

Bangladesh takes IMF loan as a 'breathing space': PM

WASHINGTON DC: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Saturday said Bangladesh has taken a loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a "breathing space" while the global lender assured of continuing to provide such support in future.

"We have taken the loan from the IMF as breathing space," quoting the Prime Minister as saying Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen told a news briefing.

The Prime Minister made the remarks when an IMF delegation led by its Managing Director (MD) Kristalina Georgieva paid a courtesy call on her at the meeting room of The Ritz-Carlton hotel here this afternoon.

The IMF had recently approved a loan of 4.7 billion US dollar for Bangladesh.

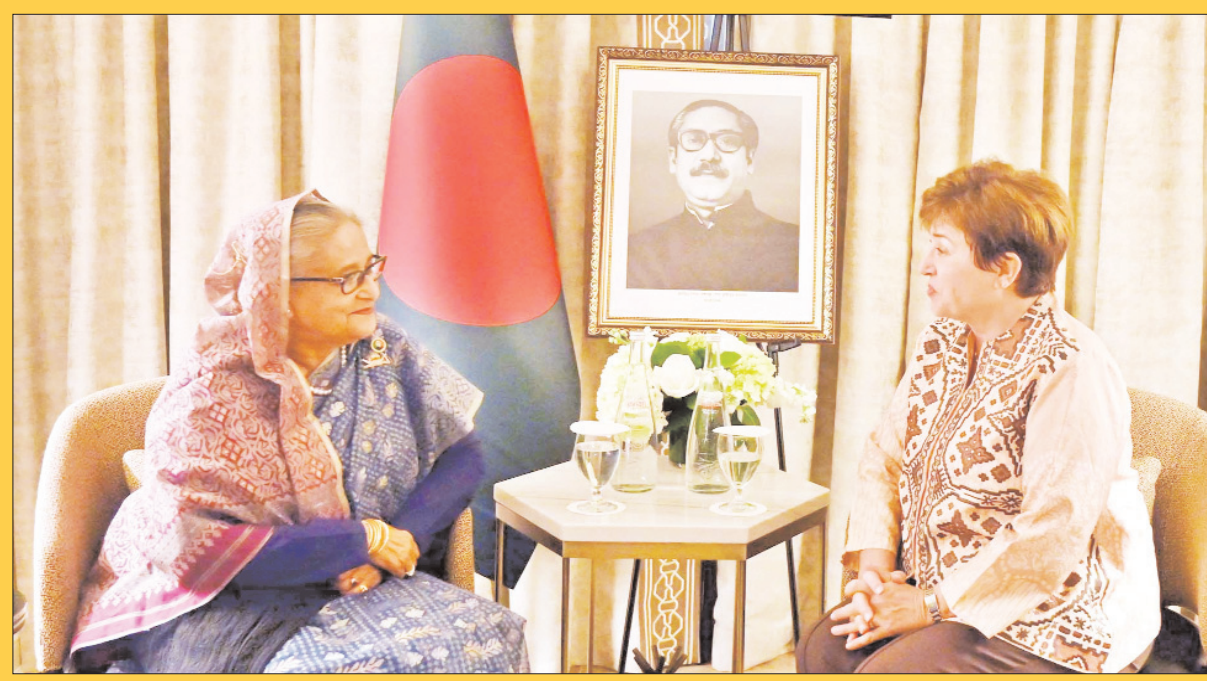
The Foreign Minister said that the IMF MD has highly praised the unprecedented advancement of Bangladesh in various sec-

tors under the dynamic leadership of Sheikh Hasina which makes Bangladesh economy stable after the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Bangladesh is a role model in the world (in terms of its overall development) which makes its economy even after the Coronavirus pandemic," Momen said quoting the IMF managing director.

The IMF chief said leadership like Bangladesh Prime Minister is necessary to go ahead towards prosperity confronting all the hurdles. She said Bangladesh has achieved remarkable progress due to establishing massive infrastructure development, well connectivity and maintaining the law and order. Kristalina also hailed the maintaining stability in the macro economy even in the Covid-19 pandemic. Bangladesh's Prime Minister apprised the IMF chief of her government initiatives

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IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva meets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hotel Ridge Carlton in Washington

Supreme Court resumes after Eid vacation

Staff Correspondent

The High Court and Appellate Division of the Supreme Court opened today to conduct regular judicial operations after the 23-day long court and Eid-ul-Fitr vacation. The proceedings have started simultaneously in 50 benches of the High Court from 10:30 am yesterday. Earlier, the Supreme Court (SC) went into vacation on April 9 (Sunday). However, more five days were added to the vacation as the government extended the Eid-ul-Fitr vacation by one day by executive orders on April 10. During the vacation, the Chamber

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People have no faith in BNP due to its double standard: Quader

Staff Correspondent:
Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader today said the people have lost their faith in BNP due to the party's double standard. "On the one hand, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said they won't contest the elections but on the other hand, BNP leaders and workers submitted nomination papers for contesting the upcoming city elections in mayoral and councilor posts," he said in a statement. The statement was issued in protest against BNP secretary general's "absolute falsehood". Quader said BNP leaders have become frustrated after

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321 Dhaka buildings risky, yet in use

Rajuk, city corporations still haven't taken action

Staff Correspondent:

Thousands of people visit the Dhaka North City Corporation Zone-5 office every day to obtain its services, unaware of the dangers they might face.

A portion of DNCC's zonal building's roof has collapsed several times, with cracks in the pillars and plaster falling off in 24 rooms. Additionally, electrical wires on the walls make the site a potential death trap for anyone who visits or works in the office. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case, with 321 buildings in the capital identified by the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) as earthquake-prone and highly vulnerable. "Since my room is too risky, I'm working in the executive engineer's room. I abandoned the room last year since I cannot work there," said Mutakabbir Ahmed, executive officer

of zone-5 under DNCC. Mutakabbir Rajuk, DNCC, and Dhaka South City Corporation to put up sign boards indicating the risks and disconnecting utility services such as gas, water, electricity, and telephone lines.



Additionally, as per the decision, the regional office and its utility services ceased operation. Nevertheless, DNCC displayed apathy towards its own safety by neglecting the committee's order. However, despite identifying these buildings six years ago, three authorities -- Rajuk, DNCC, and DSCC -- are yet to take any action regarding these buildings located in densely populated areas. They have not even put up any banners. Contacted, DSCC spokesperson Abu Naser said he is unaware of the list and present condition of the listed

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Bangladesh Coast Guard rescues 19 stranded fishermen from sea

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Coast Guard on Saturday rescued 19 fishermen on a fishing trawler 22.5 nautical miles away from the coast of Cox's Bazar after they called the national emergency service number 999.

Teknaf Station Commander Lieutenant Commander HM Lutful Lahil Majid confirmed the matter in a press conference at Coast Guard East Zone BCG station in Nuniachara area of the town in the afternoon.

On April 23, 19 fishermen boarded the fishing trawler named FD 'Sajib-1' and sailed for the Bay from Manpura area of Bhola district to bait and catch fish for their

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Strife spirals in JaPa

Staff Correspondent

As the elections draw nearer, the internal conflict in Jatiya Party (JaPa) surrounding GM Quader and Raushan Ershad is worsening. Sources said that this dispute within the main opposition party JaPa in the Jatiya Sangsad emerged over the control of the party. This conflict is being regulated from outside the party ahead of the upcoming parliamentary elections. As a result, many of the leaders of the party believe it is very unlikely that this issue will be resolved.

Several senior leaders of JaPa told Prothom Alo that the conflict between the two parties regarding the party's authority, committee formation and candidacy may become more public in the future. Although the majority of the leaders and workers are with the party chairman GM Quader, another faction supporting Raushan Ershad have become active with the election ahead. Many others are balancing both sides.

The leaders and activists of different

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BNP has to choose between being musclemen and political party: Hasan

Staff Correspondent:

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday said BNP will have to decide whether the party would be used as the musclemen of someone who is living far away or to survive as a political party. "I think a political party is no longer a mass people's organization if it remains constantly apathetic to the elections and doesn't take part in polls. And it would become a worker-based organization to protect interest of someone," he said. In fact, BNP's acting chairman wants the party to be their musclemen and for this, he doesn't want to allow BNP to participate in the elections, said Hasan, replying to a question of reporters at the conference room of his ministry at the Secretariat here. Criticising a declaration of



waging movement by BNP, minister said the party is talking about such movements for the last 14 years and people take it as a jock. Even,

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'Loan defaulter' Zahangir's nomination papers rejected

Staff Correspondent

The nomination paper of the suspended mayor of Gazipur City Corporation Mohammad Zahangir Alam, along with two other candidates, has been rejected.

"Zahangir Alam's nomination paper was rejected due to him being a loan defaulter," said returning officer Md Faridul Islam on Sunday (30 April).

Zahangir Alam and his lawyer present at the time said to the returning officer, "The guarantor never defaults on the loan. Moreover, the defaulting borrower institution has already deposited the installment amount and applied for the loan

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Khaleda Zia's condition stable, family and physicians say

Staff Correspondent

BNP chief Khaleda Zia's condition is stable, according to her family and doctors at Evercare Hospital. Shairul Kabir Khan, a member of the BNP's media cell, on Sunday said: "After arriving at the hospital on Saturday night, several tests were done on Madam (Khaleda). She was also visited by a team of doctors who reviewed the test reports right away." Syed Sharmila Rahman, the wife of Khaleda Zia's late son Arafat Rahman Koko, is with the BNP chairperson at the hospital. Khaleda Zia is undergoing treatment under the supervision of cardiologist Prof Sahabuddin Talukdar of Evercare Hospital. Professor AZM Zahid Hossain told reporters on Saturday night that it would take time to conduct some tests. "Doctors will review Begum Zia's test reports again on Sunday." Family sources said Khaleda Zia would be taken home after all the tests were done. Former prime minister Khaleda Zia, 77, has been suffering from various ailments, including liver cirrhosis, arthritis, diabetes, and kidney, lung, heart and eye problems.

She visited the same hospital for medical check-ups on February 27. Khaleda received treatment at the hospital six times since she



was infected with Covid in April 2021. In November 2021, Khaleda Zia was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis. On June 10 last year, the BNP chief suffered a heart attack due to a 95% block in her left artery and a stent was placed there by removing the blockage at the same

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Move to link Dhaka metro network with more cities



Staff Correspondent

A move has been made to expand Dhaka city's metro rail network to a few more cities to facilitate faster commuter movement through the mass transit system.

Under existing mass rapid transit (MRT) lines, sources said, an extension plan has

already been taken to establish a link with Savar, Gazipur, Tongi and Narayanganj.

They said the authorities concerned have started working to find scope to link MRT lines with Munshiganj, Manikganj and Narsingdi.

As the revised strategic transport plan (RSTP) has been updated, studies are being done to this end.

The Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL) is implementing four out of six MRT lines to establish 128.74-kilometre network under the RSTP by 2030.

MRT-06 has been planned to expand its line from Uttara to

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Project for expanding artificial insemination of livestock delayed again

Staff Correspondent

A project for expanding artificial reproduction and implementing embryo transfer technology in livestock farming has been delayed once again due to slow implementation. The five-year project, styled "Expansion of Artificial Reproductive Technology and Implementation of Embryo Transfer Technology", will now take an estimated eight-and-a-half years to complete. And although seven years have already passed, some of its salient components remain

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Taiwan slips into recession

Desk Report

Taiwan's export-dependent economy contracted more than expected in the first quarter and slipped into recession as exports were hit by slowing global tech demand and broader economic woes, but should hit a 2 per cent growth target this year. Gross domestic product (GDP) shrank 3.02 per cent in January-March from a year earlier, following a contraction of 0.41 per cent in the previous quarter, preliminary data from the statistics agency showed on Friday. That marked the economy's worst performance since 2009 and lagged a fall of 1.25 per cent predicted in a Reuters poll. "The first-quarter GDP was the worst since the financial crisis," Wu Peihuan from the Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics told



reporters, referring to the 2008-2009 global crisis. "This quarter's external demand was weak, but private consumption was strong."

There is still a chance, though, for the 2023 full-year GDP to hit 2 per cent growth, the statistics department said. Taiwan's exports fell year-on-year for a seventh consecutive month in March, with the government predicting the

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Known for laughs, DC dinner spotlights risks of journalism

Report AFP

The White House Correspondents' Association dinner — known for its fun albeit ferocious jabs at Washington

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

The offices of The Daily Evening News will remain closed today (Monday) on the occasion of May Day. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow (Tuesday). However, the online and advertisement sections of the newspaper will remain open on the day.



Bangabazar, New Supermarket reopen amid fire risks

Staff Correspondent

In a risky move, authorities have allowed the reopening of Dhaka's Bangabazar and New Supermarket despite recent devastating fires that caused extensive damage. Business owners have already resumed sales in some shops, while others are in the process of reconstruction. Earlier this month, two separate fires occurred in the capital, one at Bangabazar and another at New Supermarket, resulting in significant losses for many

traders. Multiple investigative committees were formed to look into the causes of these incidents, although none have submitted their reports yet. Sources close to the investigations revealed that the probe into both incidents is nearing completion and the reports are expected to be submitted shortly. However, the exact date for submission remains uncertain.

Visits to Bangabazar and New Supermarket on Saturday revealed that some shops have already

reopened, while others are undergoing renovations. At Bangabazar, most shops in the Mohanagar shopping complex and Banga Islami Market have reopened, as well as the first three floors of the Anexo Tower, while renovations are underway from the fifth to the seventh floor. Meanwhile, at New Supermarket, some businesses were allowed to open ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations, with more shops reopen

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No scope of SSC question leak this year: Dipu Moni

Staff Correspondent

Education Minister Dipu Moni today said there is no chance of SSC question paper leak this year.

"If anyone tries to spread rumour over question paper leak, strict action will be taken," the minister told reporters while visiting SSC exam centre at Badda High School in the capital.

"In case of any error in the exam paper, the authorities would investigate and take appropriate action," she said.

She also called on the in-charges of the examination centres, including teachers and headteachers across the country, to stay aware and take necessary precautions to avoid mistakes.

Regarding the schedule of SSC and HSC exams next year, the education minister said the government is considering to start the exams earlier, giving proper time to the candidates to prepare themselves. "We will decide on the exam schedules after getting

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Sample crop harvesting and farmers meeting held at Jhenaidah

Khairul Islam Nirob,

-Sample crop harvest and farmers meeting held at Jhenaidah. Sadar Upazila Directorate of Agricultural Extension organized this in Veterinary College area of Holidhani village of Holidhani Union of Sadar Upazila on Sunday morning. District Commissioner SM Rafiqul Islam was present as the chief guest under the chairmanship of deputy director of the district agriculture extension department agriculturist Md. Azgar Ali. Additional Deputy Commissioner Rathindranath Roy, Additional Deputy Director (Grains) of District Agriculture Extension Department Md. Zahidul Islam Biswas, Sadar Upazila Agriculture Officer Noor A Nabi, Chairman of Holidhani Union Parishad Adv. Enamul Haque Neelu, Deputy



Assistant Agriculture Officer of Holidhani Union Mofiz Uddin. Sadar Upazila Agriculture Extension Officer Muhammad Junaid Habib conducted the program. At the beginning of the farmers' rally program, sample crops were cut in 20 square meters in the Boro paddy land plot of Holidhani village farmer Md. Aminur Rahman

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Bangabandhu Parishad for improving working people's living standard following Bangabandhu

Staff Correspondent

Bangabandhu Parishad yesterday, in a statement on the eve of May Day (Labour Day), wished further improvement of the living standard of the country's working and professional people in line with the thoughts of Bangabandhu. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman stood by all the exploited people across the world, including Bangladesh, throughout his life... It is the wish of Bangabandhu Parishad on the May Day that the living standard of all working and professional people in Bangladesh would improve and their rights would be protected further following the path shown by Bangabandhu," said the statement of the Parishad. Bangabandhu Parishad President (acting) Professor Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique and General

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Police ready to face any challenge on law & order issues

Staff Correspondent

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun said police is ready to face any challenges on law and order. "The Prime Minister has declared 'zero tolerance' policy against militancy and terrorism. So, all members of the police, administration, public representatives and intelligence agencies

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Casino 'kingpin' Salim Prodhan gets 8 years in jail

Staff Correspondent

Casino "kingpin" Salim Prodhan has been sentenced to eight years in prison by a court in Dhaka for illegally amassing Tk57.79 crore and laundering about Tk22 crore.

Judge Md Badrul Alam Bhuiya of Dhaka's Eighth Special Judge's Court handed down on Sunday.

The judge stated that the prosecution had proven the charges brought against Salim Prodhan beyond any doubt.

The judge also said Salim Prodhan had amassed his wealth from his online casino business and siphoned money off to Thailand and the US.

Salim's Russian wife, Anna Prodhan, who was present in court, expressed her disappointment and said she would challenge the verdict in the High Court, according to media reports. Earlier, the prosecution and defence lawyers completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 37 prosecution witnesses, including the complainant of the case. The judge framed charges against Salim Prodhan on October 30, 2021.



On February 4 of 2021, Anti-Corruption Commission Deputy Director Gulshan Anwar Pradhan, also the investigating officer of the case, submitted the chargesheet to the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka.

Salim caught public attention in 2019 when law enforcement carried out drives against illegal casino businesses.

He was arrested on a Bangkok-bound Thai Airways flight at Dhaka airport on September 30, 2019 over his alleged involvement in running an online casino business.

Later that night, the Rapid Action Battalion raided his office and residence in Gulshan and

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90pc paddy harvested so far in haors: Dr Razzaque

Staff Correspondent

Agriculture Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque today said about 90 percent of paddy has been harvested so far in the haor region, expressing that this year a record 22 million tonnes of rice will be produced in the boro season. He revealed this information at a press briefing in the conference room of the agriculture ministry here this afternoon. Agriculture Secretary Wahida Akter, senior officials of the ministry and the heads of organisations were present. Dr Razzaque said 49,00,076 hectares of land was targeted to be brought under boro cultivation in fiscal 2022-23 while boro paddy was cultivated on about 50 lakh hectares. He said this year the production target is 2.15 crore metric tonnes of rice. "The condition of paddy in the field is good and paddy has also been harvested well in haors. Hopefully, 10 lakh

tonnes more rice could be produced this year than the target," he added. About the paddy price, the minister said farmers are getting a fair price for paddy as they are able to sell paddy at Taka 900 to 1200 per maund after harvesting from the field. He said about 4.52 lakh hectares of land was brought under boro cultivation this year in seven haor districts - Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Kishoreganj, Netrakona and Brahmanbaria

In these seven districts, the total boro cultivation (including haors and upland outside haors) was 9.53 lakh hectares with a production target of four million tonnes of rice, he added. Razzaque said about 91 percent of paddy has been harvested in Sylhet, while 97 percent in Moulvibazar, 80 percent in Habiganj, 96 percent in Sunamganj, 80 percent in Kishoreganj, 96 percent in Netrakona and 92 percent in Brahmanbaria.

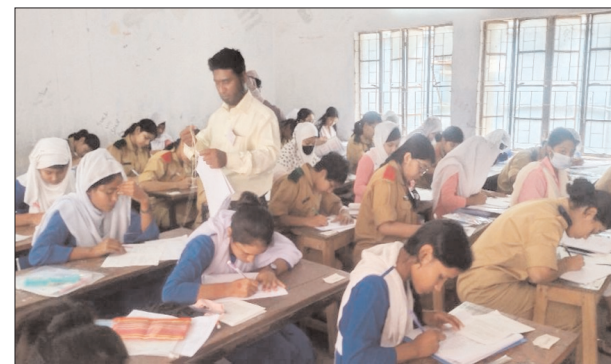
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Demand for formation of managing committee in Mahmudpur Multipurpose High School

Jamalpur Correspondent:

Mahmudpur Multipurpose High School on the western border of Melandah Upazila of Jamalpur District is not being formed as a part of the conspiracy to destroy the reputation and tradition of the school. The Acting Headmaster of the school and the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee are not forming any permanent managing committee in coordination with each other. It has been reported in the complaint that ad hoc committee has already been formed several times (several times). The tenure of the 4th Ad Hoc Committee is nearing its end. But this time too there is no activity in the committee election. A parent of the school complained that the formation of ad hoc committee is being done for the 5th time. The complainant named Shahidur Rahman is the Jamalpur Deputy

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A total of 12466 candidates participated in the SSC and equivalent exams in Joypurhat

Moshiur Rahman, Joypurhat :

The SSC and equivalent examinations across Bangladesh which started on 30th April (Sunday) have been held in total 31 centers in the district. The total number of candidates in the district is 12466. Among them, 9101 SSC candidates, 2237 Dakhil candidates and 1128 Vocational candidates participated. During the examination, Deputy Commissioner of Joypurhat District and learned District Magistrate Mr. Md. Salehin Tanveer Gazi visited some centres. He visited Akkelpur Pilot Girls High School, Akkelpur Senior Madrasa and Kshetal Government Model Pilot High School and College of Kshetal Upazila in Joypurhat District. He expressed satisfaction with the overall situation of the examination centers. Exams are being conducted in a fair, beautiful and fake free environment in all the centers. Examination center secretaries assisted the media workers by providing relevant information and taking video footage, still images.

Why is Chuadanga facing record temperatures?

Experts blame climate change and Chuadanga's geographical location, among other things, for extreme temperature changes

Staff Correspondent

Chuadanga, a district in southwestern Bangladesh, is known for experiencing intense heat during the summer months and extreme cold in the winter.

Many are curious about the factors contributing to such extreme temperature fluctuations in this particular area.

The district recently recorded the country's highest temperature for nearly two consecutive weeks.

On Saturday, Chuadanga recorded a temperature of 37.5°C. Earlier this month, temperatures had consistently climbed, reaching 42.5°C on April 17.

The highest temperature ever recorded in Chuadanga was 43°C in 2014. In 2021, the highest temperature was 41°C and this year it rose to over 42°C.

Environmentalists and experts attrib-



ution of arable land and the environment, and man-made crises.

These factors contribute to the intense heat during the summer and the extreme cold during the winter. Amirul Azad, a senior meteorologist at the Bangladesh Meteorological Department's Khulna office, pointed out that the Tropic of Cancer passes

over Chuadanga, which is the primary cause of the intense temperatures.

"The Tropic of Cancer passes through Chuadanga, Jessore, Ishwardi and Rajshahi. This is why intense heat is experienced during the summer and extreme cold in the winter. The upper layer of the

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Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni speaking to reporters while visiting Badda High School on Sunday

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to make sure the overall development of her country. "The development of the country has not made in a day rather it's a result of longtime planning," she said.

Sheikh Hasina said that she prepared the plan on how she wanted to develop Bangladesh while she was in jail after the changeover and started working with the plan after assuming power for the second time in 2009.

She apprised the IMF boss of Bangladesh's measures to fight the adverse impact of the climate change and women empowerment.

The Prime Minister hailed the role of IMF in the journey of Bangladesh's development and wish continuation of the support in future.

During the briefing, Bangladesh Bank Governor Abdur Rouf Talukder said the IMF has always stand by Bangladesh in the last 14 years to maintain stability in the macro economy and also gave required advices as the country never derailed from it.

Bangladesh is currently engaged with a programme of 4.7 billion US dollar with IMF which Bangladesh has got only two weeks negotiation despite the fact many countries cannot avail the loan after negotiation of years, he said.

"IMF will continue such kind of cooperation in future," Rouf said quoting the IMF chief.

Finance Division Senior Secretary Fatima Yasmin and Economic Relations Division Secretary Sharifa Khan were present during the briefing.

People have no

being rejected by the people again and again. So, they fear contesting polls and they always try to make the elections and the election process questionable.

He said BNP had destroyed the country's election system as the partfounder military dictator Ziaur Rahman held 'yes-no' vote by keeping the military rule in force. Holding the charge of army chief, Ziaur Rahman arranged the president election in 1978 and parliamentary elections in 1979, he said. Following Zia's footprints, his wife Khaleda Zia held voter-less farical election on February 15, 1996 to prolong her staying in state power, he said. The AL general secretary said Mirpur and Magura by-elections which were held during the BNP's tenure have been regarded as the scandalous incidents in the country's history. About Mirza Fakhrul's comment "Awami League doesn't believe in democracy," Quader said AL has waged protracted struggles and movements for establishing the people's democratic rights as well as their rights to vote and food.

The voting rights of the country's people have been established at the hands of Awami League, he said, adding that certainly AL will not receive the lesson of democracy from BNP. He said BNP founder Ziaur Rahman gifted the people curfew-like democracy. Zia had established military dictatorship in the country in the name of democracy, he mentioned. The minister said BNP hindered the country's democratic advancement and obstructed the people's rights to vote again and again.

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buildings. Another six-storey building called "Sardar Villa" under DSCC, located on North-South Road -- one kilometre away from the exploded building in Siddik Bazar -- was also deemed risky.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found a large steel shop on the ground floor of the building, and private companies on the two upper floors, while the remaining four floors are rented apartments.

There is hardly enough space to get to the entrance stairway of the building. There are hundreds of shops and houses built around it. The building looks like it was constructed with low-quality materials.

Al Amin Hossain, a shopkeeper of a steel shop on the building's ground floor, has been doing business with a trade license from DSCC for seven years.

He said neither the house owner nor any government officials informed him that the building was risky.

Meanwhile, around 1.3 kilometres away, on Northbrook Hall Road, an old two-storey building with five electronic shops, has broken walls and cracks.

Despite some renovations, the building remains in poor condition. Several families are living on the second floor and five electronic shops exist on the building's ground floor.

This correspondent attempted to talk to the residents living in the house but they declined to comment on the matter.

However, Jamal Hossain, who has a shop in the building, said, "I'm doing business following DSCC's rules. But I was not aware that the building was in poor condition."

Meanwhile, Rajuk has turned a blind eye to the situation, despite the increasing number of risky buildings and the potential threat they pose.

Asked, Mobarok Hossain, director (Development Control) of Rajuk, was unaware of this building list.

He said, "It's not our [Rajuk] job to demolish buildings, city corporations do this work."

Meanwhile, two city corporations have been reported to allow facilities and businesses to operate in such hazardous buildings.

Contacted, Selim Reza, chief executive officer of DNCC, said they have decided to take an initiative to demolish a risky building and the work will begin soon.

"Some work has already been carried out as per the instructions given in 2016," he said.

Experts warn that constructing buildings that don't follow building codes and failing to monitor them is Dhaka's biggest vulnerability.

Prof Adil Mohammed Khan of urban and regional planning at Jahangirnagar University expressed his concern over Rajuk's and city corporations' lack of action, despite preparing a list of risky buildings.

He said, "Urgent action is needed to prevent a possible disaster, and the responsibility lies with these authorities to act promptly."

Bangladesh Coast

businesses. At one stage, they got stranded after their trawler's engine went out of order.

Since then, the engine has stopped working, and the trawler has been drifting in the deep sea.

He also said that there was water all around, and the shores were not visible from the deep sea.

'After floating in the sea for these days, suddenly the network became available and they called the emergency service at 999,' he said.

'There was no mobile network.' The position of the trawler could not be detected as it did not have a GPS device, he said.

The Coast Guard members conducted a rescue operation at sea and rescued 19 fishermen unharmed, added the officer.

Strife spirals

levels of JaPa said, many of them have the impression that the division surrounding elections will continue as it was during the term of the party's founder Hussain Muhammad Ershad. If GM Quader takes an anti-government stand for any reason during the 12th parliament elections, the party led by Raushan Ershad will take a counter stance. The leader of

the opposition party in the parliament, Raushan Ershad, has publicly said several times that she would always stay with the government.

Many of the leaders of the party have said at various times that there are many questions about the 2014 and 2018 national elections. In the two elections, JaPa had to participate given its relationship with the government. The importance of JaPa will once again soar if BNP does not participate in the next elections. Considering that possibility, many former and current leaders of JaPa are maintaining contact with Raushan Ershad with the hope of becoming members of parliament. Many JaPa leaders believe that Raushan Ershad is more trustworthy than GM Quader. This lack of trust grew stronger after the situation faced by GM Quader in running the party.

After the suspension of the court ban, GM Quader can now continue the party activities, but the crisis within the party has not ended.

However, one of JaPa's co-chairmen, Kazi Firoz Rashid, told Prothom Alo that he was not aware of any conflict in the party. However, there may be some differences regarding the next election which cannot create division in the party. He said, the time has not come yet to disclose the party's plan regarding the national elections. JaPa will make the right decision no matter what.

According to the responsible sources of JaPa, supporters of Raushan Ershad, after being dormant for some time, have now become active to organise the council. The council preparatory committee held a meeting on 23 April. Raushan's son and party central joint secretary general Rahgir Al Mahi Saad Ershad was the chief guest at the meeting. As per the decision in the meeting it was announced to form a committee by next June and draft a list of possible candidates for the next parliamentary elections.

In the meantime, the pro-Raushan leaders have formed council preparation committees of 42 districts. Most of the members of these committees are deserters or expelled leaders, though. It is said that many former leaders who were away from politics for a long time have also been kept in the committees.

Raushan Ershad addressed a JaPa leader's meeting in Manikganj to exchange views, joining in virtually on 27 April. There she said, "Candidates will be nominated in the future by evaluating their qualifications."

The followers of GM Quader believe that efforts are being made to include Raushan supporters in the party positions by creating pressure through these activities including the announcement of the district committee.

According to an official source of JaPa, Raushan Ershad recently sent a list of 24 leaders to party chairman GM Quader and asked them to be included in the party ranks. Among them are Raushan's political secretary Golam Masih, Ziaul Haque Mridha, Masiur Rahman and Kazi Mamunur Rashid, who were expelled from the party.

In this regard, a co-chairman of JaPa told Prothom Alo on Saturday that the names sent by the opposition leader, Raushan Ershad, are accused in one way or another in the party. Even if the party chairman takes them into the party using special authority, he will have to face questions.

Ziaul Haque Mridha, the expelled leader and former MP of the party, filed a case against GM Quader as the chairman of the party in the first joint district judge court of Dhaka on 30 October. In that case, the court issued a temporary restraining order to prevent GM Quader from taking any kind of party decision and carrying out his duties. He abstained from political activities for about three months. Later, when a High Court rule suspended the ban, he became active in politics again. However, it is known from the party sources that he is still under various pressures. Amid this, the Raushan supporters are using the official letterhead and address of the Jatiya Party to release statements and notices in the name of the party. They are making new decisions as well.

GM Quader commented that this division of JaPa is "imposed by a vested quarter". He told Prothom Alo that no government wants Jatiya Party to be strong. They benefit if the Jatiya Party is weak. But those who became part of the conspiracy to weaken their own party are doing so without realising its consequences. Eventually they will perish.

Khaleda Zia's

hospital the following day. Doctors also found two more blocks in her blood vessels, but they could not remove those due to her health complications.

Khaleda was sent to the Old Dhaka Central Jail as a lower court sentenced her to five years in jail in the Jatiya Orphanage Trust corruption case on February 8, 2018. Later, she was found guilty in another corruption case the same year.

Amid the Covid pandemic, the government temporarily freed Khaleda Zia from jail through an executive order suspending her sentence on March 25, 2020, on the condition that she would stay in her Gulshan home and not leave the country.

'Loan defaulter'

schedule. "I mortgaged my own land for humanitarian reasons to save an industrial establishment. I did not own the money and the company paid the money. Still, my nomination paper was cancelled which is undemocratic. I did not get impartiality and justice from the commission," Zahangir said, adding he will appeal to the High Court.

The other two candidates whose nomination papers were cancelled are independent candidates Mohammad Oliur Rahman and Md Abul Hossain.

However, his mother, Zayeda Khatun, who is also running for the post of mayor, was declared a valid candidate.

Zahangir submitted his nomination papers on Thursday (27 April) to run for the post again as an independent candidate.

He was suspended from the post of mayor in November 2021 on charges of corruption, abuse of power and mismanagement. He was also expelled from the Awami League for breaking party discipline.

However, Zahangir was reinstated to the party in January this year, subject to conditions.

Zahangir Alam sought an Awami League nomination to be a candidate for the post of mayor in the Gazipur city elections. However, the party has nominated Metropolitan Awami League President Azmat Ullah Khan.

Ever since the matter was confirmed in mid-April, rumours were rife that Zahangir might run for the polls as an independent candidate.

Later, he told the reporters that he is standing in the election "not against party but against person."

If Zahangir Alam takes part in the election as an independent candidate, he will be considered a rebel. Rebel candidates can be expelled without prior notice for competing against an individual nominated by the party, as per Awami League's constitution. Many in the party feel if Zahangir takes part in the election on 25 May, it will slim the chances of victory for Azmat Ullah Khan.

While senior Awami League leaders support Azmat, Zahangir has a significant hold over junior leaders. Many think since the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) is not in the election, some of the party's supporters may end up voting for Zahangir and defeat Azmat.

In 2013, Azmat Ullah Khan lost the city corporation elec-

tion to BNP nominee MA Mannan. In that election, Zahangir, as an independent candidate, bagged nearly 30,000 votes - which many believe contributed to Azmat's loss.

Zahangir Alam got the Awami League nomination in the 2018 city corporation polls and won the election. He also became the general secretary of the city's Awami League chapter. In November of 2021, footage of Zahangir making derogatory remarks about Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and expressing doubts about the number of martyrs in the Liberation War went viral. The was expelled from the party and later the government suspended him as mayor.

BNP has to

BNP's activists don't believe such threats and they have no confidence in their leaders, said Hasan, also Awami League joint general secretary. Criticising another comment of BNP secretary general, the minister said Awami League has always assumed power through elections and the party (AL) believes in the power of people and in their strength. On the other hand, BNP does not believe in polls, and for this, they have boycotted the elections and tried to resist the polls, he added. Even, he said, BNP took part in the 2018 polls to make it questionable. BNP is a political party and it is their own decision whether the party would take part in polls or not, he added. Replying to a query on Begum Khaleda Zia's health issue, Hasan said it is a part of a plan of BNP to show Begum Zia as sick. But she is now in good health, he added. He said a few days ago BNP leaders claimed that Begum Zia's life would be at risk if she was not taken abroad. After that, the countrymen witnessed that Begum Zia returned to her home getting well, he added.

Move to link

Tongi, MRT-01 from Airport to Gazipur, MRT-05 South to Rugganj and MRT-05 North to Savar from Hemayetpur under the second phase. However, none of these corridors are yet to complete the first-phase work.

An official of the Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA), which updated the RSTP, said the latest revision would review studies of existing MRTs and also study traffic demand and trip generation to find scope for planned MRTs.

Without studies, scope for a network of MRTs with district towns surrounding Dhaka would not be confirmed, he added. Sources said scope for expanding MRT-06 and MRT-01 to connect Tongi and Gazipur through existing road network has already been damaged due to bus rapid transit line.

So, the study will try to find an alternative route to connect the metro rail with these areas. DMTCL officials said they have started talking with project funders for extension of MRT-06 up to Tongi. But they said MRT-01, which just commenced fieldwork, would take more time. DMTCL and DTCA officials, however, said the extension plan has been taken for the planned MRT network by 2041 on completion of existing MRT lines. The DMTCL has made progress in four MRTs as part of MRT-06 was opened to traffic on December 29. But MRT-01 started depot land development work recently and has yet to complete procurement process by selecting contractors for all its package work. MRT-05 North is now at the end of the detailed design stage while MRT-05 South at the final feasibility-study stage. But MRT-02 and MRT-04 are yet to get momentum for not finding potential investors.

Project for expanding

unachieved, according to documents of the Planning Commission. Planning Minister MA Mannan approved the project's second revision, which was placed before a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council on April 18. The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The fisheries and livestock ministry initially took up the Tk 265 crore project in January 2016 with the completion date set for December 2020. But the Department of Livestock Services (DLS), as the implementing agency, failed to complete the project within this deadline and subsequently sought its first revision. The project cost was then increased by about 78 per cent, or Tk 206 crore, while its completion date was extended by two years. But following the second revision, the project cost was reduced by 8.20 per cent to Tk 433 crore. The project was taken to expand artificial insemination programmes at the union level, implement cattle embryo transfer technology at Savar Dairy Farm and increase cattle semen production to ensure increased availability of meat and milk in the country.

Under the project, the DLS aims to provide six months of training on artificial insemination to 2,000 volunteer technicians.

Taiwan slips

downturn may continue until at least the fourth quarter. Economy Minister Wang Mei-hua told reporters there were no "obvious signs of recovery" for the global economy due to high inflation and high interest rates, and Taiwanese companies were still seeing high levels of inventory. "Everyone hopes things improve in the second half," she said. Taiwan's first-quarter exports dropped 19.17 per cent from a year earlier in U.S. dollar terms, the agency said.

Quarter-on-quarter, the economy contracted 6.37 per cent on a seasonally adjusted annual rate. The economy in China, Taiwan's largest export market, grew 4.5 per cent in the first quarter on the year, faster than expected as the end of strict COVID-19 curbs freed businesses and consumers from crippling disruptions.

Bangabazar, New

Fire Service urges reconsideration of decision. Fire Service officials claim that New Supermarket was already in a precarious condition even before the fire incident. They urged the authorities to reconsider the logic of reopening the market in such a hazardous situation.

Fire Service and Civil Defence Director (Operation and Maintenance) Lt Col Mohammad Tajul Islam Chowdhury said the authorities have been informed about the high-risk locations that are susceptible to fire tragedies.

No scope of

feedbacks from teachers across the country." Dipu Moni also stated that the government set this year's HSC exam date earlier with an aim to normalise the academic session.

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and its equivalent examinations began across the country this morning.

Police ready to

have been working together," he said. Addressing a view exchange meeting with his officers at Sylhet Police Lines Auditorium yesterday, Mamun said, "We have successfully controlled militancy and terrorism. We have enough capacity and preparedness to deal with anyone who will try to deteriorate the law and order situation." Replying to a question, he said police perform their

duties under the Election Commission (EC) during the election period, adding, "Police will perform their duties, which the EC will assign the police in the upcoming national elections."

"Bangladesh Police is a traditional institution which is about 150 years old. Police performed its duties during the elections in the past. In the future, police will carry out the electoral duties with professionalism," Mamun added. Replying to another question, the IGP said police is successfully performing its duties in controlling law and order in the country.

"Police have the manpower, training and capacity to deal any law and order challenges and it is ready to face any challenges related to law and order issues," he said. About the law and order situation in the Rohingya camp, Mamun said police have been working in the Rohingya camps on law and order issues. Action was taken against those involved in various criminal activities. Operations are being continued to improve law and order situation in Rohingya camps," he said. Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP) and Sylhet district police organized the meeting.

SMP Commissioner Md Ilias Sharif, Sylhet Range DIG Shah Mizan Shafiqur Rahman, DIG Armed Police Battalion Shah Abid Hossain, Superintendent of Police Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun and officer officials were present in the meeting.

Bangabandhu Parishad

Secretary Professor ABM Faruque issued the statement jointly, marking the May Day to be observed across the world today. Referring to the background of declaring May 1 as Historic May Day in 1986, they said under the auspicious initiative of Bangabandhu, Bangladesh got the membership of International Labour Organization (ILO) in 1972 just after the country's independence. The Bangabandhu government ratified all the 29 conventions including six core convention of the ILO, the statement said. The day is being observed across the globe since 1886 commemorating the supreme sacrifices of the workers at Hay Market, Chicago, in the USA for eight-hour work day and upholding the rights of the working people. To press home their demands, working people had to sacrifice their lives in tragic bomb attacks and police atrocities on May 1, 1886. In 1889, the International Socialist Conference declared that in commemoration of the Haymarket affair, and to pay respect to the innocent victims, 1 May would be an international holiday for labour, now known in many places as International Workers' Day. Since then, May Day is observed as a holiday all around the globe.

Sample crop

. Through which the size of total paddy production in the district is determined. It is known that a total of 7 to 8 varieties of rice have been cultivated in 23 thousand 750 hectares of land including local and research in Jhenaidah Sadar Upazila. This year, in 6 upazilas of the district, a total of 89 thousand 814 hectares of land has been cultivated, said the District Agricultural Extension Department.

Casino 'kingpin

arrested his associates Aktaruzzaman, Roman and Masum.

RAB also recovered 48 bottles of foreign liquor, Tk28 lakh in cash, foreign currencies of 23 different countries worth around Tk77 lakh, 12 passports, 32 cheque books of 13 banks, one large server used in game operating, four laptops and two deer hides.

A RAB mobile court also sentenced Salim to six months in jail for illegal possession of the deer hides.

Three more cases were also filed against him.

Demand for formation

Commissioner, District Secondary Education Officer, Upazila Chairman, Upazila Executive Officer P Melandah has applied for the formation of a managing committee along with the Upazila Secondary Education Officer. However, for the development and reputation of Mahmudpur Bhumukhi High School, acting headmaster and president of the ad-hoc committee, protecting the school from extra-legal conspiracies, he is not able to be free from apprehension about the election of the managing committee. It is also known from several sources that the formation of the committee is being delayed for the ulterior motive of getting appointed as acting head teacher.

Why is Chuadanga

atmosphere does not change easily here," he said. "The geographic location and atmospheric rules will continue to create such weather. However, the weather will change with rainfall or the arrival of winter," he added.

Jaminur Rahman, the person in charge of the Chuadanga Weather Observatory, agreed with this assessment.

He also highlighted factors such as shrinking rivers, reduced rainfall, destruction of arable land and the environment, and the establishment of industries and factories that have contributed to the increase in temperature.

Prof Md Mustafa Saroar, head of the urban and regional planning department at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, highlighted the connection between the Padma River area and the high temperatures.

"The temperature is higher in the Padma River area. It is related to climate and vegetation. The heat flow will cause higher temperatures, and, conversely, temperatures will be lower at different times," he said.

He attributed the lack of rainfall to the intense heat and warned that such heat flow can create sudden nor'westers, and many regions will experience heavy rainfall and storms that will damage crops and properties.

The head of the Environmental Science discipline at Khulna University, Dr Abdullah Harun Chowdhury, said that climate change and human-induced crises are causing extreme heat in Chuadanga.

"Once, the hottest area in the country was Nature's Lalpur. Now, due to climate change and human-induced crises, it is being felt in Chuadanga," he said, adding that the temperature is increasing day by day due to land reclamation, drought, lowland flooding and decreased water levels.

Meanwhile, people's lives have been disrupted by the drastic temperature changes.

Paddy fields are being burned due to the heat, causing extensive damage to crops.

Day labourers and van-rickshaw drivers are the most vulnerable, unable to work in the heat.

Shafiqul Alam, a farmer from Kulchara village in Chuadanga Sadar upazila, said it has been very difficult to endure the heat, and farmers cannot work in the field.

"The extreme heat is affecting our crops and our livelihoods. We are struggling to find ways to adapt," he added.

Rickshaw-van puller Mahbob Hossain from the same upazila said: "I do not have the strength to take another trip after one. I get exhausted from the heat. The heat is not decreasing in any way. This is affecting our income."

The number of patients is also increasing at the district government-run hospital and upazila health complexes, as many people are becoming sick from the excessive heat.



Death of shrimps in enclosures worriers Khulna farmers

Business Desk

Shrimp farmers in the country's southern region have become worried as 'Bagda' shrimps are dying in various enclosures due to various reasons including excessive heat. Shrimp, also known as white gold, is one of the main sources of income in the southern region including in Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat districts.

Farmers said 'Bagda' shrimps in the enclosures are dying just before they are suitable for sale and so they have lost their capital in the beginning of the production season.

'Bagda' shrimps started to die at the beginning of production this year and despite following various advices of fisheries officials, shrimps' death has not stopped, they said. Fisheries experts said shrimps are dying due to lack of biosecurity, depth of enclosures, problems of water sources, oxygen shortage and food shortage.

Farmers in the region are devastated by the loss of capital invested in the enclosures and the pressure of repayment of loans from banks and NGOs have left in great frustration. Amid serious financial crisis, many are moving out of the area to find alternative work.

They are incurring huge losses as 'Bagda shrimp' between 35 and 45 days old have been dying just before the sale.

About the cultivation method, farmers said

that at the end of the month of Magh, after the preparation of the enclosures in the southern region, the release of the fries starts.

Due to the problem of water extraction, many farmers start releasing fries in the middle of the month of Falgun. And it takes two to three months for these fries to be suitable for sale.

Taibur Rahman, a shrimp farmer of Deora village in Koyra upazila of Khulna, said, "I cultivated shrimp on three bighas of land. It began to die 37 days after release of fry. I hoped to start selling Bagda after 50-55 days but it did not happen."

Abdul Hai, another shrimp farmer of the same area, said, "We cultivated Bagda on five bighas of land. I have to run the family with that income. After a month and 10 days, the fish start dying. I'm running the family on loan. I was forced to leave the enclosure behind and go out to work."

Abu Daud of Ashashuni upazila of Satkhira said most of the shrimp in their area are dying at the age of 35 to 45 days. Some farmers started selling Bagdas when they were young and somehow managed to raise money to release them.

Bidyut Mondal, president of Mongla Upazila Fish Farmers Association in Bagerhat district, said, "The big problem at present is that Bagda shrimp aged 35 to 45 days are dying. This year, most of the

shrimp in the enclosures died after being one and a half inches in size. The situation is little better now, but shrimps keeps dying. Once the fries start dying in an enclosure, the neighbouring enclosures are also affected. And it takes about two to three months to fix the environment of the enclosures. However, if the fries die for the second time, there is no end to the loss of farmers."

According to the district fisheries office, there are 20,430 Bagda cultivation enclosures in Khulna covering 32,998 hectares land. There are 66,597 Bagda cultivation enclosures in Satkhira district covering 78,240 hectares land.

Senior Upazila Fisheries Officer of Koyra in Khulna Aminur Haque said, "EMS (early mortality syndrome) has been occurring in some places recently. As a result, shrimp die within 40 to 45 days. It is probably caused by bacteria called Vibrio parahaemolyticus and Vibrio herbi. There is also a problem due to the rise in temperature."

"To prevent this, nets should be used around to ensure the biosecurity of the enclosures. The depth must be increased to maintain three to five feet of water all times. In addition, good aquaculture methods should be adopted in addition to releasing virus-free fries," he said. Satkhira District Fisheries Officer Anisur Rahman said, "We have given necessary advice on what to do for shrimp farmers."

Argentina to pay for Chinese imports in yuan instead of dollars

Business Desk

Argentina will pay for Chinese imports in yuan instead of US dollars in order to preserve its dwindling foreign reserves, Economy Minister Sergio Massa said on Wednesday.

The South American country will be able to "programme a volume of imports in yuan worth (the equivalent of) more than \$1 billion from next month," Massa said at a meeting in Buenos Aires with China's ambassador Zou Xiaoli.

This would "replace" the use of Argentina's US dollar reserves.

Argentina's government on Tuesday accused the country's rightwing opposition of fueling a dramatic erosion of the peso against the dollar, and ordered an investigation.

The peso stood at 227 to the dollar at the official exchange rate Tuesday, but reaching more than double that on the

parallel "blue" market. The slide started last week after several days of pressure on the peso in a period of pre-election uncertainty in a country with exchange controls in place to limit the effects of a financial crisis and rampant inflation of more than 100 per cent year-on-year.

Economist Maria Castiglioni told the TN broadcaster the devaluation was partly the result of Argentines seeking "refuge" in the US dollar to protect their purchasing power.

Massa said the decision to pay in yuan "improves the perspective of Argentina's net reserves."

It also "allows us to maintain the level of activity, the volume of imports, the pace of trade between Argentina and China and the levels of economic functioning that Argentina needs" following a poor year for domestic agriculture, and thus exports, amid persistent drought.

Govt to raise subsidy to lower coarse rice prices

Business Desk

The government plans to bring down the price of coarse rice and keep it affordable throughout the upcoming fiscal year, starting in July, in an effort to provide some relief to lower-income people who are grappling with rising inflation.

If the price of coarse rice exceeds Tk42 in Dhaka or Tk40 outside the capital after the boro paddy harvesting season, the government will expedite the supply of low-priced rice through open market sales (OMS), and the finance ministry will increase its allocation for food subsidies. Officials at the finance and food ministries told The Business Standard that a coordination council meeting has decided to give additional funding for food subsidies. Then on 5 April, the Food Planning and Distribution Committee approved a plan to continue the OMS of rice and extend it if necessary. They note that at the instructions of the prime minister, the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) will provide one crore family cardholders with 10kg of rice at Tk15

per kg every month. It is expected to take about six months to supply rice, using smart cards. In the meantime, the government will continue to operate the OMS programme as a tool for intervening in the market price of rice. Business people are sceptical about the government's plan to keep the price of coarse rice below Tk40 in rural areas and Tk42 in the capital, pointing out that the government's announced procurement price during the boro season is Tk44. However, they also note that a good yield is expected this year, and that coarse rice could be available at the lowest price in the last few years if there is no hoarding.

Shahidur Rahman Patwari Mohan, vice president of the Bangladesh Auto Major Husking Mills Owners Association, stated that the price of rice will not be lower than the government's announced procurement price. "The government's prices are in line with the market. However, if hoarders - other than farmers and millers - are prevented from stockpiling paddy or rice, prices will come down," he added.

90pc adolescent girls in low-income economies offline

Business Desk

Around 90 per cent of adolescent girls and young women do not use the internet in low-income countries, while their male peers are twice as likely to be online, according to a new UNICEF analysis, coinciding with the UN's International Girls in ICT Day.

"Closing the digital divide between girls and boys is about more than just having access to the internet and technology. It's about empowering girls to become innovators, creators, and leaders," said UNICEF Director of Education Robert Jenkins.

"If we want to tackle gender gaps in the labour market, especially in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields (or STEM), we must start now by

helping young people, especially girls, gain digital skills."

The report, Bridging the Digital Divide: Challenges and an Urgent Call for Action for Equitable Digital Skills Development, takes a close look at the gender digital divide among young people aged 15-24. It crunches the data on internet use, mobile phone ownership, and digital skills in mostly low, lower-middle, and some middle-income economies. Though more data is needed to better monitor, understand, and work toward digital inclusion, the report finds that girls are being left behind in an increasingly digital and connected world.

While advancing access to the internet is important, it isn't enough to boost digital skills

training. For example, in most countries analysed, the number of young people with access to the internet at home, is much higher than the number of youths who have obtained digital skills.

Girls are the least likely to have the opportunities to develop the skills needed for 21st century learning and employment, according to the report.

On average across 32 countries and territories, girls are 35 per cent less likely than their male peers to have digital skills, including simple activities like copying or pasting files or folders, sending emails, or transferring files. The report suggests that educational and family environments play a critical role in the gender digital divide.

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