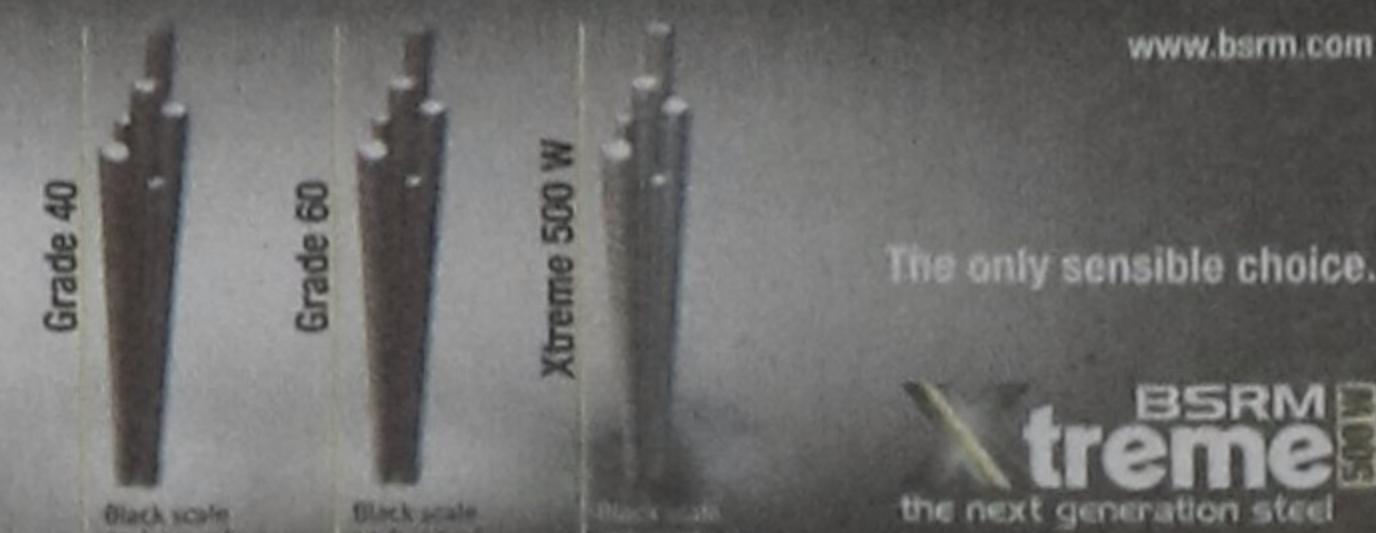


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JS sits today for 3rd session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament goes into third session today with the BNP-led opposition lawmakers continuing boycott of the House.

The focal point of the session that begins at 11:00am is likely to be a resolution on the much-talked graft probe against ex-speaker Jamiruddin Sircar, his deputy Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui and former chief whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain.

Upon the probe report's submission by an all-party parliamentary committee on July 9, Speaker Abdul Hamid told the House that the matter

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### Correction

In a report carried by The Daily Star yesterday, it was mentioned that former finance minister M Saifur Rahman participated in the 1952 Language Movement as vice-president of Fazlul Huq

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Sehri, Iftar timings			
Ramadan	Sept	Sehri	Iftar
16	7	7-14	
17	8	5-21	7-13
18	9	5-22	7-12

Prayer Timing	
September 7	
Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-21 5-31
Zohr	1-45 2-15
Asr	5-30 5-45
Maghrib	7-14 7-24
Esha	8-45 9-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

# 90 more pleas sent for govt review

JS body works on unfair sacking, retirement of defence officials

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary committee yesterday sent 90 applications of armed forces officials to the defence ministry for verifying who were "deprived or harassed or sacked on political grounds" in the last seven years.

At a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban the parliamentary standing committee on defence ministry also asked the ministry to submit the scrutiny report to the committee at its next meeting.

Earlier on August 7, the committee sent 40 such applications to the defence ministry for verification.

The government had planned to reinstate the armed forces officials sacked "inappropriately" or "on political grounds" during the rules of the last caretaker government and the previous BNP-led coalition government, and promote "deprived" officials.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had asked the parliamentary body to work on the matter. She had also instructed the chiefs of

the three forces to look into the issue.

Manjur Kader Quraishi, chairman of the parliamentary committee, told The Daily Star: "The committee has so far received 90 applications from officials of the army, navy and air force. The headquarters of the three forces as well as the defence ministry will verify the authenticity of the appeals."

He declined to give details like how many of the applicants are sacked or deprived.

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The photo shows the dilapidated condition of the road at the Mirpur Mazar Road-Beribandh intersection. The problem has remained unattended for long, prolonging people's sufferings.

PHOTO: STAR

## Sugar price up

Dearer by Tk 3-4 a kg amid artificial crisis

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Sugar disappeared from majority of the local markets as a section of unscrupulous traders are making an artificial crisis in an excuse of price hike in the international market.

During a visit at the city's Karwan Bazar, it was noticed that there was a scarcity of sugar as traders said they have no supply of the item from the refiners.

Some retail traders were selling the item at Tk 52-54 per kilogram from its Saturday's price at Tk 48-50 per kg.

The wholesalers were selling sugar at Tk 2,450 per 50-kg sack comparing to its Saturday's rate at Tk 2,300 at Karwan Bazar, traders said.

Tofal Ahmed, a retailer complained that some wholesalers agreed to sell sugar to him at a cost of Tk 2,500 per 50-kg sack.

On the other hand, the wholesalers complained that the refiners and importers are not supplying the sugar to make an artificial crisis during the Ramadan.

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Two more killed in 'crossfire'

STAR REPORT

Two criminals, including a leader of outlawed Gono Bahini, were shot dead in "crossfire" in Kushthia and Faridpur yesterday.

The criminals are Abdul Hannan alias Hanu, 36, of Ambaria village in Mirpur upazila in Kushthia, and Tofazzal Hossain alias Topu Khan, 40, of Jatra Bari village of Krishnapur union in Faridpur.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of police raided a brickfield at Anandapur in Mirpur at about 4:00am. The operatives of the outlawed party were holding a meeting there.

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## No roadmap to war crime trial

But process might start by Dec, says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will not announce any roadmap to war crimes trial but it might start the trial before December this year even before the ultimatum placed by Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said this at a media briefing at his secretariat office yesterday also adding, "The trial will start after arranging all the logistics involved with the trial."

He said the government was working on preparing the court-room, private chambers of the judges and office rooms for the trial.

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Online Poll ✓  
Do you think Rajuk should return deposited money with bank interest to unsuccessful applicants instead of making profit out of Uttara Model Town and Purbachal New Town Housing Project?

Yes (88.25%)  
 No (9.81%)  
 No Comments (1.94%)

Total votes: 979

TODAY'S POLL  
Do you believe the garment owners are really unable to pay their workers as BGMEA demanded Tk 30 billion from the government to pay workers wages ahead of Eid?

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