



## BUSINESS



### Large firms fleeced consumers: probe

Large producers in Bangladesh colluded with each other to send the price of eggs to an unprecedented level in the middle of August, hurting the pockets of consumers struggling to make ends meet, according to a probe report. In normal times, wholesalers sell eggs at a profit of 15-20 paisa per piece, but between August 9 and August 13, they made a profit of Tk 2.70 per egg, it said.

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These two women are having to cross the Mayor Hanif Flyover after they were dropped off by a bus right in the middle of it yesterday afternoon. Just a day ago, a college student died and her in-law was injured after a bus hit their motorcycle on the same flyover. Accidents there have become quite frequent, but the authorities concerned seem least bothered.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## EMPLOYEES' ARREST SC chamber judge hears govt petition Refuses to stay HC verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court chamber judge yesterday refused to stay a High Court verdict that cleared the way for law enforcers to arrest government employees in criminal cases without permission from their authorities concerned.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim, the chamber judge of the SC's Appellate Division, heard a petition filed by the state seeking a stay on the HC judgement.

The apex court judge, however, sent the petition to its full bench for further hearing on the matter today.

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## It's time to identify Aug 15 masterminds

Hasina says in parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told parliament that time has come to identify the masterminds of the carnage of August 15, 1975.

"This was not a mere plot to kill. Rather it was against our country, independence and ideology. Time has come to find out those who were behind the conspiracy," she said.

Hasina said this joining a general discussion on a proposal, placed by Awami League lawmaker RAM Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury and adopted in the House unanimously.

In her speech, the PM said at least it needs



to unmask the faces of conspirators of this carnage before the nation.

"I think the faces must be unmasked one day," she added.

"I've been doing politics taking all on board. I didn't go for revenge. I believe in the trial process. I relied on the trial process."

Noting that those involved in the killing directly were tried, Hasina said efforts were going on to bring back the fugitive convicted killers.

'CONSPIRACY ON TO KILL HASINA'

Participating in the discussion, AL lawmaker and former information minister Abul Kalam Azad said a conspiracy was on to kill Hasina

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## India ease into Super Four

AFP, Dubai

Star batsman Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav hit half-centuries to help India move into the Asia Cup Super Four stage with a 40-run win over Hong Kong on Wednesday.

Kohli made 59 while Suryakumar smashed 68 off 26 balls as the pair put on an unbeaten stand of 98 to steer India to 192-2 after being put in to bat first in the Twenty20 tournament in Dubai.

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## Evidence (Amendment) Bill placed in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The "Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2022" incorporating the admissibility of digital evidence in the court was placed in parliament yesterday.

At present, digital evidence is not accepted in court.

According to the proposed law, digital record or electronic record means any record or information generated, prepared, sent, received or stored in magnetic, electro-magnetic, optical or microfilms, computer memory, computer-generated microfiche including audio, video, DVD, CCTV footage, drone data and records from mobile phone, hardware, software or any other digital device as defined in Digital Security Act, 2018.

Besides, finger, palm and iris impressions and digital footprints, signatures and certificates will also be admissible as evidence before a court.

Law Minister Anisul Huq placed the bill, which was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry for further examination. The parliamentary watchdog was asked to submit its report within 30 working days.

Another salient feature of the proposed law is that it bars any questions on the character or previous sexual behaviour of the victim during cross-examination in rape cases.

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## Jhumon sued under DSA again, sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Jhumon Das has been sued under the Digital Security Act again and sent to jail for sharing a Facebook post that allegedly hurt religious sentiment.

Sumonur Rahman, sub-inspector of Shalla Police Station, sued him under the Digital Security Act yesterday midnight, around 12 hours after his detention.

Police detained him from his home around 11:30am on Tuesday, said Aminul Islam, officer-in-charge of Shalla Police Station.

He was produced before the court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Syed Mahbulul Islam in Sunamganj, said court sources.

Jhumon confessed before the court under section 164 of CrPC, said Borhan Uddin, court inspector of Sunamganj district police.

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

This footbridge between New Market and Gausia is occupied completely by hawkers and small shops, making it difficult for pedestrians to use them for the purpose they were built. The photo was taken yesterday.

## SOFT LOAN TO BANGLADESH

# S Korea raises it to \$3 billion

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

South Korea will increase the amount of its soft loan to Bangladesh up to \$3 billion under a five-year agreement to help the country smoothly graduate from the LDC status in 2026.

Lee Jang-keun, Korean ambassador to Bangladesh, made the announcement at an event organised by the Diplomatic Correspondents Association Bangladesh at the National Press Club yesterday.

"We might go for big projects related to infrastructure, ICT, education, transportation, energy, and environment. But we will

still need to discuss it with the Bangladesh government.

"With this increase [in the soft loan], Korea can now assist Bangladesh with bigger development projects. I believe this will help Bangladesh for the smooth graduation from LDC [status] in 2026."

The South Korean authorities concerned are working with the Economic Relations Division of Bangladesh on finalising the projects, he said, adding that they are expecting to sign an agreement by the end of the year.

Mentioning that the previously agreed upon soft loan by the two governments was \$700 million

between 2021 and 2025, Lee Jang-keun said, "Korea has decided to significantly increase the size of its soft loan - what we call EDCF - to Bangladesh to 3 billion dollars." He added that his country provides this loan at an interest rate lower than one percent and has a grace period of 15 years.

He further said the trade volume between Korea and Bangladesh reached a record high in 2021, crossing \$2 billion.

In 2021, Korea's export to Bangladesh recorded \$1.63 billion - a 58 percent increase from 2020, while Bangladesh's export to Korea reached \$552 million, showing a 40

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"সময় মত কর দিব দেশ গড়ার অংশ নিব"

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
**কর কমিশনার এর কার্যালয়**  
**কর অঞ্চল-৩ ঢাকা**

আয়েশা মঞ্জিল, কাকরাইল, ৩৫ পাইওনিয়ার রোড, ঢাকা  
<http://taxeszone3dhaka.gov.bd/>

"আমরা বদলে যাবো আমরা বদলে দিব"

**২০২২-২৩ অর্থ বছরের (২০২৩-২৪ করবর্ষের) জন্য আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৪ ধারা অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম আয়করের ১ম কিস্তি**

- ❖ যে সকল সম্মানিত করদাতা/করদাতা কোম্পানির সর্বশেষ নিরূপিত আয় ৬ (ছয়) লক্ষ টাকার বেশী তাঁদের ক্ষেত্রে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধের বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে।
- ❖ ২০২৩-২০২৪ করবর্ষের জন্য ৪ (চার) কিস্তিতে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়করের **১ম কিস্তি পরিশোধের শেষ তারিখ ১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২২ খ্রিঃ।**
- ❖ সম্মানিত করদাতা/করদাতা কোম্পানি কর্তৃক সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কেলে **Deputy Commissioner of Taxes** এর অনুকূলে চালান/অটোমেটেড চালান (এ-চালান)/পে-অর্ডার/ক্রস চেকের মাধ্যমে অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধ করা যাবে।
- ❖ নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করা না হলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৯ ধারা অনুযায়ী খেলাপী করদাতা হিসেবে গণ্য হবেন। একইসাথে অগ্রিম আয়করের সমপরিমাণ অংক জরিমানা আরোপ এবং ৭৩ ধারা অনুসারে সরল সুদ আরোপ করার বিধান রয়েছে।
- ❖ সম্মানিত করদাতা/করদাতা কোম্পানিকে নির্ধারিত তারিখে অথবা তার পূর্বে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করে জরিমানা এবং সরল সুদ পরিহারের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

**কর অঞ্চল-৩, ঢাকার অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন আয়কর জমার কোড**

- ❖ ১-১১৪১-০০১০-০১০১ (কোম্পানির ক্ষেত্রে)
- ❖ ১-১১৪১-০০১০-০১১১ (কোম্পানি ব্যতীত)

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