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Charles III proclaimed King

Queen Elizabeth's funeral on Sept 19



AFP, London

With a trumpet fanfare and gun salutes, Charles III was officially proclaimed king at a pomp-filled ceremony yesterday, at which he pledged to emulate his late mother Queen Elizabeth II and serve for the rest of his life.

A court official wearing a feathered bicorn hat declared Charles "our only lawful and rightful" monarch from the balcony of St James's Palace after a historic Accession Council meeting of senior royals, clergy and government.

The centuries-old tradition of the council was televised live for the first time as it officially announced the 73-year-old Charles as monarch after

seven decades as heir apparent. "I am deeply aware of this great inheritance and of the duties and heavy responsibilities of sovereignty, which have now passed to me," Charles said in a speech before swearing an oath.

"In taking up these responsibilities, I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set."

Eight trumpeters accompanied the proclamation that was followed by a rousing three cheers for the new king by red-jacketed Coldstream Guards soldiers, doffing their distinctive bearskin hats.

Ceremonial gun salutes boomed simultaneously across the United Kingdom and the proclamation -- a relic from the past where the new monarch needed to be announced to their subjects -- was also read publicly in Scotland, Northern Ireland and

Charles automatically became nonarch upon the queen's death MORE ON PAGE 7 SEE PAGE 6 COL 4



Truckers illegally park their vehicles on a road in the capital's Tejgaon area, disregarding the fact that their act almost blocks the road. The photo was taken recently.

FISCAL TRANSPARENCY Bangladesh falls short **Finds US Department of State**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has not met the minimum requirements of fiscal transparency to enable meaningful public participation in budgeting processes despite making significant progress, said the US Department of State's 2022 Fiscal Transparency Report.

The minimum requirements include having key budget documents that are publicly available, substantially complete and generally reliable and transparency in the natural resource extraction contracting and licensing procedures.

Of the 141 countries (and the Palestinian Authority) evaluated, the governments of 72 met the minimum requirements and those of 69

"A finding that a government does not meet the minimum requirements of fiscal transparency does not necessarily mean there is significant corruption in the government," the report said. In South Asia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Maldives failed to meet the minimum requirements.

Of the 69, 27 -- including Bangladesh -- made significant progress oward meeting the minimum requirements of fiscal transparency SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

SYLHET GAS FIELDS Production to go

up 7 times

Company sets target for 2025

DWOHA CHOWDHURY

Sylhet Gas Fields (SGFL) is aiming to increase gas production by seven times by 2025 by way of exploring new gas reserves, digging eight new wells and workover of 11 abandoned wells.

With the help of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company (BAPEX), SGFL has set a target to produce 618 million cubic feet of gas per day by 2025 from the current 91 million cubic feet that it supplies to the national grid.

Production will increase to 174 million cubic feet of gas per day in 2023 and to 429 million in 2024, said Md. Mijanur Rahman, managing director of SGFL.

In 2025, 46 wells will be in operation and produce 618 million cubic feet of gas per day.

The three-dimensional seismic survey for exploring new gas reserves, the digging of new wells and workove SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

First rest areas for truckers almost ready

Guideline for their operation approved; parking fees fixed



TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

If a driver of a truck feels tired during his long journey on highways, there are no facilities for

He usually has to illegally park his vehicle beside the highway and take a nap inside the truck.

But this is going to change on at least two national highways within this year. Drivers would be able to park their vehicles in a dedicated place and relax for hours at restrooms there.

Two more highways are expected to get the facilities in June next year.

Drivers have to pay for the services following a guideline, which was approved on Thursday.

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6 men rape teen in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A 10-grader was abducted and raped by six men in Thakurgaon on Friday.

Locals found the 16-year-old girl lying unconscious by the side of a road with her mouth gagged with a strip of cloth in Sreekristapur area around midnight and called the police. Police later took her to a hospital.

Rokibul Alam, a resident medical officer of the hospital, said it seemed that the girl was raped and she was traumatised.

The victim told The Daily Star that the incident happened while she was travelling in a three wheeler to Thakurgaon town from her village in Baliadangi upazila.

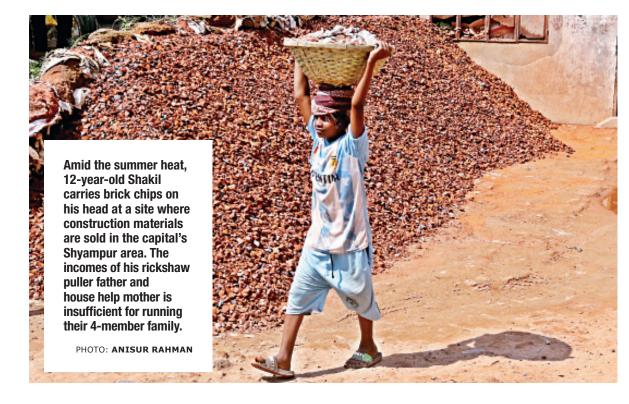
She got on the vehicle after 1:00pm and there were six men in it, she added.

While on the road, the men pointed a knife at her and asked her to keep quiet. The vehicle soon stopped in front of a house where the men forced

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'আমরা বদলে বাবো

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Your sleep might 'predict' how long you'll live

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sleep Increased fragmentation is the "strongest predictor mortality, according to a new review of studies.

research, published recently in the journal Digital Medicine, assessed 12,000 studies investigating characteristics of individuals during their sleep, including chin and leg movement,

breathing, and heartbeat. Scientists, including Emmanuel Mignot from Stanford University, developed a system using machine learning to predict a person's "sleep

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FERTILISER SHORTAGE Farmers block highway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hundreds of farmers demonstrated in Rangpur's Pirganj upazila yesterday, protesting the shortage of urea fertilizer during the peak

The agitated farmers blocked the Rangpur-Dhaka highway for over an hour around 9:00am and later organised a rally at Pirganj Bazaar. On information, police and local administrations, including Pirganj UNO Birada Rani Roy and Upazila Agriculture Officer Mohammad Sahiduzzaman, rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Kabirul Islam, one of the farmers, said they did not get even a kilogramme of urea fertilizer in the last 10 days after repeated attempts at different shops and dealer points.

"Many farmers offered Tk 1,500 for getting a 50kg urea bag, but could not get it," he said.

The Aman plantation was delayed for 20 days at various places in the upazila for the absence of rain and a drought-like situation. The farmers finally managed to cultivate Aman after irrigating their farmlands with high fuel costs.

But, the crisis of urea is dismayed the farmers, said Nasir Uddin, another farmer.

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Unpredictable Pakistan meet wily SL

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI from DUBAI

In Dubai, the centre-stage for the Pakistan-Sri Lanka final today, there was no intense media activity with both teams having opted to stay within their hotel, foregoing practice sessions and media conference.

Pakistan-India matches had lived up expectations and generated discussions but with India not having made the final, the attention had slightly decreased. The streets do not carry a flavour of a big match coming up and in the midst of it all, Pakistan's head coach's remark on what he said about the toss had grabbed the attention.

"If you want to be champions, you don't think or talk about toss," Pakistan head coach Saqlain Mushtaq said after the last Super Four game against Sri Lanka on Friday, knowing quite well that the outcome of the dress rehearsal for the final too had gone to team batting second, as it did in almost all games in the 15th edition of the tournament so far.

Question remains how either side will approach the final after being dealt the 'bad' side of the coin since winning the toss will always lead to the decision of batting second.

"See the toss is a very big factor here but our batsmen are very good at batting in both first SEE PAGE 6 COL 1



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কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয় कत अक्षम-१, छाका ২য় ১২ তলা সরকারী অফিস ভবন (৪র্থ তলা)

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কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের ২০২২-২০২৩ অর্থবছরের (২০২৩-২০২৪ কর বছরের জন্য) অগ্রিম আয়করের ১ম কিন্তি প্রদানের অনুরোধ

কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার অধিক্ষেত্রাখীন সম্মানিত করানাতাগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ২০২২-২০২৩ অর্থ বছরের (২০২৩-২০২৪ কর বছরের জন্য প্রযোজ্য) o8 (চার) কিম্বিতে প্রদেয় অগ্নিম আয়করের ১ম কিন্তি প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ১৫ সেন্টেম্বর, ২০২২। আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা ৬৪ [Advance payment of tax] অনুযায়ী যে সকল করদাভার সর্বশেষ নিরুপিত আয় ০৬ (ছয়) লক্ষ টাকার বেশী তাহাদের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের বিধান প্রযোজ্য হইবে। এই প্রেক্ষিতে কর অঞ্জ-৭, ঢাকার সম্মানিত করনাতাগণকে ১ম কিন্তির অপ্রিম আয়কর ১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২২ তারিখের মধ্যে পরিশোধের জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হইল।

করদাতা বিধি অনুসারে অপ্রীম কর যথাসময়ে প্রদান না করিলে ধারা ৬৯ [Failure to pay installments of advance tax] অনুসারে খেলাপী করদাকা [Assessee in default] হিসাবে গণ্য করিবার এবং ধারা ৭৩ [Interest payable by the assessee of advance tax] অনুসারে সরল মূদ আরোপ করিবার বিধান রহিয়াছে। এছাড়া নির্বারিত ভারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধ করা না হইলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা ১২৫ [Failure to pay advance tax] অনুসারে প্রদের করের সমপরিমাণ অংক জরিমানা আরোপ করিবার বিধান রহিয়াছে।

প্রদেয় অগ্রিম কর, সম্মানিত করদাতা তীহার সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কেলের উপ কর কমিশনার এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ক্রসড-চেক/চালানের মাধ্যমে কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার নিমুবর্ণিত হিসাব কোডে পরিশোধ করিবেনঃ

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কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা আশা করে যে, সম্মানিত করদাতাগণ নির্যারিত তারিখে বা তাহার পূর্বে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধপূর্বক নাগরিক দায়িত্ব পালনে সচেষ্ট হইবেন। জাতীয় রাজস্ব আহরণে কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা আপনার সহযোগিতা প্রত্যাশা করে।

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