

**PHOTO OF THE DAY**



Students of Mahasthan High School in Bogura sit on a pile of cash, carefully counting them. Five of the eight donation boxes from the Shrine of Shah Sultan Mahisawar Balkhi were opened yesterday. The donation boxes are opened quarterly, said Additional Deputy Commissioner (Tax) Abdull Malek. Over Tk 28 lakh donation was collected three months ago, added Bogura's Executive Magistrate Nasim Reza.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another victim of Rupnagar cylinder blast succumbed to injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early yesterday, raising the death toll to eight. The deceased was Mizanur Rahman, 6. He was undergoing treatment at Intensive Care Unit of DMCH since October 30. Inspector Bacchu Mia, DMCH Police Outpost in-charge, said Mizan breathed his last at 2am. Family members took his body to Netrokona for burial after autopsy, he added. Rokon Mia, Mizan's father, said he received serious injuries on the belly, on one of his legs and left hand. He said they have buried Mizan, a student of Protiva School at Rupnagar Slum, at Netrokona yesterday. Rokon said his son, a student of a school at Rupnagar slum, went to see balloons being blown just before the incident. Six children were killed in the explosion, while at least 20 were injured. Six of the injured were being treated at DMCH.

**100pc electricity coverage in 3-4 years**

**Nasrul Hamid tells JS**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country will come under 100 percent electricity coverage within the next three-four years, State Minister for Power Nasrul Hamid told the parliament yesterday. In reply to a supplementary query from BNP MP Harunur Rashid (Chapainawabganj-3) during the question-answer session, the junior minister said, "100 percent electricity coverage will be ensured throughout the country within the next three to four years." Hamid said it took 50 years for South Korea to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply. In reply to a question from BNP MP Gulam Mohammad Siraj (Bogura-6), Hamid said the present government increased price of electricity on six occasions in the last 10 years. Meanwhile, Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud, yesterday in the parliament, said the government has so far given permission to 45 television channels. Of them, 30 are now in operation. He placed a list of 45 television channels in reply to a written question from Awami League MP Ahasanul Islam Titu (Tangail-6). Among the rest, 11 television channels are now awaiting telecast, while four have yet to get frequency allocations according to the list. The 11 television channels are: TV Today (owned by Abu Bashar Mohammad Raqibul Baset), Spice TV (Shila Islam), Prime TV (Tanjia Siraj), Citizen TV (Md Shafiqur Rahman), Global TV (Mamunur Rashid Kiron MP), Amar TV (Zinat Chowdhury), Khela TV (Tanvir Abir), Titas TV (Dhanad Islam Deeptha), Rangdhunu TV (Mohammad Saiful Alam), Utasab TV (Nur Mohammad) and Channel 21 (Abdullah Al Mamun). The four channels yet to get frequency allocation are: Cambrian TV (owned by Lion MK Bashar), Green TV (Syed Golam Dastagir), Amar Gaan (Tarun Dey) and Channel 52 (Morshed Alam).

**IUB hosts workshop on research**

CITY DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) hosted a training programme titled "Eduroam Institutional Radius Server (IRS) Configuration" at the university's campus in Bashundhara on November 6-7, said a press release. Bangladesh Research and Education Network organised the programme. Eduroam is a global research and education network, that allows teachers and students of any educational institution to access the internet free of cost, using local credential from any network in the country and abroad with connection to the service. The programme was inaugurated by acting IUB VC Prof Milan Pagon.

**FR TOWER DESIGN FORGERY Supreme Court orders 3 accused to surrender**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday ruled that three accused of the FR Tower design forgery case must surrender to the trial court concerned in seven days in line with the High Court order. The accused are: FR Tower land owner Syed Md Hossain Imam Faruque, former inspector of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) Md Aurangzeb Siddique Nannu, and its former deputy director (estate) Md Shawkat Ali. The apex court passed the order while hearing three separate petitions filed by Faruque, Aurangzeb and Shawkat seeking its permission to move appeals for staying the HC order on them in the case. The SC passed "no order" on the petitions. The "no order" means the HC orders will remain in force. The accused must surrender to trial court to file petitions with the apex court seeking stay on the HC order, Anti-Corruption Commission lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

Advocate Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury and Advocate AM Aminuddin appeared for the accused. The HC on November 5 stayed lower court orders that granted bails to Faruque, Aurangzeb and Shawkat in the case filed for forgery over the design of 23-storey FR Tower in the capital's Banani, and also directed them to surrender before the lower court concerned within seven days. It also issued separate rules asking the accused and the government why the lower court orders should not be scrapped. Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court gave bail to Faruque, Aurangzeb and Shawkat on August 20, September 1 and 5 respectively. On November 5, the HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice KM Hafizul Alam passed the orders and rules, after hearing three petitions filed by ACC. A devastating fire in the 23-storey building left at least 25 people dead and 73 injured in March this year.

**Politics not a profession to make money: president**

UNB, Dhaka

Mentioning that politics is not a profession to make money and buy cars, President Abdul Hamid yesterday said it is the responsibility of politicians to create a suitable and progressive political environment in the country. He made the remarks while addressing a memorial meeting and discussion programme on late Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Humayun Rashid Choudhury. Speaker Humayun Rashid Choudhury Smriti Parishad organised the programme marking his 92nd birth anniversary at the capital's Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



President Abdul Hamid at the event marking late Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Humayun Rashid Choudhury's 92nd birth anniversary at the capital's Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. PHOTO: PTI



Students of Keraniganj and Jinjira regularly commute to their educational institutions by boat through Buriganga river, getting down at Sadarghat. To go from one end to the other costs Tk 10. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**LAUNDERING Tk 378.09CR Customs intelligence sues Rupali Leatherwear chair**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) yesterday filed a case against 15 individuals, including Rupali Composite Leatherwear Chairman MA Kader, for allegedly laundering about Tk 378.09 crore from Janata Bank. CIID's Assistant Director Abdullah Al Mamun filed the case with Chawkbazar Model Police Station. On January 30, CIID arrested Kader in connection with three separate cases filed with Chawkbazar Police Station in the capital over laundering Tk 919 crore. Other accused in the case are: managing director of Rupali Composite Leatherwear and Kader's wife Sultana Begum; Janata Bank's general managers -- Jakir Hossain, Fakhrul Alam and Rezaul Karim; the bank's deputy general managers -- Kazi Rois Uddin Ahmed, AKM Asaduzzaman, Muhammad Iqbal; senior principal officers -- Ataur Rahman Sarkar, Khairul Amin and Mogreb Ali; principal officer Muhammad Ruhul

Amin; and senior officers -- Abdullah Al Mamun, Moniruzzaman, Saiduzzaman. CIID in its enquiry found that Janata Bank's Chawkbazar branch had bought 192 export bills worth Tk 382.1 crore from Rupali Composite Leatherwear Ltd and gave the same amount to Rupali as loan on condition that the money would be repatriated within four months. But, Kader only repatriated two bills worth about Tk 4 crore in seven months till October 2018. To date, the rest 190 bills worth about Tk 378 crore has remained non-repatriated. According to Bangladesh Bank's Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions, exporters are obliged to repatriate bills within four months of shipping goods. Bank officials and exporters are liable to punishable offence for failure to repatriate money within the time. ACC on February 10 filed five cases against Kader, also chairman of crescent group, for allegedly misappropriating about Tk 1,746 crore from the Janata Bank.

**20th death anniv of Hasna Hena Qadir**

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Today is the 20th death anniversary of Hasna Hena Qadir, one of the founders of Ektattor Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee. A milad mahfil will be held and food will be distributed among the poor in the capital. She was the wife of martyred freedom fighter and intellectual Lt Col Abdul Qadir, who was killed by the Pakistani army during the Liberation War, and the mother of eminent journalist Nadeem Qadir and US-based IT expert Naweed Qadir.



**Seven-year-old among three killed as vehicle catches fire**

Six killed, 28 injured in other accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people, including a child, were killed and five injured after a microbus overturned and caught on fire at Gobindopur area in Cumilla's Chandina upazila around 5:30am on Sunday. The deceased are Robja, 7, daughter of Mokbul Hossain; Yusuf, 67; and Babul, 48. The accident occurred when a bus hit the microbus, making it collide with a truck in front. The microbus then overturned and its cylinder burst, engulfing it in flames, said Sub-inspector Jashim Uddin of Mainamoti Highway Police Station. The injured are Robja's mother Halima Begum, 40; Abul Kashem, 50; Jashim Uddin, 48; Sajib, 20; and Moynu Mia, 50. Shafiq Uddin Munshi, station officer of Chandina Fire Station, said, "We rescued

three passengers from the microbus and took them to the upazila health complex and Cumilla Medical College Hospital (CMCH). Locals also rescued two people earlier." Dr Delowar Hossain, medical officer of Chandina Upazila Health Complex, said, "We provided primary treatment to the injured. Halima sustained 50 percent burn injuries, Abul 35 and Jashim 25." All injured were later transferred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for better treatment. Shah-Alam, an eyewitness, said microbuses have been carrying passengers since three-wheelers were withdrawn from the highway. Most microbuses have no fitness, but these vehicles are being used as alternative transport for short distances, he claimed. SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

**Muhammad Imran new envoy to India**

UNB, Dhaka

The government has appointed Muhammad Imran, currently serving as Bangladesh Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, as the new High Commissioner to India. High Commissioner designate Imran is a career foreign service officer, belonging to the 1986 batch of Bangladesh Civil Service Foreign Affairs cadre, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.



During his distinguished career, Imran has worked in various capacities at Bangladesh Missions in Jeddah, Bonn, Berlin and Ottawa, and served as Deputy High Commissioner at the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata. He also served as Ambassador of Bangladesh to Uzbekistan. Imran obtained his MBBS degree from Mymensingh Medical College under the University of Dhaka. He will replace Syed Muazzem Ali as the Bangladesh High Commissioner to India.

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