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'Bangladesh always ready to welcome you'

PM tells foreign investors at Bangladesh Business Summit

STAR REPORT

The Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 began yesterday to showcase the country's potentials to global investors.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the three-day event, urging the international business community to invest in Bangladesh as the country will be a developed, prosperous, and smart one by 2041, reports BSS.

"Bangladesh is always ready to welcome you. Invest in Bangladesh thinking that it is your country," she said.

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) organised the event at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in the capital, marking its 50th founding anniversary.

The ministries of foreign affairs, commerce, and the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) have partnered with the FBCCI for the event.

The organisers are highlighting that Bangladesh's economy has been growing annually by around 6 percent for two decades. The country is set to graduate to a developing country by 2026. And it is expected to become the ninth largest consumer market by 2030.

A documentary screened at the event showed how Bangladesh aims to be an upper middle-income country by 2031 and a developed one by 2041.

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The country is the world's largest exporter of jute and jute products. To make economic advancement pick up pace and to become a developed nation, the government's target is to establish 100 economic zones.

The prime minister said improving the investment environment was the government's priority, according to a FBCCI statement.

She said the BIDA is implementing the Bangladesh Investment Climate Improvement Programme mainly to put an end to red tape.

People around the globe have been suffering amid rising prices of essentials and high inflation rates due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia-Ukraine war, and economic sanctions and counter-sanctions, she said.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and dignitaries at the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 organised yesterday at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

PHOTO: PID

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RU students, locals clash; over 220 hurt

University suspends classes, exams for 2 days; police outpost, 50 shops set on fire; fight broke out over argument on a bus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 220 people were injured after students of Rajshahi University fought running battles with locals and police in Binodpur area near the campus yesterday evening over trifles.

At least 20 students suffered shotgun pellet injuries as police fired teargas and rubber bullets to control the situation.

Witnesses and law enforcers said the students vandalised and set ablaze some 50 shops in the area.

A police outpost was also set on fire and officials could not tell who set it ablaze.

The university authorities suspended all classes and exams for two days.

The clashes were still going on when this report was filed around 1:15am today.

At least seven platoons of BGB were deployed in the area, said Lt Col Shabbir Ahmed of BGB Battalion-1.

According to law enforcers and locals, a student of the university was travelling to Rajshahi from Bogura by bus when he had an argument with the bus driver and his assistant over taking a seat in the bus.

When the bus stopped at the Binodpur gate of the university around 6:00pm, their argument reignited.

At that time, a local shopkeeper



intervened, taking the side of the bus driver and helper.

There was pushing and shoving between the shopkeeper and the student. The situation soon escalated as more students and locals engaged in the fight and chased each other.

Several motorcycles were vandalised during the clash.

Prof Sultan-ul-Islam, pro vice-chancellor of the university, told The Daily Star around 10:00pm that 150-200 students were injured in the

incident.

They were treated at the university medical centre and Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

At least 86 people were admitted to the RMCH, officials said.

Most of the injuries were caused by police charging truncheons and locals and students throwing brick chunks and stones at each other.

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Transmitting Adani's power to get costlier

Project is one of six seeking revision today

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and ASIFUR RAHMAN

The overall cost for transmitting electricity from the Adani power plant in Godda, Jharkhand is set to increase further as two projects meant for that end are eyeing cost and time revisions.

In today's meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council, one of the 12 proposals that would be placed for approval involves the revision of a project on setting up the transmission network for the electricity generated at the Adani power plant.

"If the project is implemented, the power imported from India (Adani) can be fed into the national grid through the northern region," said the revised proposal from the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh, the implementing agency.

PGCB is now seeking an additional Tk 1,048.5 crore and another year for completion of the project called the Southwest Transmission Grid Expansion Project.

The revision is to accommodate route expansion and build new substations, according to the proposal.

Some transmission lines related to bringing in power from India have been added and some need to be reconstructed such as the east-west interconnector along with transmission lines from Gaibandha's Palashbari to Bagura's Mahashangar and from Pabna's Ishwardi

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Bangladesh not heading towards Chinese debt trap

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Two men pouring kerosene in a barrel by the side of a street in the capital's Tejgaon, oblivious to the serious risks of a fire. Besides, they were doing this next to a plant of Linde, which makes gasses for industrial and medical use.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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ঢাকা পরিবহন সমন্বয় কর্তৃপক্ষ (ডিটিসিএ) এর উদ্যোগে কৌশলগত পরিবহন পরিকল্পনা (Strategic Transport Plan, STP) হালনাগাদ কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে।

এ প্রেক্ষাপটে, ডিটিসিএ-এর অধিক্ষেত্রে (ঢাকা, নারায়ণগঞ্জ, গাজীপুর, নরসিংদী, মুন্সীগঞ্জ ও মানিকগঞ্জ জেলা) কৌশলগত পরিবহন পরিকল্পনা হালনাগাদের জন্য খানা জরিপ কার্যক্রম মার্চ থেকে ডিসেম্বর ২০২৩ পর্যন্ত চলবে। জরিপ কর্মীগণ দৈবচয়নের ভিত্তিতে বাড়ি-বাড়ি গিয়ে তথ্য সংগ্রহ করবেন। এ জরিপ কার্যক্রমে সঠিক তথ্য ও মতামত প্রদান করে একটি উপযোগী পরিবহন পরিকল্পনা তৈরিতে সহযোগিতা করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

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