towards what will be their final stop on the World Cup trek, London.

Bangladesh will play their last World Cup match against Pakistan at Lord's tomorrow, but instead of it being the virtual quarterfinal that the country would have been dreaming of, it will be an academic match for Bangladesh and perhaps for Pakistan too, depending on whether England beat New Zealand today.

That Bangladesh's campaign was an impressive one could be gauged from the lack of despair on the faces of the Tigers as they boarded the bus and also the crowd of non-Bangladeshi autograph and selfie-seekers in front of the Hyatt Regency in

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## WE MOURN



Justice Abdul Hasib (1939-2019)

Justice Abdul Hasib has passed away yesterday July 3, 2019 at 7:30 am (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Rajrun "we belong to Allah and to Him we shall return")

He left behind his wife Nina Hasib, son Zeeshan Hasib, daughter-in-law Sabrina Hasib and his grandchildren Zuhan & Zehna and many other relatives, friends and well-wishers.

He was buried at Banani graveyard. His doa mehfil will be held on Friday, July 5, 2019 baad Asar prayers at "The Azad Mosque, Gulshan"

All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend and offer doa. May Allah grant him Jannatul Ferdous. He will be fondly remembered for his long love, devotion and dedication as a husband, father and grandfather.

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