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## Padma rail link project: Consultancy cost soars to 14.37b after 2nd revision



Spending on consultancy services for the 172-kilometre Padma rail link project would now stand at Tk 14.37 billion, more than 32 per cent higher than the cost estimated after the first revision, insiders said on Tuesday. The cost of the rail link between Dhaka and Jashore via Padma Bridge is Tk 83.53 million per kilometre, they said. State-owned Bangladesh Railway has recently enhanced the consultancy cost at the second revision from its earlier estimation (1st revision) of Tk 9.41 billion. Development analysts say an expenditure of Tk 14.37 billion for the job is really very ambitious. The ousted Sheikh Hasina government in January 2016 took up the Padma rail-link project at a cost of Tk 349.88 billion which was supposed to be completed by June 2022.

## Leaked calls of Hasina: a socio-political analysis

Former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's leaked phone conversations, reportedly broadcast from her location in India, have become a sensation among the Bangladeshi people and reveal the extent of her influence over the Awami League loyalists in Bangladesh.



## Police fire tear gas, sound grenades to end clash between Libre Baskerville Dhaka College, City College students

Police fired tear gas and sound grenades to break up a clash between students of Dhaka College and City College clashed in the capital's Science Lab area on Wednesday afternoon.



## IMF and the deepening global debt crisis



Global rating agency Moody's has revised its ratings for six Bangladeshi banks, citing concerns over the country's recent sovereign downgrade.

## Mahmud Hasan Khan named leader of BGMEA's



Mahmud Hasan Khan, managing director of Rising Fashions, has formally been announced as the panel leader of Forum, a panel of the country's garment makers.