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**People's Right to Know** 

#### How it happened Congo Tragedy

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Covered by deep forest, the hilly Banbat camp, previously known as NDROKI, was the scene of the bloodiest ambush that left nine Bangladeshi peacekeepers killed Friday in Congo.

On the very fateful day, a total of 21 Bangladeshi soldiers working under UN peacekeeping mission in SEE PAGE 11 COL 8

#### Khaleda warns conspirators

UNB, Sapahar, Naogaon

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia vesterday categorically said the conspirators against the country would be faced with a strong hand and washed away in the surge of peo-

## **Bodies may arrive Tuesday**

### Dhaka to continue peacekeeping with caution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The bodies of the nine UN peacekeepers from Bangladesh killed Friday in a militia ambush in Congo are likely to reach Dhaka on Tuesday.

"The government has taken all ecessary steps to bring their bodies back home and we hope they will arrive here on Tuesday," a wellplaced source in the armed forces said last night

He said the bodies will be

received with due respect and buried according to the desire of their fami-

Annan's sympathy BDNEWS, Dhaka

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan strongly condemned the murder of nine United Nations peacekeepers from Bangladesh in an ambush by SEE PAGE 11 COL 6

In a media release earlier vesterday, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) confirmed that no other peacekeeper from Bangladesh was hurt in Friday's militia attacks. All the 11 Bangladeshi troops of another UN peacekeeping team survived unscathed another ambush the same

The nine soldiers serving as UN peacekeepers in northeastern Ituri region of Congo, a stronghold of SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

murder, bomb attacks and robbery at NGO offices in four districts -- Bogra, Arabic teacher at Rajshahi University, has three other cases

handed him over to police after they placed a production warrant issued by a Bogra magistrate's court for producing him before it in a murder case filed with Shahjahanpur Police

## jail, implicated in 5 criminal cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

police to face legal proceedings in Militant leader Dr Muhammad the murder case and also a bomb Asadullah Al Galib was sent to Bogra attack case lodged with the Gabtali jail under tight security yesterday as Police Station police implicated him in five cases for Galib, chief of Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh (Ahab), and

guarded by a huge contingent of

Grameen Bank offices in Gopalganj,

Naogaon and Sirajganj.

Gopalganj, Naogaon and Sirajganj. Rajshahi Central Jail authorities

Galib was taken to Bogra

### Galib sent to Bogra Dozens of Bangla Bhai cases stalled

Cops 'fail' to find witnesses; victims, families talk of police indifference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police made almost no progress last year in investigating 22 murder and innumerable torture cases by Bangla Bhai's Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), submitting only one final report for one case and one chargesheet in against him for robbery at Brac and

'Lack of complainants, evidence and witnesses' are the terms Noor Three of his associates -- Shaikh Abdus Samad Salafi, Nurul Islam Muhammad, Rajshahi Range and ASM Azizullah -- arrested with police's DIG, used to explain the aforesaid lack of progress. But SEE PAGE 15 COL 1 victims of the attacks as well as their

families pointed the finger at police indifference

"Bangla Bhai and his group tortured people by hanging them upside down from trees in front of the police," described a torture victim at Bagmara, who met with this correspondent early this month. He added, "The police's SP, Masud Mia, did not hear any complaints against Bangla's men. So. why should they investigate the cases?"

According to a list prepared by Ain O Salish Kendro, a total of 22 murders and a number of tortures SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

### JUDICIARY SEPARATION

### SC asks govt to submit draft rules by Mar 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

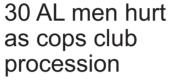
Reprimanding the government for resorting to various tactics to delay the separation of the judiciary, the Supreme Court yesterday ordered the government to finalise all relevant draft rules and submit those to the court by March 15.

The full bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Sved JR Mudassir Husain issued the order upon a government petition filed in August last year seeking

extension of the deadline by four months for the separation of the

"Nearly six months have elapsed after the government sought time for complying with the directives given by the court. The purpose of the government for seeking time has been fulfilled," the court said.

'We do not want to be part of the falsehood and we will not tolerate it since a lie brings other lies." the court said as the government has SEE PAGE 11 COL 1



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 30 opposition leaders and activists including Awami League (AL) lawmaker and General Secretary of Jubo League Mirza Azam were injured yesterday when SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

CANDLELIT VIGIL

### Curb terrorism in legal way'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government must immediately stop extra judicial killings and curb terrorism in a legal way, said Bikkhubdo Nari Morcha, an initiative SEE PAGE 11 COL 4



Leading female human rights activists and professionals attend a candlelit vigil at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday to ask the government to stop killings in 'crossfire'.

BB finds MD's

PREMIER BANK IPO SCAM

# hand in fake account opening

STAR REPORT

A central bank investigation into the Premier Bank public floating scam has found gross violations of banking rules in the opening of around 19,000 accounts with different branches of the bank which is a criminal offence

The branch managers concerned said they were forced to open these accounts after they got verbal instructions from Kazi Abdul managing director, and

Syed Nowsher Ali, manager of the Banani branch of the bank

The managers said this in a written statement to the Bangladesh Bank investigation team, sources

Despite several attempts, Mazid could not be contacted for his comment as of 9:30pm vesterday

The central bank rules had totally been ignored in opening these accounts as banks have to follow certain guidelines of Banking Rules SEE PAGE 11 COL 4



