

## BDR MASSACRE

# Grilling on as very few open mouth

### Collection of evidence almost complete, investigators say claiming progress

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

So far, only a few of those arrested in the BDR mutiny case have admitted their role in the carnage that left at least 74 people including 55 army officers killed and scores injured on February 25-26.

However, for the sake of inquiry, he would not disclose names of the accused who have confessed their involvement in the massacre and other offences committed at the BDR headquarters. Neither would he elaborate on their role.

Investigators are now grilling the arrestees at the Task Force for Interrogation cell for further

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## Historic March 7 today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the historic March 7. The day marks the fiery and dynamic speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhaka's Race Course Maidan (now Suhrawardy Udyan) that declared the decisive battle against the then repressive Pakistani junta.

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## WB VP due today to talk recession

UNB, Dhaka

World Bank Vice President for South Asia Region Isabel M Guerrero arrives here today on a three-day visit to Bangladesh.

The visit is to further strengthen the partnership between Bangladesh and the World Bank Group working together for reducing poverty and improving the lives of poor people in Bangladesh, said a press release.

It will be her second visit to the country as the World Bank vice president for South Asia. Guerrero oversees the World Bank's operations in

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## Woman's body found packed in luggage at ZIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Security personnel recovered the body of a young woman packed in a luggage abandoned at Zia International Airport terminal building-1 yesterday.

Ansar personnel informed the chief security officer of the airport at around noon that a luggage was lying on the first floor of the building since early morning, police said.

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Family members of slain army officers form a human chain at Dhaka Cantonment Jahangir Gate yesterday demanding a fair probe into the massacre. A bereaved family, below, offer feteha at the graves of officers in the Army Graveyard at Banani.



## Families of victims form human chain

UNB, Dhaka

Family members of the victims of the BDR mutiny at Pilkhana formed a human chain in the city yesterday demanding fair investigation into the tragic incident and exemplary punishment of the killers.

With tears rolling down their cheeks, the grief-stricken family members said fair investigation should be a national demand. They sought support of the people from all strata in realising the demand.

They formed the human chain from Jahangir Gate of Dhaka Cantonment to the Prime Minister's Office in the morning.

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## Spl tribunal after probe reports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will form a special tribunal to try those involved in the February 25-26 mutiny and killings at Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) headquarters in the capital only after getting inquiry reports.

"At this moment, we can't say anything specifically about formation of the tribunal. Everything depends on the outcome of inquiry reports," Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shafique Ahmed said last night.

They would take a decision in this regard after going through the inquiry reports, he told The Daily Star when contacted.

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## Rajshahi cops seek to file sedition case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi police have sought permission from the home ministry to file at least 10 sedition cases in connection with the mutiny of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) soldiers in the division.

Police drafted the cases on Wednesday and sent letters to police headquarters in Dhaka seeking necessary permission from the home ministry, said Mokhlesur Rahman, deputy inspector general (DIG) of Rajshahi range police.

"After getting permission, police will record the cases and investigate them", he said, adding that permission has been sought for no more than 10 cases.

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## 2 BDR jawans arrested in Satkhira sent to Dhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Two Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) members of 41 rifles battalion, who were present at Pilkhana during the border guard mutiny and surrendered at 41 rifles battalion on March 1, were handed over to Operation Rebel Hunt authorities Thursday night.

As per directive of the intelligence agencies and committees to probe the carnage, they were held in Satkhira and sent to Dhaka for interrogation, sources said.

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## Frequent power outages make life miserable

### Duration of load-shedding up as poor gas supply hits generation

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The power situation in the capital continues to worsen as the mercury rises every day forcing the city dwellers to consume more electricity at home and offices.

The city dwellers are experiencing one- to two-hour-long power cuts, in cases three to four times on an average daily. The shortfall in electricity supply is mainly caused by inadequate gas supply at power stations.

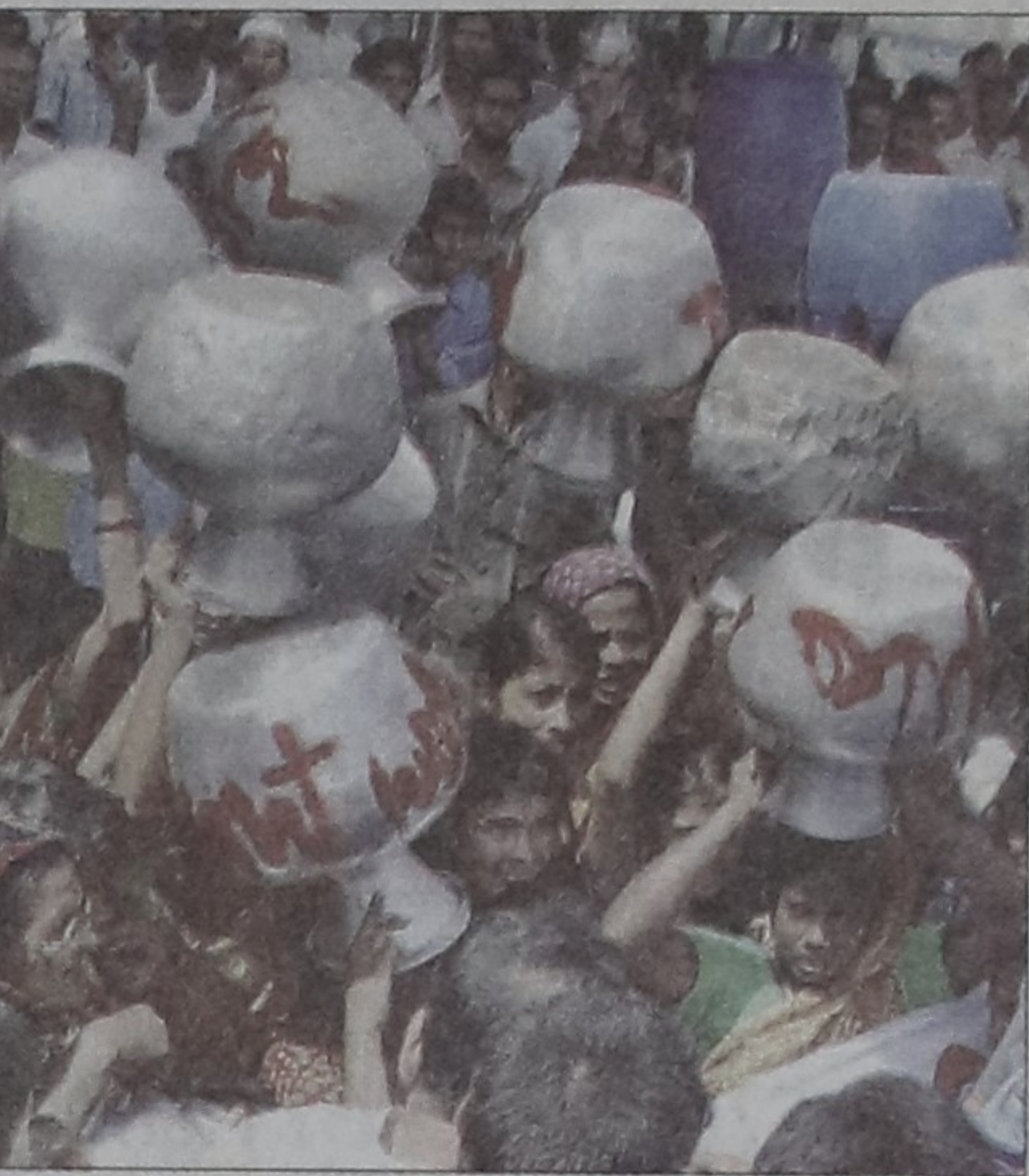
Power Development Board (PDB) sources said the official load-shedding yesterday was

810 megawatts (MW). This was hovering between 350MW and 500MW a day during November and December last year.

"It is like a game... power is on and off. I am worried what will happen in the coming days when the whole country experiences the scorching heat," says Nazrul Islam, a resident of Kathalagan.

He said they are used to such power cuts during the summer but now the duration of load-shedding exceeds one hour and sometimes goes on for two to three hours. "Why does

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With pitchers in their hands, residents of Senpara Parbata in the city's Mirpur area blocked road yesterday demanding uninterrupted water supply.

## Residents of Mirpur block road for water

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People of Senpara Parbata in the city's Mirpur area blocked road yesterday demanding uninterrupted water supply.

Several hundred local people put up barricade on Begum Rokeya Sarani at Senpara around 12:00 noon and kept the road blocked for nearly an hour, disrupting traffic movement on the weekly holiday.

The agitating residents said they are not getting regular water supply since February. Wasa and other authorities concerned have not taken any step to resolve the crisis, they complained.

On information, police

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## EXPERTS ON PROPOSED UZ LAW Making MPs advisers may breed discord, hamper job

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The proposed law to make members of parliament advisers to upazila parishad might create complexities in discharging the duties of its chairman and vice chairmen as it would be tough for them to work independently ignoring pressure from ministers and ruling grand alliance MPs.

The situation will be worse for the chairmen and vice chairmen belonging to opposition parties as they will face tremendous difficulties

in carrying out their duties, said experts.

It is feared that the bill placed in parliament that seeks to make the legislators advisers, if enacted, could breed discord also among the lawmakers. This is likely as many of them will be involved with the local government body as adviser while many others, who have been elected from constituencies in different city corporations, will have no such involvement.

The parliamentary standing committee on LGRD ministry, which is examining the bill, in a

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Our Prayers are with you - the valiant souls, who are no more with us. Our hearts go out to all who are left to grieve your untimely departure

**HOMEBOUND**

## Onion, sugar prices rise again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The price of local variety of onions went up by Tk 5 per kg during the last two days while potato and sugar prices increased in retail and wholesale markets in the capital.

At retail kitchen markets in the capital, The Daily Star correspondent found local onions selling between Tk 45 and Tk 50 a kg yesterday from Tk 40-45 of two days ago. The price of imported onions, however, remained between Tk 28 and Tk 32 in retail.

"The price of onions soared as the supply of local onions is inadequate," said Abdul Awal, an onion trader.

In retail, potato price leapt to Tk 14-16 per kg yesterday

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## Announcement

The economic meltdown cuts its path through a large swathe of the world, but Bangladesh seems largely immune to the assaults. A question lingers -- how long? Star Business will run a series of special stories, starting tomorrow, to gauge the effects of global recession on our economy.

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