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PM alerts countrymen against arsonists' return to power

WASHINGTON DC: Prime Minister country's overall development. Sheikh Hasina today urged the countrymen to stay alert as the anti-liberation elements, killers and arson terrorists never return to power."Make sure that the killers, anti-liberation elements and war criminals never return to power again," she told a civic reception accorded to her by expatriate Bangladeshis in the USA at The Ritz-Carlton hotel's Hall Room here (Tuesday local time). The prime minister said the BNP-Jamaat alliance had burnt many people to death and destroyed thousands of roadside trees during 2013-15 in the name of so-called movement to dislodge the government.She reminded the countrymen that the BNP-Jamaat clique had taken the country on the verge of destruction while the Awami League government put it again on the highways of have to move at the globe keeping heads high

"Bangladesh will march ahead and be transformed into a developed and prosperous country as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. We're working to materialise that dream," she said. The prime minister heavily came down on the BNP-Jamaat quarter for carrying out anti-state propaganda at home and abroad cashing in on Bangladesh."We've made Digital Bangladesh. They (BNP-Jamaat) are conducting propaganda against us using the tools of Digital Bangladesh. Don't pay heed to that propaganda," she added. The premier further reminded the countrymen that the independence of Bangladesh had been achieved in exchange for blood of millions, saying all development in the last 14 years ensuring and maintaining due



at The Ridge Carlton Hotel in Washington DC

President for ensuring transparency, accountability at all levels

Staff Correspondent:

President Mohammed Shahabuddin today asked all officers and employees of Bangabhaban to ensure neutrality, transparency and accountability at all levels of their respective assignments."We have to ensure impartiality, transparency and accountability at all levels . . . We have to think of enhancing reputation of Bangabhaban, he said. The Head of State said this while exchanging greetings with all military and civil officers and employees of Bangabhaban at its Durbar Hall here ▶see page-2

Stop targeting truth, truth-tellers: UN Chief on World **Press Freedom Day**

Report AFP

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has said the world must speak with one voice — stop lies and disinformation, and stop targeting truth and truthtellers. "As journalists stand up for truth, the world stands with them,' he said in a message marking World Press Freedom Day which falls on 3 May For three decades, on World Press Freedom Day, the international community has celebrated the work of journalists and media workers. "Freedom of the press is the foundation of democracy and justice. It gives all of us the facts we need to shape

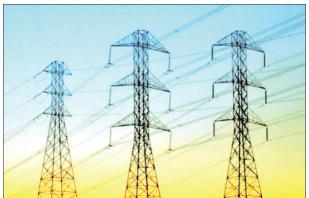
Govt may allow Indian power corridor

India to let Bangladesh to import power from Nepal, Bhutan in return

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh is likely to allow India to set up a 116-200 kilometre power transmission corridor, which will connect India's northeastern states, also known as the seven sisters.In return, India may allow Bangladesh to import power from Nepal and Bhutan using its transmission line, which has been under negotiation for years.An agreement to this

tomorrow in Khulna, according to offi-



effect may be reached during the meet- principle to extend cooperation in this ing between the power secretaries of area. Bangladesh currently imports 900-Bangladesh and India scheduled for 940 MW of electricity from India's Baharampur to Bheramara via a 400KV cial sources.Bangladesh Power circuit HVDC transmission line. Division Secretary Md Habibur However, approximately 1,400 MW of Rahman will lead the Bangladesh dele- transmission capacity remains unutigation in the discussion on power sector lized. Technical data from the Power cooperation. Both sides have agreed in Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB)

indicates that the capacity of the Bharamara-Baharampur transmission line is expected to increase from 2,400 MW to 3,200 MW soon.Additionally, the 400 KV transmission between capacity Bangladesh's Comilla and India's Surajmaninagar, which can support 640 MW of electricity, is underutilized. Currently, only 160 MW is being supplied through the radial mode of the intercon-

nected grid line. Considering the unutilized 2,040 MW grid line between Bangladesh and India, the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) proposed last year to finalize the existing grid to supply imported electricity from the GUKUL project in Nepal.

In response, Indian NVVN stated ▶see page-2 that an agreement

199 local organisations applied for registration as election observers

Staff Correspondent

As many as 199 private organisations have applied to the election commission (EC) to register their names as election observers. The organisations succeeding in getting registered with the EC will have the chance to observe the upcoming 12th parliamentary elections. This registration will be valid for the next five years.According to the EC sources, some 199 organisations have applied for registering as election observing agencies within 2 February, the last day for submitting the application.A sevenmember committee, formed by the EC, are now verifying the applications primarily. The work is in the final



Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh on Wednesday decided to purchase four cargos of liquefied natural gas from the international spot market. Each of the cargos will contain 33.60 lakh MMBtu of LNG. The decision was taken at a meeting of the cabinet committee on government purchases presided over by finance minister AHM Mustafa Kamal virtually.Additional secretary Sayed Mahbub Khan of the cabinet division briefed reporters on the outcomes of the meeting. The maximum price for MMBtu is \$12.47 to be supplied by M/S Gunvor Singapore Pte Ltd., Singapore.The minimum price for MMBtu is \$10.9 to be supplied by M/S Vitol Asia Pte Ltd., Singapore. The same company will ▶see page-2

Press freedom in Bangladesh is example for developing countries: Dr Hasan

Staff Correspondent

Minister and Awami League (AL) Joint General Secretary Dr Hasan Mahmud today said the freedom of press and the expansion of media in Bangladesh are exam-ples for other developing countries."We believe in free media, we believe in media freedom. The mass media hasn't expanded in many neighboring countries and doesn't enjoy such unfettered freedom," he said at a discussion in the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) here as the chief guest. The JPC organized the discussion titled 'Role of Mass Media in Protecting Human Rights and Expanding Democracy', marking the World Press Freedom Day with its President Farida Yasmin in the chair. Dainik Jugantor Editor Saiful Alam, Dainik Samakal Editor Mozammel Hossain, senior



journalist Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul harmed, he added. The mass media and JPC Joint Secretary Md Ayub is the fourth pillar of the state and Bhuiyan also spoke at the event.Dr democracy and the mass media are Hasan said if there is the responsi- complement to each other, he said, bility with freedom, mass media adding: "Without freedom and can operate properly. But if the transparency of media, democracy freedom is exercised avoiding can never be operative and demoresponsibility, then in many cases cratic social system cannot surthe society as well as the state is vive. Therefore

DSA won't be repealed though misused at times: law minister

Staff Correspondent

Law minister Anisul Huq said on Wednesday that the Digital Security Act 2018 would not be repealed but there might be some changes in some sections in the law.

The minister, however, admitted that the law was 'misused' and 'abused' at times in the past.

He made the comments responding to reporters during a programme to mark World Press Freedom Day at the office of Transparency International Bangladesh at Dhanmondi in Dhaka.

The minister said that the country might see the changes in the DSA 'possi-▶see page-2

Refiners seek to up soybean oil price by Tk 18 per litre

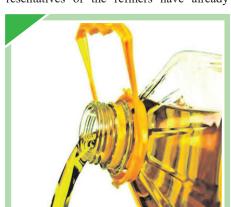
Staff Correspondent

Citing the expiration of a VAT cut, edible oil refiners want to increase the price of bottled soybean oil by Tk 18 to Tk 205 per litre from today (Wednesday) - at a time when the global prices declined to a twelve-month low. The Bangladesh Vegetable Oil Refiners and Vanaspati Manufactures Association recently sent a letter to the commerce ministry, seeking the price adjustment for soybean and palm oil. Commerce ministry officials said they will hold a meeting with sugar and edible oil refiners today (Wednesday) to reach a decision. The government in March last year lowered the value-added tax (VAT) on edible oils at the import and refining stages. The facility expired on April 30.Under the exemption, the refiners paid 5.0 per cent VAT instead of 15 per cent at the import level while it was zero at the production stage which previously was 15 per cent.

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If the VAT cut is not extended, one litre of bottled soybean oil will be at Tk 205 from the current Tk 187, while five litres of soybean will be at Tk 1,005 from the current Tk 930, according to the refiners. According to the

new rate, the palm oil price will be at Tk 129 per litre from the current Tk 121. However, edible oil distributors have claimed that representatives of the refiners have already



informed them to raise the prices.

A cooking oil distributor in Dhaka's Mohammapdur said refiners did not issue new delivery orders (DOs) after Eid, as the company representatives have verbally informed them about the price jump.

Boro paddy harvesting season has started. Paddy harvesting is going on in Ashulia of Savar, Dhaka. A team of agricultural laborers on wages is engaged in the work of cutting paddy per bigha of land and delivering it to the farmers.

Former Hefazat leader Mamunul gets bail in 5 cases, but not walking out of jail anytime soon

Staff Correspondent

The High Court on Wednesday granted bail to Mamunul Haque, former joint secretary general of the Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh, in five separate cases filed with Paltan and Chittagong's Hathazari police. The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Aminul Islam passed the order after separate petitions were filed by Mamunul's legal counsel, Advocate Helal Uddin

Falling remittances push reserves below \$31b

Staff Correspondent

The country's foreign-currency reserves dropped below US\$ 31 billion due to a significant fall in inward remittance 🐷 flow in April, according to central bank officials.

This fall in forex reserves has led to uncertainty in meeting the net reserve-threshold target of US\$ 24.46 billion by June next, set by the



Fund that the latest fall in the reserve is due (IMF). According to sources at the mostly to two factors - growing sales of from the BB, Bangladeshi nationals Bangladesh Bank (BB), the gross stock the greenback to banks to settle their of the country's foreign currencies was LC-related payments amid forex dearth US\$ 30.93 billion as of April 30, which and comparatively lower earnings from a decrease of 16.76 per cent compared was US\$ 13.08 billion lower on a year- the source of remittance in to the earnings in the previous month of on-year basis. The officials at BB said April. Seeking anonymity, a BB official March when

said the central bank sold a total of US\$ 11.79 billion up to April 27 of this fiscal compared to US\$ 7.62 billion in the entire financial year of 2021-2022. This put pressure on the reserve."But the lessthan-expected level of earnings from remittance in the just-passed month, which is normally considered the peak remittance time," the official

said.According to the latest statistics working abroad remitted foreign currencies worth US\$ 1.68 billion in April,



EVENING NEWS

পরিষ্থিতি সৃষ্টির অপচেষ্টার বিরুদ্ধে, অসাংবিধানিকভাবে ক্ষমতা দখলের পাঁয়তারা রুখে দাঁড়ানোর এখনই সময়

াধীনতা বিরোধীদের কর্তৃক অস্থিতিশীল

a demand of 20 to 25 sacks, weighing 50 kgs in total."As a result, there was no sugar

at my shop for the last four days," he

added. Hossain then said the sugar price

increased as refiners have reduced

supply. The product is now selling for Tk 4,600 to Tk 4,650 per maund (37.32 kg)

while it was Tk 4,000 a week before Eid, he

added.Monwar Hossain, owner of Yasin

General Store in Karwan Bazar, said many

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NBR wants higher taxes for the wealthy in FY24 budget

Some 15,000 taxpayers paid Tk600 crore in surcharge in FY22, according to the NBR

Staff Correspondent

Wealthy individuals may face higher taxes next year as the

National Board of Revenue (NBR) wants to increase the surcharge on their income taxes in the budget for the next fiscal year, finance mintaxes in the budget for the istry officials said.

An official of the ministry told The Business Standard that the NBR is likely to propose a 5-10 percentage points increase on the existing surcharges.

A 14-member NBR delegation led by its Chairman Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Muneem placed the proposal, among others, to Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal at a meeting at the Secretariat yesterday, the official, who was present at the meeting, told TBS.The surcharge on income tax payable by wealthy individuals now varies between 10% and 35%. At pres- and asset inequality as well as increase Tk10 crore and Tk20 crore is 20%. crore and Tk50 crore, the rate is 30%. latest BBS data, income and asset FY11 as an

Taxpayers with assets exceeding Tk50 inequality have increased significant-

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payable for individuals owning more

than a vehicle or a residential property

Analysts have welcomed the NBR

move, saying the super-rich should be

taxed more to reduce inequality."We

will appreciate an increase in the sur-

charge as it will help reduce income

of more than 8,000 square feet.

crore have to pay a surcharge of 35%. ly. So, we need to concentrate on equi-The minimum 10% surcharge is ty."The economist also emphasised

revisiting tax rates and slabs for individual taxpayers to effectively curb inequality.

The government reduced the upper cap of income tax on individuals to 25% from 30% in FY21 amid the outbreak of Covid-19, which benefited the rich and further fueled income inequality. Talking to TBS, economist Ahsan H Mansur also expressed opinion in favour of increasing taxes on wealthy people.

"It will decrease existing inequality," he said."In the given economic situation, wealthy people should take responsibility, and pay higher taxes. From this ground, it is rational to increase the surcharge," Md Alamgir Hossain, former revenue board member for tax policy, told TBS.Such an additional tax existed even before the ent, the surcharge for individual tax- revenue," Professor Mustafizur country's independence, he noted and payers whose asset limit is between Rahman, distinguished fellow at added that it was then called wealth Centre for Policy Dialogue, told The tax. In 1996, the government rescind-For those with assets between Tk20 Business Standard. "According to the ed it and introduced the surcharge in ▶see page-2

Zelensky was not warned of **US** secret docs leak: report

Report AFP

Washington did not warn Kyiv about the top-secret documents leaked to internet chat rooms -- containing sensitive information about Ukraine's war effort -before the news broke in the media last month, President Volodymyr Zelensky told the Washington Post.

The embarrassing security breach revealed US unease about a coming counteroffensive by Kyiv's forces against Russian troops as well as concerns about Ukrainian air defenses."I did not receive information from the White House or the Pentagon beforehand," Zelensky told the newspaper in an interview in Kyiv

"We did not have that information. I personally did not. It's definitely a bad story," he said, calling the situation "unprofitable."

Speaking on CNN, Pentagon Press Secretary Pat Ryder would not confirm or deny Zelensky's claim, ▶see page-2

Sugar prices soar for supply shortage

Staff Correspondent

Sugar prices have risen at wholesale and retail markets in Dhaka and Chattogram due to an ongoing supply crunch. The sweetener is currently selling for Tk 135 to Tk 142 per kilogramme (kg) even though the government had set the price at Tk 104 about one month back.Sugar went for between Tk 112 and Tk 115 in April, according to the Trading Corporation of buyers do not want to buy sugar if the retail Bangladesh.As such, the price has price is higher than that fixed by the govincreased by 22 per cent or Tk 23 per kg ernment. So, he has stopped selling loose

month.Several retailers say there was no sugar at their shops for the last four-five days due to reduced supply since before Eid-ul-

The supply fell as raw sugar prices in the global market have surged to near 40-year highs on fears of lower production in exporting several countries, including

India, Brazil and Argentina. The global market price of sugar has affected the country's market and importers had to reduce their shipments in fear of unstable prices, they said. During a visit to markets in different areas of Chattogram and Dhaka yesterday, it was seen that traders are blaming reduced supply for increased prices.It was found that sugar was selling for between Tk 135 and Tk 140 per kg at only four of 12 shops in the Kazir Deuri market of Chattogram city.Meanwhile, the sweetener was available at just three of seven shops at Karwan Bazar, the largest kitchen market in Dhaka.Alam Hossain, a wholesaler based in Kazir Deuri, said he currently receives

sugar since Eid.In a letter to the commerce ministry, the Bangladesh Sugar Refiners Association yesterday said that the interna-

tional price of sugar has risen to \$675 from

\$520 per tonne in the last one

month. However, the price of loose sugar has not seen a proportionate increase in the domestic market. And as the international price of sugar has reached record highs, the association members are suffering from their indecision on importing sugar. The association also urged the government to take appropriate steps on the import of raw sugar."We are regularly supplying

sugar to the market," said SM Mujibur Rahman, head of accounts at Meghna only two sacks of sugar each week against Group of Industries

No criminal in Rohingya camps will be spared: IGP

Staff Correspondent

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun today said police will not spare any criminal in the Rohingya camps."The police have been working to maintain law and order in the Rohingya camps. Necessary instructions were given to police officials," he told journalists after visiting Rohingya camp at Ukhia here this morning."None is spared while organizing any event. Strict action will be taken against any person who is guilty and necessary action will be taken against anyone who tries to create chaos," the IGP said. Regarding death of 10 fishermen in the Cox's Bazar trawler, he said, "As soon as I knew about the incident, I ordered the Range DIG to visit the spot."Apart from this, the CID (Criminal Investigation department) and PBI (Police Bureau of Investigation) teams have been sent there, he added. Police arrested the accused and took statement under the section 164, while investigation is ongoing, Mamun said. He urged



all to report any incident to the police as soon as possible and call the nearest police unit or national emergency service -999. The IGP said, "We are working with the policy of zero tolerance against militancy and terrorism, declared by the Prime Minister."He said RAB (Rapid Action Battalion) conducted various operations against piracy and successfully worked to make the Sundarbans free from piracy as the Prime Minister declared the Sundarbans free from piracy.He said pirates who surrendered and sought cooperation for returning to normal life were given the opportunity. The IGP said the law enforcers have been conducting operations across the country against ▶see page-2



DSA not to be repealed: Anisul

Staff Correspondent

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq today said Digital Security Act (DSA) will not be repealed.

"I want to say it clearly that the DSA will not be repealed. Like all other acts, this one too will have provision for the protection of the honest

journalists," he said. The minister said these while addressing a discussion titled "Shaping A Future of Rights" organised by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) marking World Press Freedom Day in the capital."The present government is working to stop the misuse of the DSA. I am telling this once again, this act was formulated only to tackle cyber crimes. I can assure you that the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will never curb the freedom of press," he added.

The law minister further said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had recognised the

freedom of press as a fundamental rights in his constitution and his worthy daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also believes in this."Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, after assuming office for the first time in 1996, gave approval to the country's first private television channel. She has formulated Right to Information Act, gave approval to more than 40 television channels, 22 FM radios and 17 community radios," Anisul mentioned. Emphasising on the need of an act like DSA, the law minister also said cyber crimes are being committed worldwide through new media and many countries have similar acts under different names.Conducted TOB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, the discussion was also addressed, among others, by National Human Rights Commission Chairman Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Swedish Ambassador Alexandra Berg Linde and UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Gwyn

Bangladesh, Japan focus on 'targetedoriented' partnership: envoy

Staff Correspondent

Japanese Ambassador Iwama Kiminori, expressing satisfaction over the discussion between the prime min isters of Bangladesh and Japan during PM Sheikh Hasina's recent official visit, on Wednesday said that the two countries were focusing on a 'very comprehensive and targeted-oriented' partnership. 'Our relationship has been elevated to strategic partnership from compartnership. prehensive Strategic partnership does not mean only political and security issues,' he told reporters at a media briefing at the Japanese embassy.

The ambassador, who returned from Tokyo on Tuesday, said that the two countries should have mutually beneficial cooperation on economic front.

He also said that the two ▶see page-2



Exports fell by over 16% in April amid slow down of RMG orders Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh's merchandise exports plunged by 16.52% in April of the fiscal year 2022-23 as apparel demand fell across major markets. The country's export sectors earned \$3.95 billion in April 2022-23, while it was \$4.73 billion in the same period of last fiscal, according to the provisional data of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) of Bangladesh."Apparel demand was low in the global markets that's why every factory is running with less capacity. Besides that, about 12 days were vacations in the appeal industry in the last month as it was the month of Ramadan and Eid Ul Fitr, which is reflected in the export earnings," Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Vice President Shahidullah Azim told The Business Standard. "The global market has been facing a low sales volume for the last couple of months, which is reflected in our business," said Anwar-Ul-Alam Chowdhury Parvez, former president of BGMEA

A village known for its bitter gourd

The vegetable bringing solvency to the area

Staff Correspondent

union under Sreemangal upazila of Moulvibazar is widely known as

Korola'r Gram, or bitter gourd village, by vegetable wholesalers and traders all over Bangladesh.About 10,000 kilogrammes (kgs) of bitter gourd are sold from local markets each day with many shops and stalls having been set up in the roughly 150-acre area."Everyone in the village grows bitter gourd on a commercial basis as it takes less investment and time while offering better returns com-

pared to other crops," said Nasu Mia, a including the cost of fertiliser, seeds and collection point market, said bitter currently selling for around Tk 42 per 40,000 from the 1,600 kgs of bitter solvency to many

kg while it was Tk 80 during the first gourd he grew this season. Amena

The Parer Tong village in Ashidron week of Ramadan earlier this year, he Begum, a resident of the village, said added.It takes about Tk 40,000 to culti- the opportunity to work on bitter gourd vate each bigha of land for bitter gourd, fields has helped decrease unemploy-

ment in the area."I get up to Tk 300 daily for tending fields," she added.Arju Mia, a vegetable wholesaler from the Mirpur area of Habiganj, said he buys about 3,000 kgs of bitter gourd from Parer Tong almost every day."Traders like me sell this crop in different parts of the country, including major metropolitan areas such as Dhaka and Chattogram," he added.Hamdul Haque, general secretary of the Parer Tong



talks between the prime ministers of Bangladesh and Japan during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent official visit.

resident of Parer Tong. The vegetable is labour. Nasu registered a profit of Tk gourd cultivation is bringing financial

PM alerts

dignity.Briefly describing her government measures to ensure the overall socio-economic development of Bangladesh, she said her government has ensured development of every sector including infrastructure, healthcare, accommodation, education and employment generation.

"We have made it possible as the Awami League is in power," she said.

Mentioning that the Awami League is a pro-people party and it was formed for establishing the rights of the masses, she said, "Awami League always works for the welfare of the people. The people's fate is changed whenever the party assumes office.

"The development takes place whenever the Awami League assumes office. ---we have turned Bangladesh into a developing country and are determined to build it as a developed and prosperous state," she said.

About contribution of the expatriate Bangladeshis for country's development, she said, "Expatriates have made great contributions to the development of our country."

The prime minister called upon the countrymen to send remittance through legal channels instead of hundi as the government announced a 2.5 percent incentive to encourage sending remittance in due process

She said the government's timely measures made possible to roll out the wheels of the country's economy even after the global economic crisis stemmed from the Covid-19 pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war.

Many countries including the developed ones are now facing difficulties due to the ongoing war, but Bangladesh's condition is still better in comparison to many countries, she said.

The premier reiterated her call to the countrymen to boost food production so that no crisis can hit Bangladesh. Referring to reducing the poverty rate to 18.7 percent and

hardcore poverty rate to 5.6 percent, she said there will be no extreme poverty in the country The prime minister said they have been giving homes free of cost under the Ashrayan Project to the homeless and landless people across the country following the footsteps of

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. She added they have already given houses among 35 lakh people under the housing scheme and ensured their liveli-

"None will remain homeless in the country as her government is committed to bringing every homeless person under the free housing scheme," she said, adding that 60,000 more houses are being built for this.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, among others, was present on the dais while Ambassador of Bangladesh to the USA Muhammad Imran moderated the function.

Stop targeting

opinions and speak truth to power. And as this year's theme reminds us, press freedom represents the very lifeblood of human rights," Guterres said.

But in every corner of the world, freedom of the press is under attack, he said

Truth is threatened by disinformation and hate speech seeking to blur the lines between fact and fiction, between

science and conspiracy, the UN chief said. The increased concentration of the media industry into the hands of a few, the financial collapse of scores of independent news organisations, and an increase of national laws and regulations that stifle journalists are further expanding cen-

sorship and threatening freedom of expression, he said. Meanwhile, Guterres said, journalists and media workers are directly targeted on and offline as they carry out their vital work. They are routinely harassed, intimidated, detained and imprisoned.

At least 67 media workers were killed in 2022 — an unbelievable 50% increase over the previous year.

Nearly three-quarters of women journalists have experienced violence online, and one in four have been threatened

and end impunity for crimes committed against them.

The world must stop the threats and attacks, the UN chief

Govt may

for additional power supply to Bangladesh using the Indian grid line could only be signed after finalizing the new transmission corridor between the two countries.

In a previous power secretary-level steering committee meeting, Bangladesh expressed its commitment to support the implementation of the Katihar-Parbatipur-Boronagar 765 KV circuit transmission line. However, the project still faces legal, implemental, operational, and security issues that need

India argued that the Katihar-Parbatipur-Boronagar transmission line is not specific to any hydro project and that no riparian issues are involved. A six-member committee has been formed to examine the legal and operational aspects of the project's implementation.

Bangladesh has raised concerns that the transmission system might be used to evacuate future hydropower from India's northeastern region and has requested that the matter be discussed in the Joint River Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh.Bangladesh also proposed signing a datasharing agreement to obtain necessary information for conducting feasibility studies, hydrological and water modeling studies, and environmental and social impact assessments required for the transmission line's construction. India suggested resolving implementation issues through discussions between the Indian Power Grid and the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh. Bangladesh may now allow the use of its transmission line for supplying electricity through grid lines.

An official noted that Bangladesh only has 400 KV grid transmission lines, making the synchronization with the Indian-proposed grid line inside Bangladesh a significant

By allowing grid connectivity, Bangladesh expects to increase its power supply by an additional 6,000 MW from India, Nepal, and Bhutan.

Dhaka has also been advocating for joint venture power projects in Nepal and Bhutan, as well as the supply of electricity using the Indian corridor.

199 local organisations

applications are likely to be discarded during the primary verification.A 15-day time will be given to the organisations after the preliminary verification in case they have any objection to the verification process. Following the end of the hearing of the objections, the commission will finalise the list of organisations to get registered as election observers. The registered agencies will be able to watch the national and local government elections to be held in the next five years. In that case, the agencies will have to apply to the commission for permission to observe the election after the declaration of the election schedule. The local organisations cannot observe any polls without registering with the EC.

According to the plan of action announced by the EC ahead of the next national polls, the list of local election observer agencies will be finalised by August this year

A total of 118 organisations are now registered with the EC as election observers. The validity of their registration will end on 11 July this year. Of the 118, some 40 organisations have applied for registration this year again. Applications of the agencies that didn't monitor any poll in the last five years despite being registered with the EC will be cancelled.

Speaking to Prothom Alo, election commissioner Md Alamgir said, "We are verifying the applications for registering as local observers of elections. The registration process will be completed on time."

EC sources say most of the organisations applied for registration as election observers are district level private development organisations

Certain factors will be taken into consideration before registering an agency such as the observer agency must be registered under a law of the country, the agency must be nonpartisan and politically neutral and any person involved in politics or have plan to contest in any election in future cannot a be a member of the governing body of any election observing organisation.

The registration of local election observers was introduced before the 9th parliamentary election in 2008. It was included in the election-related law - The Representation of the People Order. The EC developed a policy for the local elec-

The EC registered a total of 138 agencies as election observers for the first time in 2008. Some 159,113 observers from 75 organisations monitored the 9th general election. However, the local and foreign observers had the opportunity to monitor the polls before the general election in 2008 as well. Around 218,000 observers from 69 organisations monitored the 8th parliamentary election while 81 local agencies monitored the general election in 2018.

Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) general secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar told Prothom Alo, "The observers work as the eyes and ears of the EC. They are the supporting power of the EC. Therefore, only the neutral organisations should be registered with the EC, not the biased ones."

President for

noon. Every officer and employees of Bangabhaban will perform their duties with devotion, honesty and sincerity and strive to shine the image of Bangabhaban, he expected. He said, "So every activity of you (Bangabhaban officials-employees) should be such service-oriented so that people can put trust and confidence in you."Mohammed Shahabuddin said there is no alternative to honesty and a justice-based, knowledge-based and enlightened public administration to establish good governance in the country."You will be guided by the laws, rules and regulations of the government and public interest as well... But remember that all laws are made for the welfare of the people," the President added.Mentioning Bangabhaban as a monument of country's history and tradition, he said the hard labour, talent and sincerity of every employee working here (Bangabhaban) are mixed with it.

The officers and employees of Bangabhaban would provide their relentless efforts for the development and rogress of the country, the President hoped.President Shahabuddin said Bangabandhu's dream of establishing a hunger-and-poverty-free "Sonar Bangla" is on its way to be materialized at present under the charismatic and efficient leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the Father daughter of of the Bangabandhu."Bangladesh has already graduated to the status of a developing country from the status of the least developed countries," he added. The President also urged everyone to play an active role from their respective positions to continue this trend of ongoing development of the country.

Shahabuddin said all the officers and employees 10 years ago, the United Nations established a plan of should take care so that the people can get their expectaction for the safety of journalists to protect media workers ed services easily and smoothly."Always remember you are the servant of the people, not their master," the President said. Referring to the August 15, 1975 carnage, the said. "Stop detaining and imprisoning journalists for doing President said, "The history of Bangabhaban is not only one of arrogance and pride, but the killer gang hatched the deep-rooted conspiracy to kill Bangabandhu along his family members, sitting in this Bangabhaban."President Shahabuddin said some traitors have also helped the murderer but the history has not forgiven them as they have been thrown into the dustbin of

> Through the assassination of Bangabandhu, he said, they wanted to wipe out his principles and ideals from the soil and heart of the people of Bengal but they could not do that. Valiant Freedom Fighter Shahabuddin said Bangabandhu today is the source of inspiration not only for Bangladeshis but also for the freedom-seeking people of the whole world. At the outset of his speech, the President paid tribute to the greatest Bengali of all times Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, all the martyrs of the Bangabandhu family who were assassinated on August 15, valiant freedom fighters, four national leaders and the people who sacrificed their lives for sake of the country, its democracy and its people.President Shahabuddin expressed gratitude and thanks to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and all the members of Parliament who voted for him as the President.He called upon everyone to work unitedly to build hungerand poverty-free 'Sonar Bangla' envisioned by Bangabandhu and "Smart Bangladesh" designed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Bangladesh to

supply another cargo with per MMBtu at \$11.88. The fourth and last cargo will be supplied by M/S Excelerate Energy LP of US with per MMBtu at \$12.19.

Mahbub Khan said that the previous purchase rate for per MMBtu was \$13.28. In February, Bangladesh resumed import of LNG from the

spot market after a break of more than six months.

The energy starve country was forced to suspend import of LNG due to shortage of foreign currencies and price hike of the item.

Refiners seek

Association of Bangladesh (CAB) vice president SM Nazer Hossain said he was surprised by the activities of both the government and the refiners.

"How could the refiners raise prices in minutes after the end of the VAT exemption as the products they would sale at higher prices were brought or already been refined under the

"And why the government is not willing to continue the VAT exemption facility during a time when people are in a most difficult condition amid a rocketing trend of essentials,"

He said the government will have to take stern action against refiners if they raise prices without the go-ahead from

the authorities.

He said global soybean oil prices declined to a one-year low in April to US \$ 1130-1150 a tonne which should also be

DSA won't be

by September' in the ongoing year.

Anisul said that the government, whenever any misuse of DSA was brought to notice, tried to intervene.

Press freedom

, freedom of media and freedom of expression are definitely necessary to consolidate the democracy".

Former Hefazat

Molla.All the cases were filed in 2021.Deputy Attorney General Shaheen Ahmed Khan represented the state in the

But there are more cases against him, so he is not being released now, said his lawyer. He also said that 41 cases were filed against the former Hefajat leader. Mamunul earlier

Of the 41 cases—four were filed at Motijheel police station, nine with Paltan, three with Sonargaon, three with Siddhirganj, eight with Hathazari, one each with Khulna Sonadanga, Comilla Chandina, Bhatara and Mohammadpur, five with Darus Salam, and three with Mirpur model police

Besides, two more cases were filed at Dhaka Special

At least 17 people were killed during violence in Chittagong's Hathazari and Brahmanbari following clashes in Dhaka's Baitul Mukarram on March 26, 2021.

Earlier on 18 April, 2021, Mamunul Haque was arrested at Jamia Rahmania Madrasa in Dhaka's Mohammadpur area.

On April 3, 2021, Mamunul Haque was held by Awami League activists for staying with an unknown woman at Sonargaon Royal Resort in Narayanganj.

Later, activists and supporters of Hefazat-e-Islam came and vandalized the resort and took him away.

On April 30, the woman filed a rape case against Mamunul

Haque at Sonargaon police station. However, Mamunul Haque later claimed that the woman

was his second wife. Mamunul Haque came to the discussion several times after Hefazat's mayhem in the capital in May, 2013.

Falling remittances

the US\$ 400 billion-plus economy received US\$ 2.02 billion.In the corresponding month of April 2022, the expatriates remitted home US\$ 2.01 billion. Another BB official said they were expecting the volume of remittance to increase in April when the Muslim-majority country celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr, the largest religious festival for Muslims across the

"But we did not receive the expected level of foreign currencies from the remitters this time. We hope the latest hike in the exchange rate for remittance will encourage the remitters to send in more foreign currencies in the coming days," the official said. The BB official also informed that the reserve would drop below US\$ 30 billion soon as the BB is set to clear import payments of US\$ 1.0 billion through the ACU (Asian Clearing Union) mechanism within a few days. Contacted, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Brac Bank Limited Selim R. F. Hussain said that they have revised the exchange rate upward for exports and remittances by Tk 1.0, and it became effective from May 2,

He expressed his optimism that it will help attract remitters to send more of their hard-earned foreign currencies through the formal banking channel.

According to the latest decision of foreign-exchange dealers and banks, exporters will be able to encash their export proceeds at Tk 106 instead of the existing Tk 105, while Bangladeshi expatriates working abroad will get Tk 108 per dollar from the current rate of Tk 107.

This means the remitters will actually get Tk 110.50 per dollar with the inclusion of a 2.5 per cent incentive from the

Dr M. Masrur Reaz, the chairman of a local think-tank Policy Exchange of Bangladesh, said the move of devaluing the local currency taka against the US dollar through raising the exchange rate is highly expected under the current macroeconomic situation.

He said there are many exchange rates, and differences among the rates are still large, which might confuse the remitters in sending their money back home.

"This difference needs to be minimised, and policymakers should make a move to bring two rates that would be marketdriven," he said.

The economist suggested intensifying measures against the illegal yet widely used unofficial money transaction chan-

NBR wants

alternative. Initially, the surcharge was applicable on individuals having assets worth above Tk2 crore, which was later increased to above Tk3 crore. Only 15,000 pay surcharge

According to the revenue board, some 15,000 taxpayers paid the surcharge in FY21. It was Tk600 crore in amount.

Economists said the number of surcharge payers is not rational at all when it comes to the country of 17 crore people. "The number is ridiculous. The NBR should work further to identify all the wealthy people," Professor Mustafizur Rahman said.NBR officials said wealthy people are low in number because of evaluation methods which allow valuing assets at purchase price, not market rates. "Valuation of assets at purchase price is rational because it is related to income tax. If we consider market values and taxpayers do not have income from their assets, they will have to sell their assets to pay taxes, which is not logical," Alamgir Hossain explained.

Zelensky was

only that Washington remains "committed to working very closely with Ukraine and our international allies to ensure that they have the security assistance they need to be able to defend their country."

Jack Teixeira, a 21-year-old IT specialist with the US Air Force National Guard, is accused of posting classified material online in the most damaging government leak in a

Last month, he was arrested and charged on two counts over the breach, which the Pentagon has said poses a "very serious risk" to national security.

"It is not beneficial to the reputation of the White House, and I believe it is not beneficial to the reputation of the United States," Zelensky told the Post.

The documents also contained information on Russian and Ukrainian troop casualties and equipment losses, details about NATO observation flights over the Black Sea, and accounts which point to American surveillance of close part-

ner Ukraine

"Anything that informs our enemy in advance in one way or another is definitely a minus for us," Zelensky told the Post, while refusing to confirm or deny the veracity of any of the exposed material.

According to the newspaper, Zelensky said he must prioritize the larger war effort over his personal feelings on the lack of communication by the United States, which has contributed billions of dollars in support since Russia's invasion in February 2022.

"I cannot risk our state," he told the newspaper.

"Where I can speak frankly, I do it. But there are high risks," he added.

Teixeira is suspected of posting the documents, some dated as recently as early March, to a private chat group on the social media platform Discord over a period of months.

Some of the documents later appeared on other sites, including Twitter, 4Chan and Telegram, with some also showing Washington had apparently spied on allies Israel and South Korea.

Sugar prices

, one of the biggest commodity importers and processors. However, he refused to comment on the sugar shortage or if it is being sold at prices higher than that set by the govern-

According to the National Board of Revenue (NBR), sugar imports dropped by about 25 per cent, or 2.29 lakh tonnes, in the first four months of the year compared to the same period of 2022. The country's annual demand for sugar is 25 lakh tonnes but domestic production can supply only 1 lakh tonnes while the rest comes from abroad.

Exports fell by

. However, Bangladesh is in a better position than other competing countries as it can produce much value-added yarn locally while the orders fell by 30%. The market will hopefully return to a positive trend by the end of this year, Parvez hoped. Although Bangladesh's export earnings dropped year-on-year in March too, the bigger picture shows that exports have risen by 8.07% in the first nine months of the current fiscal 2022-23 compared to the same period of the last fiscal year. This growth has been propelled by the readymade garments sector, which has seen a 12.17% growth in the same period to \$38.25 billion, according to the EPB.In March, however, exports fell by 2.41% to \$4.76 billion, but this was also cushioned by the garments sector, an ever-dependable saviour for Bangladesh's export economy. Amid raging global inflation, demand had depressed around the world. People began to cut down on everything apart from basic essentials.

A September 2022 survey by Cotton Incorporated showed that almost two in three consumers in the United States (US) were either buying less clothes for themselves, or were putting off purchase altogether. The same was the case for countries in the European Union - Bangladesh's biggest market for apparel exports.

Bangladesh, Japan

agreed to further enhance the existing defence coopera-

Responding to a question on Bangladesh's Indo-Pacific Outlook, the ambassador said that there were many similarities between that and Japan's views on the Indo-Pacific He said that the Japanese side appreciated the idea but it

was a 'little premature' to evaluate the outlook at the moment. During the summit meeting in Tokyo, prime minister Sheikh Hasina and her Japanese counterpart Kishida Fumio welcomed the initiation of negotiations concerning the transfer of defence equipment and technology, recognising future

potential. They decided to 'elevate' the bilateral relationship to a 'Strategic Partnership' as a guiding principle to lead the two countries' journey into the next 50 years and beyond.

Both leaders shared the determination to enhance cooperation specifically in three major areas: cooperation for peace and stability in the region and beyond, deepening economic cooperation for mutual benefit and regional prosperity, and expansion of cultural cooperation and people to people

At the invitation of the Japanese prime minister, Sheikh Hasina made an official visit to Japan and had a summit meeting on April 26.

No criminal in

drugs and drug paddlers."Bangladesh's position in the International Global Terrorism Index has improved compared to its previous position," he added. He said this success came as all have been working together. Earlier, the IGP exchanged views with officers working in APBn in Cox's Bazar. He visited Ghonarpara Police Camp and planted a sapling there.Additional IGP of APBn Dr Hasan ul Haider, Additional IGP Md Atiqul Islam, Chattogram Range DIG Md Anwar Hossain, Cox's Bazar District Superintendent Md Mahfuzul Islam and other officials were with the IGP.

A village known

in the area. "If we keep this up, then the economic scenario of our village will change even more," he added.

Haque went on to say that local farmers are more inclined towards cultivating bitter gourd instead of other crops as it offers bumper yields and profit.

Tapas Chakraborty, divisional manager of Lal Teer Seed Limited, said locals would previously cultivate paddy and other traditional crops but now, almost every family is engaged in growing bitter gourd.

"We suggested that they cultivate the Tia and Tia Super varieties. Our field workers trained the farmers in how to plant the seeds, grow seedlings and make lofts at affordable prices," he added. He then said that the Tia and Tia Super are hybrid varieties that provide better yields for being altitude and salinity tolerant. The crop can be cultivated year-round, except during harsh winters. Yielding up to 13 tonnes per acre, bitter gourd can be harvested as early as 42 days after planting.Md Mohiuddin, upazila agriculture officer of Sreemangal, said bitter gourd cultivation is expanding day by day as farmers are being drawn in by the crop's profitability.

About 95 per cent of the farmland in Sreemangal was used

to grow bitter gourd this year. "Our agriculture officers give advice to farmers all over the entire upazila. They did not face any problems in cultivating the crop this year as there were no disease or pest outbreaks, he added. As a result, production was much higher this time around. Some 350 tonnes of bitter gourd were produced in

the area this season compared to 240 tonnes last year. "Almost all of the 180 families in the village are involved in bitter gourd cultivation," Mohiuddin said, adding that as much Tk 12 lakh worth of the crop are sold from the area



CPD survey reveals Tk 1500cr social safety funds spent on ineligible beneficiaries

Business Desk

The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) in a survey report said about one-third or Tk 1500 crore of social safety net allocation goes to ineligible beneficiaries due to wrong selection.

The report stated about 30 percent of social safety net recipients are elderly and 33 percent are widowed ineligible beneficiaries. Through which about Tk 1500 crore was spent on ineligible beneficiar-

CPD calls for effective household surveys to prevent this and selecting people to be beneficiaries based on nepotism and political consideration.

CPD believes that if this wastage can be prevented, it is possible to bring 45 percent of the genuinely eligible people under the allowance. At the same time CPD also suggested increasing the allocation to bring eligible non-beneficiaries under the allowance.

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director of CPD revealed the primary survey data on Sunday at a discussion on

Effectiveness of the Social Safety Net Program', held at BRAC Centre in the capital on Sunday.

The survey highlighted that beneficiaries from different areas of Bangladesh believed they were receiving the benefit due to nepotism or a faulty selection

Even beneficiaries of other social security programmes like pension and vulnerable group development are getting old age and widow allowances, the report said. On the issue of nutrition, the survey found that pulses and vegetables were the main sources of nutrition for allowance

The CPD suggested that to achieve the SDG goals, all eligible individuals in the country should be brought under a social safety net programme.

It required an additional allocation of Tk90,000 crore in the budget, which can be possible to earn by stopping tax evasion, the think tank's observation said. Chief guest of the programme Rashed

'How to Improve Coverage and Khan Menon, MP also chairman parliamentary standing committee on Ministry of Social Welfare said the state was politically and economically trapped by a small group of rich people, and while poverty was decreasing, inequality was increasing. "Social security programmes should be increased to reduce inequality. However, the social security sector does not have the resources to increase allocations, and this can only be done if tax evasion is stopped," he added. Aroma Dutta MP, Dr Md Abdul Aziz MP,

Rasheda K Chowdhury, former adviser to the caretaker government were present in the function as the special guests.

CPD Executive Director Fahmida Khatun chaired the event and opined in her speech that nepotism and political considerations were present in the selection of beneficiaries of social security programmes. The bigger problem was that those affected were not receiving the security benefits and those receiving it were getting less than what they should, she said.

Foreign funds in stocks on the wane

Business Desk

Foreign investments in the Dhaka Stock Exchange have maintained a downward trend since 2018 despite the regulator's efforts to retain existing investors and attract new ones.

Global investors are distancing themselves owing to their long-held fear of a massive depreciation of the local currency against US dollars and repeated changes in policies that hurt listed firms. The worry related to the currency deepened first by the coronavirus pandemic and then by the Russian war in Ukraine.

Since 2020, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has organised roadshows in the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Japan in a bid to attract more foreign investments. The initiatives are yet to bring about any major visible positive impacts.

Amid the lower participation of international investors, the turnover of foreign investors plunged to Tk 87 crore in March, the lowest since August 2012 when it stood at Tk 68 crore, BSEC data showed.

In March, foreign beneficiary owner account-holders bought shares worth Tk 45 crore and sold securities involving Tk 42 crore, giving a net investment of Tk 3 crore.

In February, foreign investors traded shares worth Tk 192 crore while their net investment was a negative Tk 12

The turnover was Tk 174 crore in January while the net foreign investment was Tk 114 crore in the nega-

"Foreign investors will not flock to our stock market even if the regulator invites them through roadshows," said a top official of a brokerage firm, preferring not to be named. "Kather, they will look at the potential and problems of the market. The regulator should fix the problems first."One of the challenges, the broker said, is foreign investors face a confidence crisis. "Changes in policies were a major obstacle that spooked the confidence of external investors. Policy continuity is necesIn recent years, regulators have brought in a number of policy changes that were most unexpected. In 2018, the BSEC approved the extension of the tenure of closed-end mutual funds from 10 years to 20 years and handed over the power to asset managers, much to the dismay of investors because many of them had been waiting for the liquidation of the funds and booking profits.

Closed-end mutual funds are investment funds that gather a fixed pool of money for 10 years from investors and re-invest them into stocks, bonds and other assets.

In 2015, the energy regulator --Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission -- slashed the distribution charges of Titas Gas. As a result, the market value of the state-run gas utility fell more than Tk 3,000 crore in the five months to February in

In 2019, the telecom regulator declared Grameenphone as a significant market power, dampening the confidence of foreign investors.

As an SMP, higher charges are applied to GP, which might squeeze mobile phone operator in Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission also banned Grameenphone from selling SIMs in June last year. The restriction was lifted in January this year.

"When regulators take any abrupt decision and it goes against listed companies, their profits take a hit. As a result, companies' capacity to invest is squeezed. Investors don't like to be in such a situation," said the broker.

The fear of a drastic depreciation of the local currency had always been in the minds of investors as the central bank had kept the taka stronger against foreign currencies for long through artificial support. However, the central bank finally allowed the taka to fluctuate late last year after the foreign currency reserves started to fall fast owing to an escalation of import bills against moderate export and remittance earnings.

Date: 30-04-2023

নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Cheap offshore wind power may be lighting your home, feasibility study on Business Besk

The government is exploring the potential of wind potential of hydropower and the land scarcity challenges faced by solar power. Close PlayerUnibots.inA 2022 International Renewable Energy Agency publication shows offshore wind power plant electricity generation cost at around USD0.075 per kilowatt hour or Tk7.86 at current rate, which is much more competitive than coal- or gas-fired power plants. The Ministry of Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources has signed a contract with The Netherlands-based BLIX Consultancy and its joint venture partners to conduct a pre-feasibility and detailed feasibility study.

Sukuk bonds will also be traded in the sec-

ondary market Business Desk

For the first time, the government released Shariah-based sukuk bonds in the market. Bangladesh Bank wanted to sell Tk 8,000 crore worth of sukuk certificates to investors in two rounds. Against which the investors will also get profit.

The Islamic A Bond (Sukuk) money will be used to finance the implementation of 'Safe Water Supply Project across the country'. 4.69 percent annual profit will come from investing this five-year bond. The Shariah-based 5-year sukuk (lease sukuk) of Tk 8,000 crore was tradable at face value only. At present, the sukuk can be traded in the secondary market at an agreed price as onethird of the project is implemented as per the terms and conditions stated in the prospectus.On Sunday (April 30), Bangladesh Bank's Management Debt Department.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER EDUCATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT <u>DHAKA</u>

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02.	819850	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building in/c Sanitary Water Supply & Electrification Works to Tetuljhora College at Savar Upazila, Dhaka District.	30-Apr-2023	Please visit Tender Notice in e-GP Website	
03.	819851	Construction of Single Storied Academic Building with 4- Storied Foundation in/c. Sanitary Water Supply & Electrification Works to Anawara Begum Girls High School at Nawabganj Upazila, Dhaka District.	30-Apr-2023		
04.	825475	Construction of Single Storied Academic Building with 4- Storied Foundation in/c. Sanitary Water Supply & Electrification Works to Agla Chawkighata Jonomongol High School at Nawabganj Upazila, Dhaka District.	30-Apr-2023		

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