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Launches and boats remain docked at the capital's Sadarghat yesterday, amid a strike enforced by water transport workers. The strike, which began in the early hours of Saturday, was called off last night. Story on page 16.

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Madness for money a disease

PM says at AL's
Dhaka city council

BSS, Dhaka

Terming the trend of making money illegally "a disease", Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday warned that her government would not allow anybody to lead a lavish life with stolen money.

"Someone will lead a luxurious life with the illegally-earned money, while someone will suffer from hardships by leading an honest and simple life

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NON-BANK FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

New one revving up, as others limp along

AKM ZAMIR UDDIN

The central bank is set to give licence to a new non-bank financial institution (NBFI) -- a disconcerting move given that at least 10 of them are struggling to return funds to banks and customers upon maturity.

The proposed NBFI, to be called Strategic Finance and Investments, applied for licence on October 16 and the Bangladesh Bank was compelled to respond promptly as the sponsors have strong connection with the government, said a central bank official requesting anonymity due to sensitivity of the matter.

Subsequently on October 30, the central bank sought biographical reports

on both the chairman and managing director of the proposed NBFI, as it looked to fast-track the licence awarding process.

As per the biographical report, Anjuman Ara Shahid, wife of Padma Bank Chairman Chowdhury Nafeez Sarafat, is the chairman of Strategic Finance and Investments.

She is also a sponsor-shareholder of Padma Bank, which was rechristened from Farmers Bank earlier in January as part of its effort to sweep the gross irregularities and loan scams under the carpet and get an image makeover.

Strategic Finance and Investments proposed Muhammad Ali Zaryab as its

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KIDNEY DONATION

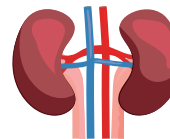
Patients suffer for legal constraints

Experts say it's time to encourage cadaveric transplant as many resort to black market, treatment abroad

TAMANNA KHAN, REZAUL HAQUE and MOSTAFA SABUI

Fahmida, who has been undergoing dialysis for the last two years, now desperately needs a second kidney transplant. Her mother Fatema Zohra had donated her a kidney in 2015, but it got damaged within a year.

According to the Transplant of Human Organ Act (amendment) 2018, Fahmida can obtain a kidney either from a "near relative" or from a brain-dead patient, whose kin would agree to this.



Unfortunately, the 26-year-old does not have any "near relative" willing to donate the organ.

A cadaveric transplant, where an organ comes from a deceased donor, is also not an option for her.

Such a procedure has not taken place in the country till date because of a presumed religious bar that apparently exists in the society, according to Prof Harun-ur-Rashid, chief consultant and founder president of Kidney Foundation Hospital and Research Institute.

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Kathmandu set for 13th SA Games opening

ATIQUÉ ANAM from Kathmandu

The 13th South Asian Games is all set to get underway through a colourful opening ceremony at the Dasarath Rangasala in Kathmandu today.

This will be the third time, first since 1999, that the capital of Nepal will host the biggest multi-sport event of South Asia, with

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It is mentionable that land will be purchased after getting required approval from Bangladesh Bank.

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