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Price of 12kg LPG cylinder up Tk 35 in October

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The price of a 12kg LPG cylinder has been set at Tk 1,456 for the month of October, up by Tk 35 from Tk 1,421 the previous month.

The new price of the essential fuel will come into effect from last evening, the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission announced.

The price of LPG per kg will now be Tk 121.32, up from Tk 118.44.

Prices of other liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders -- from 5.5kg to 45kg -- will go up proportionately.

As per the BEREC decision, the price of "auto gas" (LPG used for motor vehicles) also increased to Tk 66.64 per litre from Tk 65.26 per litre in September.

The price of LPG, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



Italian Ambassador Antonio Alessandro paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at the latter's Tejgaon office in Dhaka yesterday. They discussed cooperation on police reforms and formal migration to the European country. PHOTO: BSS

Unified ministry key to transform education system

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To ensure a seamless transformation across primary, secondary, and higher education, a unified ministry should lead the entire process instead of two separate ones, speakers said at a discussion yesterday.

The remarks came during a press briefing on "Seamless Transformation in Education to Eliminate Disparities: The Context of Bangladesh," organised by a platform called "Non-government Education Family" at the CIRDAP auditorium, under the initiative of Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE).

CAMPE also recommended that students not be divided into science, humanities, and business studies subjects in the ninth grade, as it creates inequalities in education and society.

Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of CAMPE, presented a policy paper at the programme.

"The transformation in education is no longer just about creating a curriculum or printing new textbooks. It must involve preparing materials aligned with teaching-learning methods, developing evaluation processes, and making planned changes in the implementation of the curriculum," she said.

Speakers also recommended establishing a National Education Transformation Commission based on global experiences, research findings, and expert input.

They added that foreign experts could be consulted for guidance. SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

'July revolution may veer off course'

Warns Prof Salimullah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 1972 constitution did not incorporate the spirit of the Liberation War, said Prof Salimullah Khan yesterday.

He said equality, human dignity, and social justice were not incorporated in that constitution, and the country started heading in the wrong direction after independence, he said.

Meanwhile, there is at least a 50 percent chance that the July revolution also may go in the wrong direction, added Prof Salimullah, a member of the Ganatantrik Odhikar Committee.

For example, no one bothered about the religion, caste, or political affiliation of those who joined the movement, he said, adding, "But now, some have been attacking temples and shrines. If such incidents keep occurring, we

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He made the remarks at a discussion, titled "What Kind of Dhaka University We Want: Investigation into the Reasons and Solution of the Crisis," held on the DU campus.

Prof Salimullah said the appointment process of a university teacher should be reformed first.

"Good results or degrees are not enough to be a good teacher. There should be teacher training institutes. Also, before becoming a university teacher, one should serve in secondary or higher secondary level institutions for at least two years," he said.

Prof Mohammad Azam, director general at Bangla Academy, said, "The government invests in university teachers by sending them abroad for higher degrees. But with the SEE PAGE 4 COL 8

Siraz Uddin Mia principal secy to chief adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Siraz Uddin Mia, widely known as Siraj Uddin Sathi, has been appointed as the principal secretary to the chief adviser of the interim government.

Siraz is also the author of "Grameen Bank, The Struggle of Dr Muhammad Yunus".

Yesterday, the Ministry of Public Administration issued at least five notifications regarding secretary-level appointments and transfers.

Siraz has been appointed for two years. Meanwhile, Masudul Hasan has been appointed as the secretary of the Ministry of Food. Khalil Ahmed, who served as the secretary to the Ministry of Land, has been made officer on special duty and has been replaced by ASM Saleh Ahmed as senior secretary on a two-year contractual basis.

Badruddoza hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury was admitted to Uttara Women's Medical College Hospital due to a lung infection yesterday morning.

In a press release, Badruddoza's press secretary Jahangir Alam quoting the veteran politician's daughter, Dr Shaila Chowdhury, said the former president has a pre-existing heart condition known as ischemic heart disease.

Badruddoza is currently receiving treatment under the supervision of Dr Aparna Rahman, head of cardiology at the hospital, and two other medicine specialists, Dr Maruf Bin Habib and Dr Shaila Chowdhury, said the press release.

Zubaida Rahman's jail term suspended for one year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has suspended the jail term of Zubaida Rahman, wife of BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman, for one year, on the condition that she will file an appeal in the case upon surrender.

A circular issued by the home ministry yesterday said the decision has been taken following Section 401 (I) of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The move follows an application from Zubaida seeking the suspension of her sentence, with approval from the law ministry.

In August last year, a Dhaka court sentenced Zubaida to three years in prison, and her husband Tarique to nine years, in a graft case filed by the ACC in 2007.

The sentencing occurred in their absence.

DURGA PUJA CELEBRATIONS

Guidelines issued for maintaining law, order in country

UNB, Dhaka

In preparation for the upcoming Durga Puja, the interim government has issued several directives aimed at ensuring a stable law and order situation.

These directives were issued yesterday through an official memorandum signed by Md Zahirul Haque, senior assistant secretary of the Political-2 branch of the Public Security Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

As per the directives, police, Rab, Ansar and Village Defense Party forces will enhance visible patrols and increase intelligence surveillance. Armed forces members deployed for maintaining order will also provide necessary assistance.

Preparations will be made to prevent any unwanted incidents. Should any unexpected events arise, effective measures will be taken immediately in coordination with all relevant parties.

Local administration and law enforcement agencies will conduct inspections of the puja mandaps.

Authorities have to remain vigilant against the spread of any objectionable or inflammatory statements on social media that may hurt religious sentiments.

Puja celebration committees have to appoint sufficient number of volunteers and guards for round-the-clock monitoring of the puja pandals, with at least three during the day and four at night.

Also, Monitoring committees should be formed, including respected individuals and students from various sectors of society, to ensure the security of the puja mandaps. Deputy commissioners and UNOs will be responsible for forming these committees.



Protesters gathered at Shahbagh yesterday demanding an immediate end to the violence in the CHT. They also called for a fair investigation into the attacks on the indigenous communities. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Probe into indigenous deaths in CHT

Demand eminent citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of 44 citizens and rights activists have called for a transparent and impartial investigation into the deaths of four indigenous individuals following violent clashes in Khagrachhari and Rangamati on September 18.

They also demanded swift legal action against those responsible for the violence.

In a joint statement, the group outlined several key demands, including compensation for the families of the four victims and those whose homes and shops were looted and burnt during the clashes.

They also called for an immediate end to any state support for anti-indigenous groups in the hill areas, which they say is essential for maintaining peace.

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