



IMF watching economy like a hawk

Stipulated exacting data reporting as part of loan programme

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The International Monetary Fund would be watching the Bangladesh economy like a hawk, stipulating an extensive list of data reporting regularly as part of the conditions agreed upon for the \$4.7 billion loan programme.

The rigorous data reporting requirement would inform the Washington-based lender how the government is faring with the programme objectives of restoring macroeconomic stability, accelerating overdue reforms and tackling climate change challenges.

To that end, the central bank would have to send 13 reports daily, three reports weekly and 21 reports monthly. The finance ministry would have to send 20 reports monthly and three quarterly reports.

Each month, the National Board of Revenue, the Export Promotion Bureau and the Bureau of Manpower, SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Buses parked at the newly built Kadamtali bus terminal in Sylhet city. The terminal, built on around 8.5 acres by Sylhet City Corporation for about Tk 67 crore, was opened on trial last week. The structure is expected to be formally inaugurated soon. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



Passing of a business icon

Rangs founder, Star founding director dies at 86

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent businessman A Rouf Chowdhury passed away at his home in the capital yesterday after suffering prolonged illness. He was 86.

Founding chairman of Rangs Group and Sea Resources Group, Rouf had his footprint in the country's media as well.

He was one of the directors of Mediaworld Ltd, the company which owns The Daily Star.

The noted entrepreneur is survived by his son Romo Rouf Chowdhury and daughters Romana Rouf Chowdhury and Sohana Rouf Chowdhury.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Gulshan Azad Mosque

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Today, we present to our readers the fifth and final segment of our five-part 216-page special supplement series. The final part of our special supplement series, titled,

“Celebrating the inspirers,”

features the stories of individuals who have opened up new frontiers in the business world, as well as unrecognised women from remote rural areas, who have helped inspire the creation of a better Bangladesh.

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Pak Taliban warns of more attacks on cops

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan's Taliban yesterday warned of more attacks against law enforcement officers, a day after four people were killed when a suicide squad stormed a police compound in Karachi.

The police are often used on the frontline of Pakistan's battle with the Taliban and are frequently a target of militants who accuse them of extra-judicial killings.

Last month, more than 80 officers

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DRAFT ELECTORAL ROLL 2022 Women comprise over half of new voters

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

More female voters have got on the voter list than males during the last registration of prospective voters ahead of the 12th parliamentary election.

After updating the voter roll for 2022, the Election Commission found that 53.34 percent of the newly added voters were females, according to the draft voter list unveiled by the EC last month.

The figure was 30.31 in 2021 and 40.30 in 2020.

EC officials said strong campaigns putting emphasis on enrolling all eligible

women has brought about a change in people's attitude towards registering females. They said it was one of the reasons for the rise in the number of new female voters.

Enquired about the reason for the significant rise, NID wing Director General AKM Humayun Kabir said, "Many women registered in the draft voter list this time as the enumerators went door-to-door. Campaigns were also conducted to make sure that no eligible women are left out."

He said many women could not become voters over the last two years due

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Abdur Rouf Chowdhury
22 September, 1937 - 18 February, 2023

WE MOURN

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Mr. A. Rouf Chowdhury, Founding Chairman of Rangs, Rancon and Sea Resources Group, ex-Chairman of Bank Asia Ltd., and Director of Mediaworld Ltd. A renowned industrialist and a visionary leader in the world of business in Bangladesh, he breathed his last on February 18, 2023, at his residence in Dhaka.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, son Mr. Romo Rouf Chowdhury; two daughters, Ms. Romana Rouf Chowdhury and Ms. Sohana Rouf Chowdhury and seven grandchildren. Mr. A. Rouf Chowdhury founded many successful industrial enterprises, spanning a plethora of industries such as Automobiles, Pharmaceuticals, Real Estate, IT, Deep-Sea Fishing, Telecommunications, Electronics, Media, and Financial Institutions.

He is widely recognized as one of the most innovative and influential figures in the business sector of Bangladesh, and his contributions to the industry will never be forgotten. He leaves behind a rich legacy of innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership that will continue to inspire future generations of business leaders. We express our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family members during this difficult time and hope they will find strength and comfort from the Almighty to bear this irreparable loss.

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