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Another body floats out thru' sewage gate

Death toll now 74

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another body of an army officer killed during the mutiny at the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) headquarters at Pilkhana floated out of a sluice gate in the city's Nawabganj yesterday, raising the death toll to 74.

The dead was identified as Lt Col Golam Kibria, a Senior Record officer at the BDR headquarters.

Locals noticed the body floating in front of the sluice gate at around 8:30am.

On information, army personnel rushed to the spot and recovered the body.

The deceased's wife Sharmin Kibria identified her husband's body at Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue by marks on the back of his right hand and on the left wrist.

Sharmin said she talked to her husband the last time over mobile phone at around 10:30am on Wednesday.

She said her husband was posted to the BDR headquarters only eight days before the mutiny

took place.

Relatives of the missing army officers including Col Gulzar thronged the BDR headquarters and morgues of the Dhaka and Sir Salimullah Medical Colleges in search of their loved ones.

Earlier, eight bodies of BDR officers -- two on Wednesday and six on Thursday -- killed during the mutiny floated out of the same sluice gate.

Meanwhile, members of the army, navy and fire service continued search at the BDR headquarters yesterday.

Deputy Director of Fire Service and Civil Defence Sheikh Mizanur Rahman said they pumped water from the ponds to the manholes at the BDR headquarters so that bodies, if trapped in the sewer, are flushed out of the sluice gate.

The unidentified bodies of five army officers were kept at Dhaka Medical College Morgue while two more unidentified bodies -- one of a girl and the other of a boy -- have been lying at Salimullah Medical College morgue for the last three days.

Most officers killed by 11 in the morning
Says Lt Colonel Shams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the BDR Jawaans who killed the army officers during the BDR mutiny were quite young and most of the killings were carried out and over between 10:30 to 11:00 am, immediately after the chaos started at Darbar Hall at the BDR headquarters.

This eyewitness account of that fateful day came from a survivor officer, Lt. Colonel Shams, commander of Battalion-44, as he recounted what he saw in an interview

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Over a thousand BDR men sued for mutiny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lalbagh police Saturday night filed a case against over a thousand Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) members for their links to the mutiny at BDR headquarters in Pilkhana.

Those who face the charges include Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) Touhidul Alam, DAD Nasiruddin Khan, DAD Mirza Habibur Rahman, DAD Abdul Jalil, jawan Abdur Rahim and jawan Selim.

Lalbagh Police Station's Officer-In-Charge Noboyoti Khisha filed the case that was shifted to Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday.

Police sources said so far they could identify several accused from footages aired on different television channels and pictures published in dailies.

Of those accused, Touhid led a team of mutineers to talk with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to end the mutiny.

The complainant, in the case story, said the accused committed the offences in a planned way and it is tantamount to treason.

The charges include killing army officers, their family members and civilians, looting, arson, exploding grenades, hiding bodies, holding people hostage, and destroying properties.

The case statement also said the rebel border guards being instigated by vested quarters committed the crimes to destabilise the state and make unlawful gains.

It went on to say that the accused led by DAD Touhid incited the rebellion at the Darbar hall at the BDR headquarters in the name of realising demands where about 3,000 border guards from across the country were present.

COPS' RATION
Govt to end discrimination
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to remove discrimination in the distribution of food rations to police members.

Food rations were distributed in two categories -- one

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3-day nat'l mourning ends with spl prayers
STAR REPORT

The three-day national mourning in remembrance of the atrocious killing of BDR

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Heated debate in JS over BDR issue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary discussion on obituary motion on slain BDR officials turned into a blame game yesterday with treasury and opposition bench lawmakers blasting each other.

Even Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia joined in and set a bizarre example of an obituary motion discussion in parliamentary.

The House, however, unanimously adopted the motion at 10:00pm ending the unscheduled long discussion. The discussion, which turned into a debate, began around 4:00pm and 27 lawmakers including Hasina and Khaleda took part.

The sitting was adjourned twice for 35 minutes for Asr and Maghrib prayers.

Wearing black badges, the lawmakers joined the House to mourn the deaths of army officials and a few civilians who were victims of the BDR mutiny.

When the parliament adopted the resolution, the atmosphere of mourning existed little due to the attack and counter

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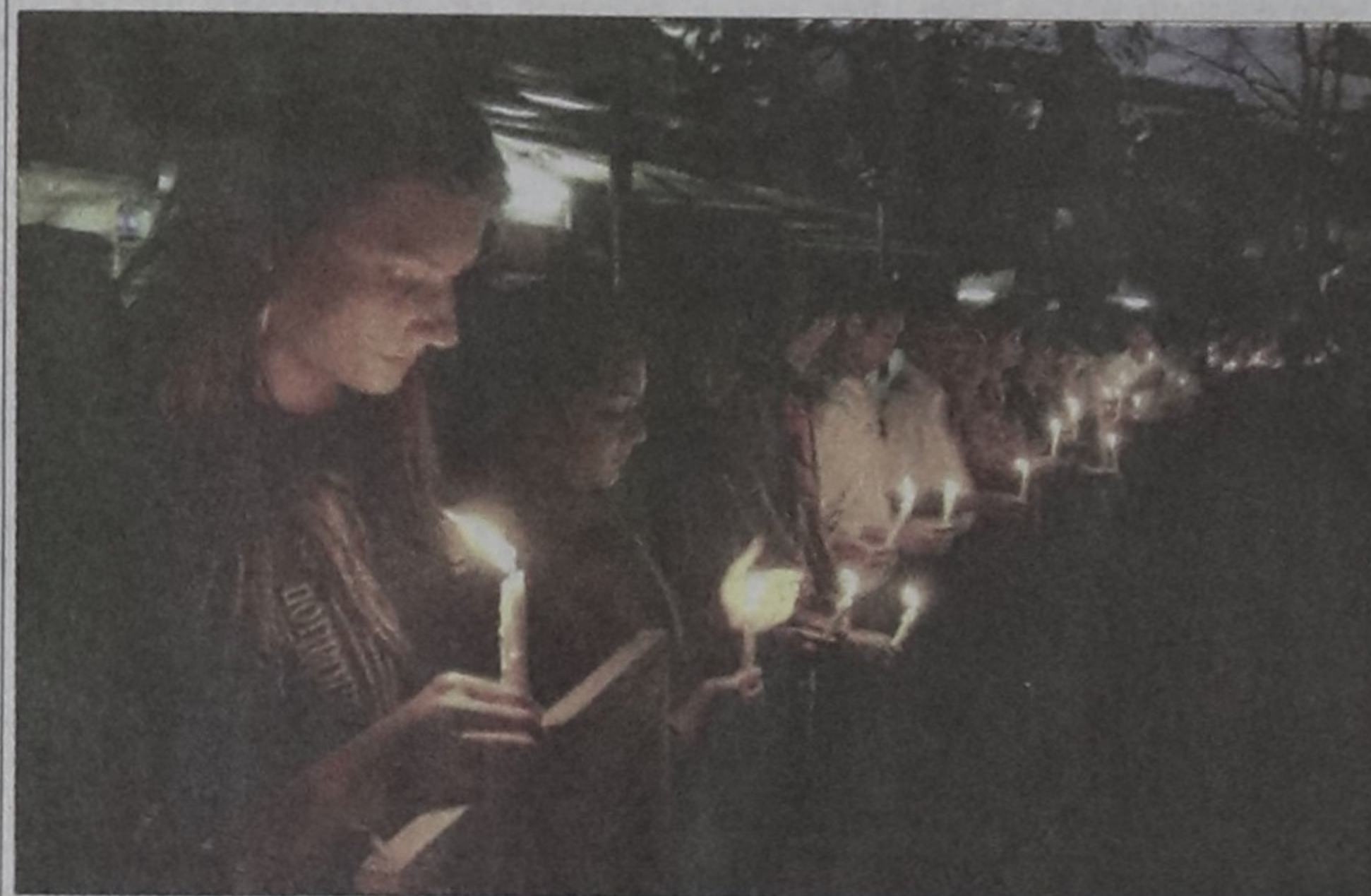


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People from all walks of life light candles in front of BDR Gate-4 near Jigatola yesterday evening in memory of the victims of the carnage in BDR headquarters.

Condolence

We deeply condemn the unprecedented and heinous incident of killing of Army Officers at BDR Head Quarter on last Wednesday, the 25th February, 2009.

We express our profound shock for the untimely death of the Army heroes and convey our heartfelt condolence.

In the said incident, we also lost one of our beloved employee, **Lt. Col. Md. Delwar Hossain (Rtd.)** and his wife who became the victim during their visit to friends on the day.

We pray to the Almighty Allah for the eternal peace of the departed souls. May Allah give courage and strength to the members of the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

We lost Lt. Col. Md. Delwar Hossain (Rtd.)



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Border guards well on duty

STAR REPORT

Routine activities of the border security force resumed at all Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) camps across the country yesterday as normalcy returned after the massacre of BDR men in its headquarters in Dhaka.

BDR members have started their routine work in bordering areas across the country as

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Prayer Timing

March 2

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-07	6-11
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

25 February, 2009. Wednesday

This day
we have lost all words
to express our grief.
We only know the
loss of heroes can
never be restored.
Let us remain united and
face this grave situation.

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