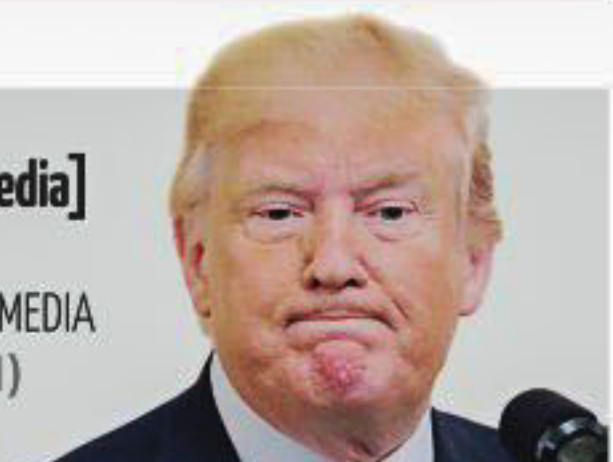




**"Although making roads off limits to rickshaws can be a temporary remedy, traffic congestion will not ease up if restriction is not imposed on private cars."**  
URBAN PLANNER ADIL MOHAMMED KHAN (PAGE 3)



**"The government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina always welcomes criticism as it helps the government take the right path."**  
INFORMATION MINISTER HASAN MAHMUD (PAGE 5)



**"We will not let them [social media] get away with it much longer."**  
TRUMP ESCALATES WAR ON SOCIAL MEDIA AT WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT (PAGE 11)

## WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT OF JAHA ALAM ACC officials to blame

*Finds probe by anti-graft body; 'bank officials misled them into wrongly implicating Jaha' in graft cases*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investigation officials of the Anti-Corruption Commission are responsible for wrongly implicating jute mill worker Jaha Alam in graft cases, which resulted in him languishing in jail for three years, says an ACC probe report.

"It seems that the mistake of identifying Jaha Alam as Abu Salek happened because of the investigation officials," said the report prepared by ACC Director (legal wing) Abul Hasnat Md Abdul Wadud.

Describing the extent of the officials' carelessness, the report said 12 ACC officials investigated the cases, but none of them visited Jaha Alam's house.

Some bank officials and introducers of Salek's bank accounts misled the investigation officials, it mentioned.

"But it is the duty of the investigation officials to unearth the truth and present it before the court. There is no scope for shifting this duty to bank officials or someone else," said the probe report.

"During my investigation, I visited Jaha Alam's house. His house is so

dilapidated that anyone would doubt as to how the house of a person involved in misappropriation of over Tk 18 crore could be in such a dismal state?"

Yesterday, Khurshid Alam Khan, counsel for the ACC, submitted the probe report to the High Court, praying for a date for hearing on the report.

Upon his plea, the HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and KM Kamrul Kader fixed July 16 for hearing.

In 2012, the ACC filed 33 cases against a number of individuals over misappropriation of Tk 18.5 crore from Sonali Bank. In 26 of the cases, Abu Salek, a businessman, was accused. But the ACC identified Jaha Alam as Salek. He was arrested in 2016 and sent to jail.

When the issue of wrongly implicating Jaha Alam surfaced in the media, the HC intervened and ordered his release. He was released from Kashimpur Central Jail-2 in Gazipur on February 4 this year.

The ACC then assigned Wadud to enquire into the matter.

The 22-page probe report not only describes how Jaha Alam

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**After a brilliant performance by the bowlers, England opener Jason Roy went on a rampage, smoking a 65-ball 85 and setting the tone for the hosts' crushing eight-wicket victory against Australia in a World Cup semifinal at Edgbaston yesterday.**

PHOTO: REUTERS

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

### What's the fault of subscribers?

*BTRC goes after GP, Robi for dues and internet users suffer*

MUHAMMAD ZAHIDUL ISLAM

Users of two leading mobile phone operators -- Grameenphone and Robi -- are recently experiencing poor quality internet service across the country as the telecom regulator reduced their bandwidth to realise its claimed dues of Tk 13,446 crore that was found in audits, which are being contested.

After reducing the bandwidth of Grameenphone by 30 percent and Robi by 15 percent, more than two-third of carriers' users have become affected by poor quality internet.

Overall bandwidth usage of the country dropped by 10 percent.

Grameenphone and Robi users are experiencing slow internet with worrisome buffering and in some cases, they cannot even get access.

People dependent on mobile internet for their livelihood, like riders of ride-hailing service providers in major cities, are failing to serve their customers properly. Students doing online courses, e-commerce and in some

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Imran Ahmed Fazilatunnesa  
CABINET RESHUFFLE

### 1 new face, one to get promoted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is going to reshuffle her cabinet for a second time by promoting a state minister to minister and inducting a new face into the incumbent 47-member council of ministers tomorrow.

State Minister for Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Imran Ahmed will get promoted, while Awami League's Women Affairs Secretary Fazilatunnesa

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## England ensure new champions

*Demolish Australia by 8 wickets to set up World Cup final against New Zealand*

SAKEB SUBHAN from Birmingham

In front of a raucously partisan crowd in Edgbaston, England ensured that the 2019 World Cup will see first-time champions crowned with a dominant eight-wicket defeat of five-time winners Australia in the second semifinal yesterday.

After a superb bowling performance that found every Australian batsman bar Steve Smith wanting, England chased a sub-par 223 with little fuss. Skipper Eoin Morgan hit Jason Behrendorff over mid on to secure the win with 17.5 overs to spare, setting off fireworks and uproarious applause.

England have never won a World Cup despite playing three previous finals, and will face New Zealand -- who have also never won the mega event and have reached their second successive title decider -- in the final at Lord's on July 14.

England's chase was built around an explosive opening stand between Jonny Bairstow and Jason Roy that realised 124 runs in just 17.2 overs and negated any sting in Australia's attack. Roy was second to depart in the 20th over with the score on 147, but Morgan (45 off 39) and Joe Root (49 off 46) maintained England's dominance with an unbroken 79-run stand.

It was Roy who dominated the match-shaping opening partnership by scoring 85 off 65 balls. Those runs were worth their weight in gold because, as evidenced in India's defeat to New Zealand in the first

semifinal the day before, a World Cup knockout carries pressure of its own and a slow start or early wickets would only have let Australia back into the contest.

Roy started his carnage with two cover-driven boundaries in the fourth over off Mitchell Starc, who was later to become the highest wicket-taker in a single edition of the World Cup by trapping Bairstow in front for his

27th wicket of the edition. It was otherwise not a happy outing for Starc as he bore the brunt of Roy's onslaught, leaking 70 runs from nine overs. Roy brought up his 50 off his 50th delivery in the 15th over, after which England were on 95 without loss. If Australia were thinking that a fightback was still a possibility, the next over would have crushed that hope. Aaron Finch brought on the part-time leg-spin of Smith, and Roy launched him for three successive sixes, with the last one bouncing off the roof of the five-story tall media stand behind the sight screen.

Bairstow departed two overs later and Roy himself was denied a century when umpire Kumar Dharmasena adjudged him caught-behind off a Pat Cummins bouncer when replays showed that the ball was nowhere near his gloves as he played and missed the pull. Roy protested, but England did not have a review as Bairstow had used up their lone unsuccessful one when challenging a pretty plumb leg-before decision -- perhaps England's lone mistake in an otherwise perfect performance.

Earlier, Australia had come into the semifinal with a world of confidence, having beaten England in their league game on June 25

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## 294 killed by BSF in last 10 yrs

*Home boss tells JS; 2 more 'killed' in C'nawabganj*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

The Indian BSF has killed 294 Bangladeshi nationals in the last 10 years, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told parliament yesterday.

Responding to a question from M Harunur Rashid, BNP lawmaker in Chapainawabganj-3 constituency, he said that the BGB was putting in best efforts to stop the killings.

He added that the government was taking necessary diplomatic steps. "BSF has also agreed to bring down the number to zero. The killings have reduced drastically compared to last year."

Citing statistics, he said at least 66 Bangladeshi nationals were killed on the Bangladesh-India border in 2009, 55 in 2010, 24 each in 2011 and 2012, 18 in 2013, 24 in 2014, 38 in 2015, 25 in 2016, 17 in

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**Railway staffers working to restore railway lines where an oil-carrying train derailed in Rajshahi's Chargat upazila on Wednesday. The photo was taken yesterday.**

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## DERAILMENT

### Rail link with Rajshahi restores after 28hrs

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Mismanagement of rail lines maintenance was behind Wednesday's derailment of the oil-carrying train in Rajshahi's Charghat upazila, said a manager of Bangladesh Railway.

Of the train's 30 tanker wagons, eight went off the lines in outer Sardaha Road Station area around 6:00pm, damaging around 500 metres of the lines.

Rail communications with Rajshahi resumed around 10:30pm yesterday after rescue and repair operations were completed, said the railway authorities.

Trips of at least 19 passenger trains from Rajshahi were cancelled yesterday.

The cancellation caused thousands of passengers to suffer, especially the pilgrims who were going to the capital to catch their flights to Saudi Arabia.

"Our engineers primarily detected a spread of gauge [space between the lines] that caused the oil train derailment and we found a portion of the rail lines broken," Khondoker Shahidul Islam, general manager of west zone railway, told The Daily Star.

"We can't see anything else but mismanagement of rail lines maintenance," he said, adding that the incidents of spread of gauge or breaking of rail lines happened due to a lack of scheduled maintenance.

Witnesses and railway engineers who visited the scene said the rail lines of the spot lacked required amount of stone and sleepers. They said bad weather and torrential rain aggravated the situation.

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