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# Payra rail link to cost Tk 40,000cr

BR feasibility finds  
TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The government has to spend more than Tk 40,000 crore to bring country's third sea port -- Payra Sea Port in Patuakhali -- and Barishal division under the railway network, a study said.

The construction of 214.91 kilometre rail line from Faridpur's Bhanga to Payra port via Barishal would cost Tk 40,701.22 crore, according to a feasibility study conducted by Bangladesh Railway.

However, the project cost would be Tk 44,497.6 crore if the authority wants to build 25km elevated line where the land lies very low and the heights of the embankments there would have to be too high.

All the information came to light as the project officials and consultants made an elaborate presentation on the project at a meeting on Monday, with Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujon in the chair.

Barishal division with six districts is the country's lone division without having any rail connectivity.

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People die in landslides almost every year in Chattogram division but illegal houses keep sprouting on the hillslopes. The photo was taken in the district's Bayezidnagar area.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

**ROAD TO FREEDOM**  
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## No room for compromise with Pakistan: Tajuddin

JUNE 2, 1971  
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

**TAJUDDIN'S INTERVIEW WITH ALL INDIA RADIO**  
Bangladesh Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad categorically declared today that "there is no room for compromise (with West Pakistan) within the framework of Pakistan".

"Bangladesh is sovereign and independent and we shall defend its separate and free entity at any cost," he added.

In an interview with All India Radio Tajuddin reiterated, "Our irrevocable commitment to a policy of friendship for all, especially our neighbours ... irrespective of variations in the response of world powers to our present difficulties."

"Beyond this it is not possible to define too rigidly the foreign policy of a two-month state," Tajuddin said in reply to a question.

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# She killed her husband, dumped the cut up body

Police say after arresting woman  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police on Monday arrested a woman for murdering her husband, whose body parts were recovered the previous day from three areas of the capital.

The arrestee, Fatema Khatun, works as a domestic help and during initial interrogation on Monday confessed to police that she had killed her husband, Moyna Miya, and cut his body into six pieces.

Mohammad Harun Or Rashid, joint commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) of police, made the disclosure yesterday while

# 7-yr-old swims an hour to get help for dad, sister

CNN ONLINE

A 7-year-old boy in Florida is being hailed a hero after he swam ashore to get help when his sister and dad got swept away by a current.

Steven Poust told CNN affiliate WKXT that he anchored his boat on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida, to let his two children, Chase, 7, and Abigail, 4, swim, on Friday.

All of a sudden, Abigail, who usually hangs out at the

# Govt ready to address their realistic needs

ROHINGYA CRISIS  
Says foreign ministry a day after demo  
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh government is ready to address any realistic needs and concerns of the Rohingyas, said foreign ministry yesterday, a day after a large demonstration by the Rohingyas in Bhasan Char in presence of a UN delegation.

"The Rohingyas also want to return to their homeland and all including the UNHCR need to work constructively to that end. The UN is expected to assume their responsibility and operate within their mandate taking into account

# Racket trafficked 500 women in 5 years

Rab arrests kingpin 'Boss Rafi'  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A transnational human trafficking racket, involving some Bangladeshis, has trafficked at least 500 young women and girls to India over the last five years and forced them into sex trade, said Rapid Action Battalion.

The kingpin behind the racket, consisting around 50 members from the two countries, is Ashraful Islam Rafi alias Boss Rafi, 30, of Jhenidah.

He met Rifadul Islam Ridoy, 26, popularly known as Ridoy Babo on TikTok, two years ago and they used the social media platform to lure and traffic 50 girls promising them modelling contracts or well-paid jobs, Rab said during a press briefing at its Karwan Bazar media centre.

After the video clip of a 22-year-old woman being tortured and sexually assaulted went viral on social media, Indian

**PRAYER TIMING JUNE 2**

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:05 12:45 5:00 6:45 8:15  
JAMAAT 4:40 1:15 5:15 6:50 8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## REPAIRING DAM THEMSELVES

# Locals sling mud at MP, chase him away

STAR REPORT

Waterlogging, erosion and inundation caused by absence of sustainable embankments have made their lives miserable over the years.

Whenever any cyclone, storm or flood hit Khulna's Koyra upazila, the existing fragile dams got breached, resulting in inundation of the entire area.

Few days later, the authorities concerned repair the dam shakily. If any disaster occurs later, the dams get breached again.

Akhtaruzzaman Babu, MP of Khulna-6 (Paikgacha-Koyra), being taken away after locals repairing a dam threw mud at him in Dashedia area.

PHOTO: DIPANKAR ROY

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### গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ সরকার ওজোনস্তর রক্ষায় মন্ত্রিল প্রটোকল স্বাক্ষরকারী দেশ এবং পর্যায়ক্রমে প্রটোকলের সকল সংশোধনী অনুস্বাক্ষর করেছে। সরকার মন্ত্রিল প্রটোকল অত্যন্ত সফলতার সাথে বাস্তবায়নসহ সকল বাধ্যবাধকতা প্রতিপালন করে আসছে।

সরকার ২০১৬ সালে গৃহীত মন্ত্রিল প্রটোকলের কিগালি সংশোধনী ৮ জুন, ২০২০ তারিখে অনুস্বাক্ষর করেছে। এই সংশোধনীর মাধ্যমে পৃথিবীর সকল রাষ্ট্র উচ্চ বৈশ্বিক উষ্ণায়ন ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন হাইড্রোফ্লোরোকার্বন বা এইচএফসি-এর ব্যবহার পর্যায়ক্রমে কমিয়ে আনার জন্য প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ। কিগালি সংশোধনী বাস্তবায়নের লক্ষ্যে, বাংলাদেশ পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ আইন, ১৯৯৫ এর ধারা ৬ 'ক'-তে প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাবলে সরকার ১১ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০২১ তারিখে নিম্নলিখিত এইচএফসিসমূহ অথবা এর মিশ্রণের আমদানি, বাজারজাতকরণ, বিক্রয়, মজুদ বা বিতরণের নিমিত্ত পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তরের মহাপরিচালকের নিকট হতে লাইসেন্স গ্রহণ বাধ্যতামূলক করে প্রজ্ঞাপন (এস,আর,ও নং-৪০-আইন/২০২১) জারি করে।

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ক্রমিক নং	HFC-এর নাম	রাসায়নিক গঠন
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	HFC-134	1,1,2,2 tetrafluoro ethane (CHF <sub>2</sub> CHF <sub>2</sub> )
2.	HFC-134a	1,2,2,2 tetrafluoro ethane (CH <sub>2</sub> FCF <sub>3</sub> )
3.	HFC-143	1,2,2 trifluoro ethane (CH <sub>2</sub> FCHF <sub>2</sub> )
4.	HFC-245fa	1,1,3,3,3 pentafluoro propane (CHF <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> )
5.	HFC-365mfc	1,1,1,3,3 pentafluoro butane (CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )
6.	HFC-227ea	1,1,1,2,3,3,3 heptafluoro propane (CF <sub>3</sub> CHFCF <sub>3</sub> )
7.	HFC-236cb	1,2,2,3,3,3 hexafluoro propane (CH <sub>2</sub> FCF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> )
8.	HFC-236ea	1,1,2,3,3,3 hexafluoro propane (CHF <sub>2</sub> CHFCF <sub>3</sub> )
9.	HFC-236fa	1,1,1,3,3,3 hexafluoro propane (CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> )
10.	HFC-245ca	1,2,2,3,3 pentafluoro propane (CH <sub>2</sub> FCF <sub>2</sub> CHF <sub>2</sub> )
11.	HFC-43.10mee	1,1,1,2,3,4,4,5,5,5 decafluoro CF <sub>3</sub> CHFCHF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>
12.	HFC-32	difluoromethane (CH <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> )
13.	HFC-125	1,1,2,2,2 pentafluoro ethane (CHF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> )
14.	HFC-143a	1,1,1 trifluoro ethane (CH <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> )
15.	HFC-41	monofluoro methane (CH <sub>3</sub> F)
16.	HFC-152	1,2 difluoro ethane (CH <sub>2</sub> FCHF <sub>2</sub> )
17.	HFC-152a	1,1 difluoro ethane (CH <sub>3</sub> CHF <sub>2</sub> )
18.	HFC-23	trifluoro methane (CHF <sub>3</sub> )

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