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## Showcasing progress to diplomats

Says foreign minister; 34 diplomats visiting Ctg, Cox's Bazar

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The foreign ministry has arranged an "Ambassadors Outreach Programme" in Chattogram and Cox's Bazar for foreign diplomats, aimed at exhibiting the country's development.

On the first day of the programme, foreign diplomats yesterday first visited the Naval Academy in Chattogram, then the Karnaphuli Tunnel, before going to Cox's Bazar by train.

A total of 34 diplomats - including those from the European Union, Russia, China, Korea, Italy, Denmark, Kosovo, Pakistan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Vatican, Bhutan, Spain, Argentina, Libya, Singapore, Australia, Egypt and France - took part in the programme.

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud, Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen, Additional Foreign Secretary Nazrul Islam are also attending the two-day event.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina awards a police official on the occasion of Police Week-2024 in Dhaka's Rajarbagh Police Lines yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

## Chunnu criticises govt move to hike power prices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition Chief Whip and Jatiya Party MP Mujibul Haque Chunnu yesterday in parliament slammed the government for its plan to hike electricity and energy prices, saying such moves will add to the misery of people.

Speaking on a point of order, Chunnu demanded the government withdraw its decision.

The government is set to hike electricity and energy prices from first week of March to reduce subsidy bills from the state coffers, said State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid yesterday.

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## Boi Mela extended by two days

STAR REPORT

The duration of this year's Amar Ekushey Book Fair has been extended by two days.

The fair will continue till Saturday, with permission granted by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said Mohammad Nurul Huda, director general of Bangla Academy.

He said the PM gave her approval in response to publishers' request. It was supposed to end Thursday.

The Boi Mela will operate from 11:00am to 9:00pm, following the regular weekend schedule, with the initial two hours dedicated to Shishu Prohor (children's hour).

## SC must represent voice of the marginalised

Justice Borhanuddin tells farewell reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The working class of the country can secure a decent livelihood if appropriate legal measures are implemented against those who exploit the nation's resources, said Justice Borhanuddin, the senior most judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, yesterday.

He was speaking at a farewell reception held on his last working day at the Appellate Division's courtroom-1 of the Supreme Court.

"The apex court of Bangladesh, as the constitutional court, must represent the voice of marginalised people," he said.

The judiciary serves as the guardian of the country's constitution, having the crucial duty to assess the consistency of laws passed by the legislature, he said.

The judiciary's role is to ensure that executive actions align with the fundamental rights outlined in the constitution.

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## AL govt behind BDR mutiny: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka



Responding to Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud's comment that BNP was involved in the BDR mutiny, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday said the incident occurred under the patronage of the Awami League government.

He made the remarks at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan central office.

"The absence of the army operation in Pikhana, the hospitality offered to the killers, the announcement of general amnesty, and allowing many to flee abroad raised many questions. Many people lost their jobs for raising those questions," he said.

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## BNP didn't get what they wanted from US: Quader

UNB, Dhaka



Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said the government wants friendship with foreigners but will not allow anyone to dominate the country.

"We want friendship with foreign allies. But we will not tolerate it if they want the role of master instead of friend," he said at a press conference at the AL president's Dhanmondi office.

Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, said during the recent visit of a US delegation, they talked about taking the

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