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SSC exam of March 10 shifted to 16th
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The SSC and Dakhil examinations under all secondary and higher secondary education boards and Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board scheduled for March 10 was postponed yesterday due to unavoidable circumstances. The examination will be held on March 16, said a handout.

Govt to probe anomalies in 100-day job programme
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has ordered to carry out investigation into allegations of irregularities and anomalies in 100-day employment generation scheme implemented during

Prayer Timing
March 4

	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

Far away from spotlight
Little care for them as they were killed, buried unceremoniously

EMRAN HOSSAIN

Nobody knows how the three pedestrians killed during the BDR mutiny were laid to rest by their families as neither the government nor the media is paying any attention to them.

Disheartened and frustrated, the families, who are very poor and have yet to get government attention, now sit silently. They cannot even determine what to say or demand -- justice or assistance or anything at all -- as none from the government has ever bothered to contact them even six days into the killings.

One of the three families is now moving to have the autopsy and police reports to apply for some assistance, another is in

dilemma whether they should seek any help, while the other could not be contacted.

Besides the three pedestrians, two house-holds and two wives of army officers were killed, while over 25 civilians were injured.

Two of the families each living in a tiny room are also burdened with loans as they have already spent their savings for the burials. The government even did not help the families to find the bodies of their loved ones or inform them about the deaths.

"What is the use of the government taking our news as we have completed every work that should have been done by it? Why it takes so long for the government

to come to us when the matter is published in newspapers and shown in television?" asked Rasheda, wife of Amzad Ali, who was killed on February 25.

"I have been describing the same story again and again in this mental condition for the last one week but none except for a few journalists showed up," aggrieved Rasheda complained.

Though the cabinet announced to help the civilians' families from the government fund on Sunday, the government has yet to decide the amount.

"Not the government, not the police have bothered to have a look on us though I cried for help. We did not have a place in the capital to bury my husband, while my

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How they were forced to take up arms

SURANJITH DEABNATH

A number of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel, who fled the BDR headquarters at different times during February 25-26, have told The Daily Star how a group of masked Jawans forced them to take up firearms during the first hour of mutiny.

"Take up arms, else none of you will survive," a BDR Jawan from Battalion-24 quoted a masked Jawan, brandishing a gun and firing blank shots into the air, as saying.

Several dozen BDR personnel, waiting to report back to duties yesterday, spoke to this correspondent about the events of the fateful, February 25.

The authorities have divided the BDR men reporting back to duty into two groups -- those reporting back in uniforms were asked to line up in front of the Pilkhana headquarters gate at Zigatola, and those without uniforms were sent to the Abahani sports field in Dhanmondi.

The BDR soldiers were present at Darbar Hall in the morning and said that a group of men in BDR uniforms wearing red,

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BTCL MD Alim finally made OSD
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Managing Director (MD) of Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Ltd (BTCL) Ashraf Alim has finally been made officer on special duty (OSD) after he was replaced by SM Khabiruzzaman bypassing company procedures.

The government appointed Khabiruzzaman on February 22 for a two-year term when Alim was on leave. There was confusion about who would actually be the MD of BTCL once Alim joined work.

Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju, minister for telecommunications, on Saturday said, "Ashraf Alim has been made OSD. The government has

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Two hill mynas inside a cage in the BDR headquarters died of starvation after the February 25-26 mutiny. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SYED ZAKIR HOSSAIN



Forgotten animals at BDR Zoo

SYED ZAKIR HOSSAIN

A mother deer yesterday was unable to quench the thirst of her starving young one, which was desperately trying to suck milk from her.

The deer, inside the mini zoo at the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) headquarters, had no

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We are mourning along with the nation for the brutal murders took place at the BDR Headquarter

We pray to Almighty for the peace of the departed souls

Our heartfelt condolence to the families of the deceased

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