

WE MOURN

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  2. NAZNIN SHAKIL
  3. BRIG GEN MD ABDUL BARI
  4. BRIG GEN ZAKIR HOSSAIN, AMC
  5. COL MUJIBUL HUQ
  6. COL MD ANISUZZAMAN
  7. COL MD MASHIUR RAHMAN
  8. COL QUDRAT ELAHEE RAHMAN SHAFIQ
  9. COL MD AKHTAR HOSSAIN
  10. COL MD REZAUL KABIR
  11. COL NAFIZ UDDIN AHMED
  12. COL KAZI EMDADUL HAQUE
  13. COL SAMSUL AREFIN AHAMMED
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## 6, not 72, army officers missing

Army rights its BDR massacre list; 40 officers rescued

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

After reviewing information about how many army officers were in fact inside the BDR headquarters during the last week's bloody carnage, the army authorities yesterday revised the number of missing officers down to six from the previous 72.

According to sources, the army could not get its facts straight because of chaos and confusion in the aftermath of the massacre and hostage situation on Wednesday and Thursday.

At a press briefing Saturday, the Military Intelligence (MI) director said 72 army officers deputed to BDR had been unaccounted for since the mutiny broke out.

However, Chief of General Staff Lieutenant General Sina Ibn Jamali last night said 56 bodies have been recovered so far.

Of those, 53 are of army officers' and the rest belong to retired Colonel Delwar and his wife and the slain BDR chief Major General Shakil Ahmed's wife Naznin Shakil.

Briefing journalists in the army headquarters, he said 40 officers have been rescued, and seven are still missing.

About the figures provided by MI earlier, he said, "Those were based on assumptions while the numbers we are giving now are grounded in facts."

Late at night, an army source told this correspondent that they had mistakenly

included among the missing ones an officer whose body was already sent to his village home.

Other sources said 101/102 officers were at Pilkhana when disgruntled border troops seized control of the compound.

They said it might take some more time to come up with an exact and accurate number of the army officers who attended the Darbar and also break-ups like how many of them have died and how many have come out alive.

They said initially there was confusion over the figures as almost all bodies retrieved were in BDR uniforms, and the authorities took many BDR personnel for army officers.

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## Army committee starts probe today

### Alerts against rumour

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An investigation committee of the army, led by Quartermaster General of Bangladesh Army Lt Gen Mohammad Jahangir Alam Choudhury, will start probing the BDR mutiny in Pilkhana headquarters today.

Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Lt Gen Sina Ibn Jamali told the press during a briefing at the army headquarters last night that the probe body has six to seven members and if necessary more members will be co-opted.

The committee will visit the BDR headquarters today and continue its probe until the investigation ends.

Asked how the BDR mutineers managed to flee their headquarters, he said it will be clear after the investigation. He said those BDR jawans who failed to report back will be considered deserters.

Brig Gen Syed Imam Hossain and Brig Gen Mohammad Abdul Hakim were present at the press briefing.

Lt Gen Sina said those who were involved in the mutiny will be brought to justice fast by the government after they are identified and tracked down. He also said vested quarters are spreading rumours to deteriorate the situation. He called upon all to be alert.

He said the government will form a special tribunal to try the

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## Govt probe body recast

### Ex-secy Anisuzzaman replaces Sahara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has recast the BDR mutiny probe body removing Home Minister Sahara Khatun and the State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam from it.

Former secretary Anisuzzaman Khan replaced Sahara as head of the probe body that also included representatives from the Armed Forces Division.

Newly-appointed Director General of BDR Brig Gen

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## Cabinet adopts condolence motion

### PM cancels KSA trip

STAR REPORT

The cabinet yesterday adopted a motion of condolence paying tribute to the army officers killed in Wednesday's mutiny at Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) headquarters.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has cancelled her official visit to Saudi Arabia on March 7 due to the

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## Hundreds of BDR men still waiting

### Deadline for reporting ends

HELEMUL ALAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Several thousand BDR men who left the Pilkhana headquarters during or after the mutiny were found waiting in front of Jhigatala BDR gate with grave anxiety yesterday though the deadline set for them to report back expired Sunday afternoon.

Around 1600 BDR men reported back to the head-

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## 50 laid to rest with state honours

Heart-rending scene at janaza joined by thousands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-eight army officers, wife of the slain BDR director general and a soldier -- all killed during the February 25-26 mutiny of the border guards at their headquarters -- were laid to eternal rest with state honours in a sombre atmosphere

yesterday.

Of the martyrs, forty-two were buried at Banani Army Graveyard in the capital and eight at their respective villages.

Earlier, namaz-e-janaza of the army officers, BDR chief's wife Nazneen Shakil and the soldier

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The namaz-e-janaza of 50 victims of the BDR headquarters massacre being held at the National Parade Square yesterday.

PHOTO: SYED ZAKIR HOSSAIN

## Some seizures puzzle army

### Several Rifles Security Unit men suspected involved in carnage

KAILASH SARKAR and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Seizure of various firearms and equipment on BDR Headquarters premises yesterday confused the army personnel and other investigators of the assassination of military officers.

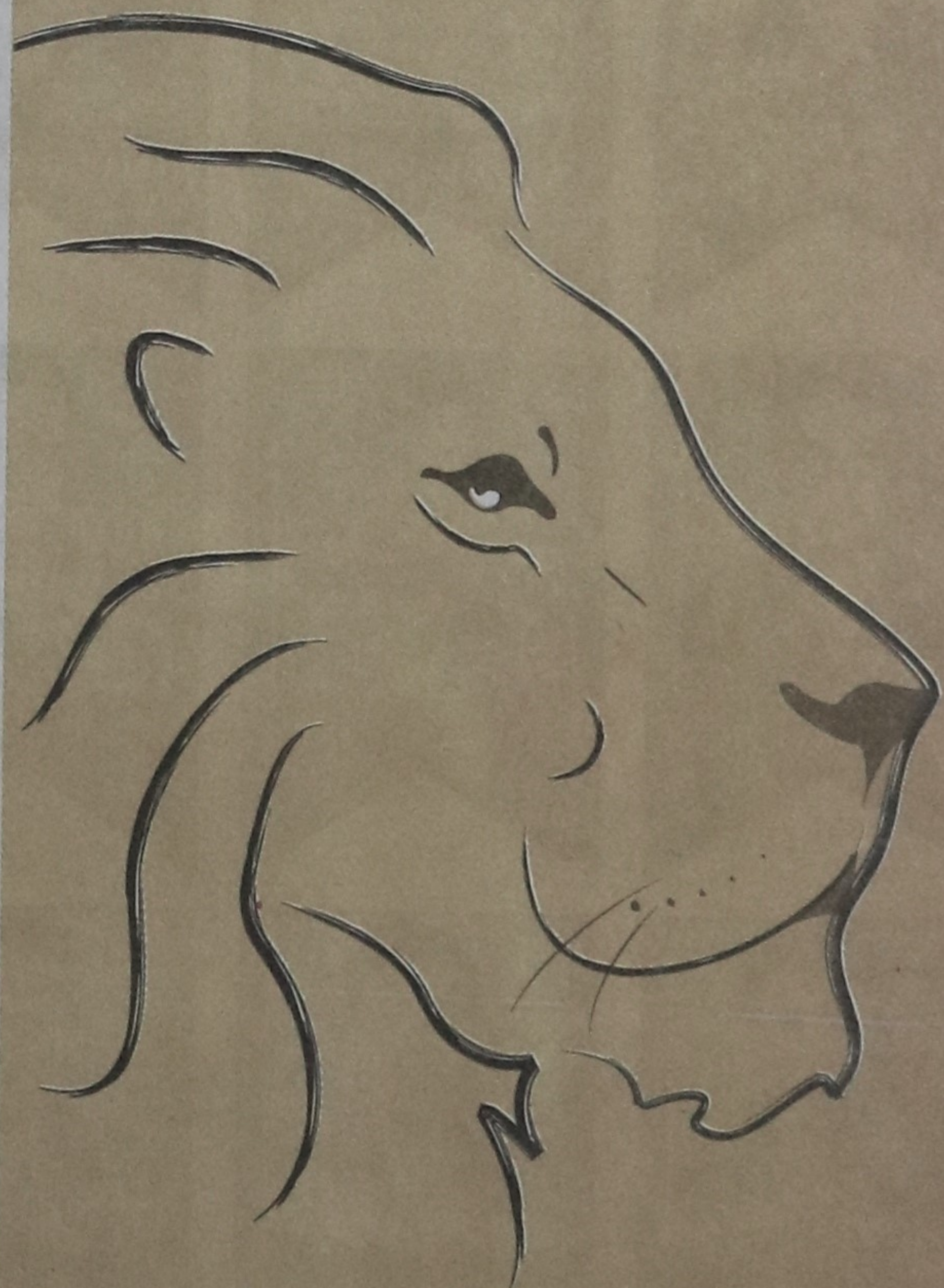
Besides, it is suspected that some members of the Rifles Security Unit (RSU) were also involved in the carnage, sources inform.

The sources say the personnel from various agencies including army, navy and fire service yesterday recovered several grenades, huge number of firearms, ammunition and other equipment including binoculars, walky-talkies and slings of SMGs.

Recovery of two binoculars and the belts of SMGs confuses the army and others investigators as these are used neither by

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## First Time in Bangladesh



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### OUR HOMAGE

TO THOSE WHO EMBRACED MARTYRDOM

ON FEBRUARY 25, 2009

WE PRAY FOR SALVATION OF THE DEPARTED SOULS.

BEREAVED OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES



Trust Bank

### We Mourn

The Board and the Management of Southeast Bank Limited are deeply shocked at the recent brutal killings of some of our valiant army officers by the misguided BDR personnel at BDR Headquarters, Peelkhana, Dhaka. The damage caused by the carnage is an irreparable national loss. We mourn and pray for the salvation of the departed souls.

The Board of Directors of the Bank is overwhelmed with grief and as part of the Bank's corporate social responsibility feels committed to stand by the bereaved families.

Therefore the Board of Directors has decided that in consultation with the appropriate authorities, the Bank will select 10 affected families and contribute Tk.25,000.00 (Taka Twenty Five Thousand) only per month to each family for next 10 years to meet the educational and other related expenses of the orphaned children.

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