




# RMG export thru HSIA slackens

*Explosive Detection Systems at the int'l airport out of order*

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Shipping of garment products through Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport has slowed down again as the Explosive Detection Systems (EDSs) at the airport remained mostly out of order for almost three weeks.

One EDS has been out of order since May. The other became partially operational last night after going out of order on September 24.

Faruque Hassan, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), said cargo scanning was solely done by sniffer dogs when the two EDSs remain defunct.

The dogs can scan up to 110 tonnes of goods in a day while the two EDSs used to scan some 800 tonnes, he said.

The civil aviation ministry has promised exporters that two new EDSs would be added to the airport on October 14.

The BGMEA in a statement said export of garment products was being affected since the systems went down.

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A man named Moslem Uddin collecting discarded plastic bottles and other garbage from the bank of the Pashur river. The 60-year-old maintains his family with the money he gets from selling these. By collecting garbage, he also prevents the river from pollution. The photo was taken from Bagerhat's Mongla ghat recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN



# 'Father' of Pak atomic bomb Qadeer Khan dies

REUTERS, Karachi

Abdul Qadeer Khan, lionised at home as the father of Pakistan's atomic bomb despite admitting he was at the centre of a nuclear proliferation ring, died yesterday at age 85.

The nuclear scientist was admitted to Khan Research Laboratories Hospital on August 26 after testing positive for Covid-19 and was later moved to a military hospital in Rawalpindi, said the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan.

"He was loved by our nation bec(ause) of his critical contribution in making us a nuclear weapon state," Pakistan's

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# Forest dept bends rules

*One company given undue advantage in vehicle purchase, finds govt report*

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The Bangladesh Forest Department has given undue advantage to a particular company while purchasing four double-cabin pickups and related accessories worth about Tk 2.4 crore for a development project, said a government report.

"The weight of the vehicle, its height, wheel measurement, ground clearance, maximum speed, the capacity of the fuel tank have been specified in the tender in a way that no other company can take part in it," said a report of the Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) published recently.

Given the specifications, only AG Automobiles, the local distributor of Ford vehicles, was able to participate in the

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

### Yahya accepts US proposal for mutual withdrawal

OCTOBER 11, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

**DISCUSSION WITH YAHYA**  
The American consulate general in Karachi in a telegram sent to the US state department today informed that Pakistan President Yahya Khan accepted the US proposal for mutual withdrawal of troops and armour by both the Government of India and the Government of Pakistan to some distance from their respective borders.

Yahya reaffirmed his assurance that Pakistan would not be first to initiate hostilities and he suggested that Indian and Pakistani army chiefs of staff meet to work out the arrangements for withdrawal, added the consulate general. The consul general called on the Pakistan president today at the President's House in Karachi.

President Yahya Khan, according to the telegram, agreed that a political solution in East Pakistan was essential and reviewed his timetable for issuing a constitution and convening National Assembly before the end of the year, with provincial assemblies to meet shortly thereafter. The new national government should have

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## NARCOTICS CASE Permanent bail for Pori Moni

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A Dhaka court yesterday granted permanent bail to film actress Pori Moni in a narcotics case.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Satyabrata Sikder issued the bail order after Pori Moni surrendered before the court, seeking bail in the case, court sources said.

The magistrate also accepted the charges brought against Pori Moni and two others of possessing narcotics.

The court expressed dissatisfaction as she appeared before the court one and a half hours after the scheduled time.

Earlier, Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Metropolitan

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## Scientists create coldest temp ever recorded in lab



MAIL ONLINE

Scientists have created the coldest conditions ever recorded, reaching just 38 trillionth of a degree warmer than absolute zero.

While researching the wave properties of atoms, experts from the University of Bremen produced one of the "coldest places in the universe" for a few seconds in the lab.

Absolute zero - zero Kelvin, or -459.67° F - is the point at which atoms have no energy and

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## MOHIB ULLAH MURDER One of five arrestees 'confesses'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

One of the five arrestees in connection with Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah murder yesterday admitted before the court that he was directly involved in the operation, court sources said.

During the confessional statement under section 164, Mohammad Elias told the court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Helal Uddin that after the killing of Mohib Ullah, he informed their mastermind about the success of the operation through mobile phone.

He described the court in detail who were involved in the killing operation, said the sources.

Elias, son of Rojok Ali, is the head majhi (block chief) of C block in number 6 Lombasia Rohingya camp in Kutupalong. Though illiterate, he is known as Master Elias among

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Without safety gear, workers cleaning and cutting iron plates collected from old ships in Chattogram city's Sagarika area for sale. A worker gets Tk 600 a day as wage for this job. Accidents may happen anytime for not using safety equipment and there is also health risk as the plates gather dust. This photo was captured recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Mother, daughter gang-raped in Sherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A mother and her teenage daughter were allegedly raped by some miscreants in Nalitabari upazila of Sherpur yesterday.

On Saturday noon, the two got on a battery-run autorickshaw from Polashikura village to go to Sherpur town, where they live, said Bashir Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Nalitabari Police Station, quoting the victims.

A 40-year-old man named Omar Ali,

hailing from Polashikura village as them, was a co-passenger in the autorickshaw. Omar offered to show the mother and daughter around the village and drop them off later to Sherpur town.

The two took up on the offer. Instead of dropping them off after showing them around, Omar took them to the house of one Osman Ali in the same village.

Omar called in six persons including Jahangir Alam, Tara Mia, Mofiz Uddin, to

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 11

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-45 7-15  
JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-50 7-45

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**CORRIGENDUM NO. 02 TO REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ENLISTMENT OF APPLICANTS FOR SALE OF DRY FLY ASH FROM**

**2x660 MW MAITREE SUPER THERMAL POWER PROJECT AT RAMPAL, DISTRICT - BAGERTHAT, BANGLADESH**

The contents of Memo No.: BIFPCL/MSTPP/FLY ASH/EOI/2021/809 Dated: 26/08/2021 published in various leading dailies for the subject EOI are hereby modified to the following extent:  
The last date to free download and submit the Applications by interested parties for Enlistment have been further extended up to 01/11/2021.  
For more details and other information, please visit our website at [www.bifpcl.com](http://www.bifpcl.com). Interested parties may submit the Applications for Enlistment (Hard copy/through e-mail) on or before 01/11/2021 at BIFPCL-Dhaka/ Rampal address.

**Md. Mofijul Islam, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO)**