

## 9th grader held

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the police sued him and arrested him, the OC said, adding that his post caused an outrage in the upazila.

## Holy Ashura

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Muhammad (SM), and his family members and followers embraced martyrdom.

The holy month of Dhul-Haj will be completed in 30 days today and the holy month of Muharram will start from tomorrow, August 11, the release said.

## Attempt on

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and want to establish their beliefs in the country, which is not accepted by the laws, the court said.

"The offences they [convicts] committed by planting two powerful bombs were very much appalling and heinous, and therefore there is no scope to commute their sentences considering their long time in custody," the HC bench said in the verdict.

The bench said if perpetrators were successful in detonating two powerful bombs, weighing 76kg and 40kg, in Gopalganj's Kotalipara in July 2000, when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was supposed to address a rally there, the incident would be similar to the August 15 massacre.

The HC judges also said the 76kg bomb was recovered on July 21, 2000, and two days later, the 40kg bomb was recovered at the Sheikh Lutfor Rahman Ideal College in Kotalipara, where the Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was supposed to address a rally on July 22, 2000. The rally was cancelled after the recovery of the first bomb.

The convicts whose death sentences were confirmed by the HC are: Wasim Akter alias Tarek, Rashed alias Abul Kalam, Yusuf Alias Moshab Morol, Sheikh Farid alias Maulana Shawkat Osman, Hafez Zahangir Alam Badar, Maulana Abu Bakar alias Hafez Selim Howlader, Hafez Maulana Yahia, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman, Mufti Abdul Hye and Maulana Abdur Rauf alias Abdur Razzaque.

The HC upheld the life imprisonment of Mehedi Hasan alias Abdur Wadud. It upheld the lower court verdict that sentenced Anisul Islam alias Anis and Mohibullah alias Mofizur Rahman to 14 years' imprisonment.

It, however, ordered the authorities concerned to release Mohibullah if he is not arrested in any other case as he has already served 14 years in jail.

The HC bench acquitted Sarwar Hossain Mia as the prosecutors failed to prove allegations against him.

Deputy Attorney General Dr Md Bashir Ullah told The Daily Star that, among the 10 death-row convicts, Yusuf Alias Moshab Morol, Hafez Zahangir Alam Badar, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman and Mufti Abdul Hye are absconding.

He said the death penalty of six other death-row convicts, who are now in condemned cells, can be executed if they do not file any appeal with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court challenging the HC verdict.

They may file an appeal in 60 days after receiving the certified copy of the HC verdict, DAG Bashir Ullah said, adding that mastermind and Hujji leader Mufti Abdul Hannan was found guilty but was acquitted as he was executed on April 12, 2017, at Kashimpur High-Security Prison for killing three people and injuring former British high commissioner to Bangladesh and a dozen others in Sylhet.

## Thant sounds warning about

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compassion would be shown to Bangabandhu.

## RADIO BANGLADESH WARNS OF REVENGE

The Swadhin Bangla Betar today warned against the farcical trial of Bangabandhu and said, "From the side of the people of Bangladesh let us assure Yahya, Tikka, Akbar, Niazi, Umar (if he is not already dead) and rest of the butchers that we shall retaliate and retaliate so mercilessly that even your descendants, if left alive, would shiver at the mere thought of it for generations. With the murder of Bangabandhu would begin a war that will not end with mere independence for Bangladesh. It will continue until our leader's murder is satisfactorily avenged."

## THANT DECIDES TO DEPLOY UN OFFICIALS IN DHAKA

US Secretary of State William Rogers, in a memorandum issued following his meeting with U Thant, reported today that the latter had decided to station 38 UN officials in Dhaka by

early September, 1971 to coordinate and expedite the movement of relief supplies.

Once the arrangements were made, the UN would send some 150 additional personnel to other parts of East Pakistan, including the reception centres established to handle returning refugees. U Thant, however, expressed concern over the threats being made by the guerilla leadership against the safety of UN personnel in the area. He emphasised the need for a political accommodation with the Awami League in East Pakistan as the only real solution, added Rogers.

U Thant also said to the US secretary of state that he was prepared under Article 99 of the UN Charter to bring the situation between India and Pakistan to the attention of the Security Council if he decided that it involved a serious threat to peace.

**KENNEDY ARRIVES IN CALCUTTA**  
Senator Edward Kennedy and his two special consultants were accorded a warm reception today morning at Calcutta airport. He told waiting

newsmen of his determination to ensure relief and succour to the Bangladeshi refugees.

Commenting on the Indo-Soviet Pact, Kennedy said, "I hope that the Soviet Union will not challenge the USA with a defence treaty but rather with who can do the most to alleviate the great misery of the 7,500,000 refugees."

**AGREEMENT ON REPATRIATION**  
India and Pakistan agreed, after a three-and-a-half month impasse, on the repatriation of personnel at their respective diplomatic missions in Dhaka and Calcutta. Indian officials disclosed today that more than 200 Indians at the Deputy High Commission, or consulate, in Dhaka would be flown back to New Delhi on August 12 aboard Swiss and Soviet planes. Thirty West Pakistanis of the Pakistani Deputy High Commission in Calcutta would be flown to Karachi on an Iranian plane.

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## Lawyers, litigants left distressed

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about eight months.

A report by Law Lab, a law chamber that conducts research on legal and constitutional issues, shows some 2,48,458 new cases have been added to case backlogs in over 1,600 courts, including the SC, in the last one year.

The SC administration does not have any latest data of cases that remain unresolved till now. The Law Lab report states a total of 39,33,186 cases remained pending with the courts till December 31 last year.

On an average, 4,234 cases were filed and 3,194 cases disposed of per day in the courts across the county in 2019.

Last year, on an average, some 3,017 cases were filed and 2,026 cases settled per day, said the report.

Advocate Mohammad Shishir Manir, chief of Law Lab, said the pandemic has hampered judicial activities badly.

"During the pandemic, the rate of hearing and disposal of all kinds of cases across the country are very low," he told The Daily Star.

Dr Momtaz Uddin Ahmed Mehedi, an SC lawyer and former secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association, said as regular court activities remained suspended, lawyers were facing difficulties in performing their work, and thereby facing financial troubles.

"The backlog of cases is increasing day by day, causing sufferings to the litigants because of the limited scale of court functions," he said.

Although some courts are operating virtually, most of the lawyers are not still habituated with this system, he said.

Momtaz, the convener of a platform of lawyers demanding opening of all the 53 High Court benches for hearing and disposal of cases, said normally the HC benches used to hear and dispose of cases from 10:30am to 4:15pm on working days with a lunch break.

They are operating only from 11:00am to 1:30pm during this pandemic, he added.

"We have been demanding opening of all the 53 High Court benches both virtually and physically and operation all subordinate courts across the country physically. We have placed our demands to the chief justice several times," he said.

Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan, an SC lawyer and editor of Dhaka Law Reports, said many lawyers have been facing financial difficulties as they cannot usually move cases due to limited court functions.

"There are 15 staff members including clerks and computer operators in my chamber. I used to give Tk 20,000 as a bonus to each of them during Eid festivals every year.

"But I could not give such an amount of bonus to them last year. This year, my income drastically fell due to the closure of regular court functions."

He said he used to move at least 20 cases on a regular day before the suspension of regular court activities.

"I can move only four to five cases a day now, but many of the lawyers cannot even move a single case a day," he said.

Contacted, Law Minister Anisul Huq said, "I am worried over the situation. I don't know when the

pandemic will be over. Two judges of subordinate courts have died from Covid-19 infection and more than 900 judges and staff members of the court have been affected."

Worryingly, some court staff also died from Covid-19 infection, he said.

"I had a plan to clear at least six lakh cases from the present backlog of pending cases, but it will be difficult now. We cannot even implement the alternative dispute resolution system for quick disposal of cases outside courts on compromise due to the pandemic," he said.

Anisul Huq said he will meet the chief justice and discuss with him soon to find a way out to recover these losses.

Despite the concerns, SC's Special Officer and Spokesman Mohammad Saifur Rahman said the justice delivery system has not been hampered in any manner during the pandemic.

"Court functions are going on very well through virtual systems. The rate of hearing and disposal of cases is as usual. The virtual court proceeding is the normal course now," he claimed.

He claimed that the rate of disposal of cases by the Appellate Division of the SC increased during the pandemic.

The Appellate Division disposed of around 10,500 cases from July 13 last year to July 15 this year, which is higher than the numbers in 2019.

He, however, could not say the numbers of filing, disposal, and pending cases at the HC and lower courts across the country.

SC Registrar General Md Akbar Ali refused to make any comment on this issue.

## Missing college principal's body found

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with Mintu were running the college.

At a press conference, Commander Khandaker Al Moin, director of Rab's legal and media wing, told reporters that they recovered five out of six parts of Mintu's body from the college premises and another part -- his head -- from the capital's Ashkona area.

"Mintu went missing on July 13 and his younger brother Dipok Chandra Barmon filed a GD with Ashulia Police Station on July 22."

With information from media reports and his family, the Rab-4 intelligence team began investigating the incident and identified two of his partners -- Robiul and Motaleb.

At first, it detained Robiul from

the capital's Abdullahpur area early yesterday. Motaleb was later arrested from Ashkona area and Badsha from Gaibandha, the official said.

During primary interrogation, Robiul and Motaleb, teachers of the college, told Rab that they and Badsha planned to kill the principal on July 7, over an ownership related feud and professional jealousy.

Mintu was a popular teacher, who used to take coaching classes in the evening at the college, Commander Khandaker said, adding that as per their plan, Robiul and Badsha killed Mintu to a room of the college around 9:00pm on July 13 after his coaching classes.

Badsha first hit him on the head with a hammer and then the two

dismembered the body into six parts. Five pieces of the body were buried beneath the college premises, while the head was dumped into a water body in Ashkona area, he said, adding that the criminals had a plan to pave the spot and they already brought cement for it.

The chopper and hammer, along with other weapons, used in the murder were recovered, the Rab official added.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, locals said Mintu had been teaching students in the area for a long time and founded the school and college along with Robiul and Motaleb in 2019.

A murder case was lodged against Robiul, Badsha and Motaleb.

## Belgian collects

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The collection, which now occupies four houses, all began with a Cote d'Or chocolate box illustrated with a painting of a blonde girl in a blue hat, Dardenne told Reuters, standing amid the carefully arranged tin boxes in the medieval watermill she owns next to her home.

Later, the tins just came to her, she said.

"I haven't been anywhere. I was not travelling. People still think I have travelled a lot. It quickly became known (that I collected boxes). Sometimes, right after my husband left for the office,

someone would show up to offer me something," said Dardenne, who lives in Grand-Hallet in Belgium's Liege province.

One of Dardenne's greatest treasures is an intricately patterned box from 1868 showing an emblem with two horses on top, built to hold biscuits made by Huntley & Palmers of Reading, England.

It is considered to be the first box to have been lithographed, according to Dardenne, whose collection can be visited by appointment. (Reporting by Clement Rossignol and Yves Herman Writing by Sabine Siebold Editing by Frances Kerry)

## Sri Lanka holds

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a 20-day-old baby.

Following local and international protests, the government then allowed Muslims to be buried in a remote corner of the island's east, in accordance with Islamic traditions.

The Public Health Inspectors (PHI) union said bodies of Covid-19 patients piled up at hospitals over the weekend as crematoriums working round the clock were unable to cope with a rapid rise in deaths.

## No progress as probe keeps

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Daily Star, Commander Khandaker Al Moin, director of Rab's legal and media wing, said they wrote to the Police Headquarters to investigate 10 cases filed against the above mentioned people.

Rab, however, did not want to investigate the cases filed against models Piasha and Mou as the DB arrested them.

The CID is now investigating seven cases filed against Pori Moni, Raz, Piasha, Mou, Mishu, Jisan and Helena.

Meanwhile, over 50 police members have been assigned to ensure actor Pori Moni's security when she will be produced before court today after the end of her remand, according to a DMP notice.

## 'INDISCIPLINE, ANOMALY...; WEAK CASES'

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, advocate Khurshid Alam Khan, an expert on criminal law, said such frequent changes of IOs exposes a lack of discipline and inconsistency in prosecution.

"It is apparently an anomaly on the part of the prosecution...They all are law enforcement agencies. In any case, an officer-in-charge would appoint an IO first. Then, it may change according to the investigation's progress. It's not lawful if any agency shows more interest to investigate a particular case. "For example, ACC's case -- if I say I want to investigate Khaleda Zia's case, it should not be [permitted based on] my desire. Only the ACC would decide. How can a law enforcement agency just ask for it? Discipline should be maintained."

The lawyer said that all these cases filed in documents so far are weak.

"In newspapers, it is coming as big news. But, in documents, the base of the cases are too weak so far. If the structure is weak, it does not matter what the accused says to the DB, CID or Rab. Unless and until a magistrate records the statements, it is a futile exercise."

Speaking to this correspondent yesterday, Sheikh Omar Faruque, additional deputy inspector general at CID, which is now investigating the cases, said he couldn't share the

progress of any investigation so far.

Asked whether the IO changes would hamper investigation, he said, "It's a matter of policy. We don't decide it. Before the CID, DB was investigating these cases. If the government decides to give them [the cases] to another agency, they will go there. No decision has yet been made in this regard."

After the arrests, the two models alleged that the evidence [found against them] was planted while Pori Moni's lawyer alleged that the seized liquor bottles were empty and kept at the house for "decoration purposes".

However, samples of the seized items are yet to be sent for forensic tests.

Earlier, Rab and DB officials said there are specific allegations of blackmailing against the arrestees. But no cases were filed on these charges so far.

CID's Faruque said no one has yet complained about blackmailing. "But we have names of people belonging to various professions after interrogating actress Pori Moni and models Piasha and Mou."

Khurshid Alam Khan said, "Most of the cases were filed under the Narcotics Control Act. The cases are too weak so far. They can be punished through a mobile court. Now, if they are acquitted in the cases, it would seem that all these cases are mala fide [abuse of position] and carried out for a show."

**'DMP MADE NO LIST'**  
Shafiqul Islam, commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, yesterday said the DMP did not prepare any list of people who had "close contact" with Pori Moni, Piasha or Mou.

Speaking to reporters at his office yesterday, he said a vested quarter was blackmailing businesspersons saying their names are on the law enforcers' list of suspects.

"Panic has spread among businesspersons after the arrest of the actors and models. We do not want such panic and disgrace to affect anyone without fault. Everyone has to work responsibly so that no one becomes a victim of media trial."

| শেখ হাসিনার নির্দেশ<br>জলবায়ু সচিব, বাংলাদেশ   |  |             |          |                    |   |
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| <b>গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার</b>  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| বন সুরক্ষকের কার্যালয়<br>বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সুরক্ষণ অঞ্চল<br>বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| <b>নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি</b>   |  |             |          |                    |   |
| বন অধিদপ্তরের অধীন বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সুরক্ষণ অঞ্চল, বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকার আওতাধীন "বাংলাদেশের বন্যপ্রাণী সুরক্ষণ ও আবাসস্থল উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প" এর অধীন সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে প্রকল্পের মোদাকালীন (ফ্রন্ট ২০২২ পর্যন্ত) বন্যপ্রাণী সুরক্ষণ জমা নিয়োগকল্পে বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিম্নলিখিত নিম্নলিখিত বিধি মোতাবেক পদের পাঠে উল্লেখিত সাকুল্য বেতনে নিম্নলিখিত শর্তে আগামী ৩৩/০৮/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।                         |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ক্রা নং   | পদের বিবরণ                             | পদের সংখ্যা | গ্রেড নং | মাসিক সাকুল্য বেতন | শিক্ষাপত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা   |
| ০১।   | অফিস সহকারী-কাম-কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক | ১           | ১৬       | ১৭,০৫৪/-           | এইচএসসি পাস ও কম্পিউটার পরিচালনার দক্ষ ও সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কাজে ২ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। প্রকল্পে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকারসহ বয়স শিথিলযোগ্য। |
| <b>নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত শর্তাবলী</b>  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ১. ৩১-০৮-২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ বয়স ১৮-৩০ বৎসরের মধ্যে হতে হবে। দুর্ভিক্ষোত্ত/শ্রীদায় মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তানের জন্য বয়স ১৮-৩২ বৎসরের মধ্যে হতে হবে।   |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ২. সমাও উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প/সমান উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পে নিয়োজিত বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়স শিথিলযোগ্য। এ প্রকল্প বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের সর্বশেষ কর্মস্থল/বর্তমান কর্মস্থলের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৩. কোন সরকারি বা আধা-সরকারি সংস্থায় কর্মরত প্রার্থীগণও যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে পারবেন।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৪. সরকারি নির্ধারিত নির্বাচনী কমিটি কর্তৃক প্রার্থী বাছাই করা হবে। প্রার্থীদের এন্ডউন্ডেশ্যে আয়োজিত ক্ষেত্র অনুযায়ী লিখিত, বাবদিল ও শ্রেণিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। পরীক্ষা গ্রহণের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়সূচী যথাযথভাবে প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদেরকে তাদের বর্তমান ঠিকানায় জানানো হবে।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৫. প্রার্থীকে নির্বাচিত পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন প্রকার অমর/দৈনিক ভাতা প্রদান করা হবে না।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৬. নিয়োগ লাভের জন্য সকল প্রকার তদবীর প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা বলে গণ্য হবে।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৭. প্রার্থীর পদের নাম খামের উপর স্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।   |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৮. নিয়োগের ব্যাপারে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| <b>আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের নিয়মাবলী</b>  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ১. বন সুরক্ষক, বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সুরক্ষণ অঞ্চল, বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকাকে সন্ধানপূর্বক সাদা কাগজে প্রার্থীর আবেদনপত্র বন সুরক্ষক, বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সুরক্ষণ অঞ্চল (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৭ ঠিকানায় ২৯/০৮/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে অবশ্যই পৌঁছাতে হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।   |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ২. প্রার্থীকে বন সুরক্ষক, বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সুরক্ষণ অঞ্চল, বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক/সোনালী ব্যাংক এর কোন শাখায় জমা প্রদানপত্র ২০/০৮ (দুইঘণ্টা) টাকা মূল্যের অফিসের/সোনালী ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/সে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ডাফট আকারে জমা রাখতে হবে।   |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৩. আবেদনপত্র (ক) প্রার্থীর নাম, (খ) পিতা/খামীর নাম, (গ) মাতার নাম, (ঘ) স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, (ঙ) বর্তমান ঠিকানা, (চ) জন্ম তারিখ, (ছ) জাতীয়তা (জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের অনুসরণে প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে), (জ) (জ) (ক) শিক্ষাপত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা (সকল প্রকার সন্দেহের অনুসরণে প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা দ্বারা সত্যায়িত করে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে)। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৪. আবেদনের সাথে প্রার্থীর সন্য চিত্রা পাশপোর্ট আকারের ০২(দুই) কপি ছবি (প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা দ্বারা সত্যায়িত করে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে)।   |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৫. প্রার্থী কোন প্রকার অধিবাসী তাহের প্রমাণপত্র স্থায়ী ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান এর নিম্নলিখিত হতে নাগরিকদের সাটিফিকেট (মূলকপি) দাখিল করতে হবে।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৬. জন্ম নিকটন এর সত্যায়িত কপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| ৭. উপরের চাহিত যে কোন তথ্য/সন্দেহ/অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র আবেদনপত্রের সাথে না থাকলে উক্ত আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।  |  |             |          |                    |   |
| <b>মোদায়া রেজাউল করিম</b><br>বন সুরক্ষক<br>বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সুরক্ষণ অঞ্চল<br>ও<br>প্রকল্প পরিচালক<br>বাংলাদেশের বন্যপ্রাণী সুরক্ষণ ও আবাসস্থল উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প<br>বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা<br>ফোনঃ ১৮৮১১৪২  |  |             |          |                    |   |
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## Gas field found in Zakiganj

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would be Tk 1,276 crore," he said, saying that a 3D survey will be conducted to find the accurate position of the fossil fuel in the virgin field.

According to ministry officials, the GIIP (gas initially in place) is 68 TCF (trillion cubic feet) and the recovery would be 48 TCF. The pressure of the gas field they found was 6,260 PSI (pound per square inch) inside and 1,270 PSI in surface layer.

The proven reserves in 27 gas fields are 21.4 TCF, with six more TCF potential reserves. There are only three TCFs left as proven stocks, and potential reserves are likely to be seven more TCFs.

Marking the historic decision of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to take over five gas fields in Sylhet region from multinational Shell Oil Company in 1975, Energy and Mineral Resources Division organised the programme virtually.

Speaking as the chief guest of the event, Nasrul said the new gas field will play a very important role in the increasing demand for gas. The capacity of Bapex is enhancing gradually. At present, it is in its strongest position for invention and research, he said.

He added that the government has taken an initiative to replace the old gas pipelines in Dhaka city with new ones to check the gas leakages as part of its move to bring the entire gas distribution system automated and digitalised.

In the keynote speech, Director General of Hydrocarbon Unit Monjurul Qader said the decision of importing LNG was taken to make a balance between production and demand.

Eminent energy expert and Buet professor M Tamim said the government should put emphasis on setting up land-based LNG terminals and also import electricity from regional sources to meet the growing demand.

He added that gas will be used as transitional fuel in the next 20 years prior to using renewable energy as the future energy.

Anisur Rahman, senior secretary of the energy and mineral resources division, who presided over the programme, said the government has been importing gas from two companies under long-term contracts and also from other companies on the international spot market to meet the domestic demand.

"This import needs Tk 6,312 crore as subsidy to keep the price low in line with the local gas price as the import cost is \$8-9 per unit against the price of local gas at \$2.5-3 per unit," he said.

Chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry concerned Waseqa Ayesha Khan, its members Khaleda Khanon and Nargis Rahman, Petrobangla Chairman ABM Abdul Faatah and Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation Chairman ABM Azad, among others, spoke at the event.

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| মুজিব বর্ষে স্বাস্থ্য খাত<br>এগিয়ে যাবে অনেক ধাপ। |   |
| তারিখঃ ০৮/০৮/২০২১খ্রিঃ                             |   |
| <b>দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি</b>                            |   |
| ১  | মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ                                       |
| ২  | বিভাগ   |
| ৩  | সংগ্ৰাহক সংস্থার নাম                                    |
| ৪  | কাজের নাম   |
| ৫  | প্রাক্কলিত ব্যয়  |
| ৬  | বাজেটের উৎস   |
| ৭  | দরপত্র সিদ্ধির মূল্য                                    |
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| ৯  | দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় যে সকল কাগজপত্রাদি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে |
| ১০   | দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী                                       |
| ১১   | বায়নার টাকা  |
| ১২   | জামানতের টাকা   |
| ১৩   | দরপত্র সিদ্ধির তারিখ স্থান                              |
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