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**We mourn**  
**Dr Nawajesh no more**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Internationally renowned agriculture scientist and photographer and author of a number of books on photography Dr Nawajesh Ahmed passed away yesterday.

Nawajesh, 80, suddenly collapsed and fell on the ground on the Bangabandhu

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## 138 RMG units run unrest risk

Cops, agencies call for steps to ensure workers' payments before Eid

KAILASH SARKAR

Police and intelligence agencies suspect unrest may arise in 138 garment factories in Dhaka and its outskirts over non-payment of salaries and bonuses before Eid-ul-Azha.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police has prepared a list of 93 vulnerable garment units in the metropolitan area while Dhaka district police headquarters have prepared a list of 45 factories situated outside the metropolis.

The lists have been sent to the police headquarters, which forwarded them to the commerce and labour ministries, requesting immediate measures to ensure that factory owners make the payments before Eid, sources said.

According to the survey reports, the police and intelligence agencies have warned the government about demonstrations on roads, arson attacks and other untoward incidents by garment workers causing deterioration in the law and order situation.

On Monday, the DMP held a meeting with leaders of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), asking them to take immediate measures to avoid any such untoward incidents.

DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque told The Daily Star that the lists and reports have been prepared on intelligence and analysis of the past of those factories.

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Winners of Celebrating Life, an annual contest for outstanding film, photography and lyrics organised by The Daily Star and the Standard Chartered Bank, pose with President Zillur Rahman in the award giving ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

### OnlinePoll

Do you support Amnesty International's appeal to the government not to execute the convicted killers of Bangabandhu?

Yes (33.6%)  
No (65.4%)  
No Comments (1.0%)

**Total votes: 1682**

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think a parliamentary committee should have the authority to force any person summoned by the body to appear before it and produce documents it asks for?

Please cast your vote at [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

## 100 school buses in two months

Govt keeps faith in automated signals in controlling city traffic

BSS, Dhaka

The government will continue to control Dhaka's traffic using automated signals and introduce 100 specialised school buses in next two months to ease traffic congestion in the city.

The decisions came from an inter-ministerial meeting chaired by Home Minister Sahara Khatun at the home ministry yesterday.

There are only 70 automatic traffic signals in the city of which 59 are now in operation and the rest 11 are inoperative.

The meeting instructed the concerned authorities to make the inoperative signals operational immediately, meeting

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## Trial of BDR killings will begin soon

Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the trial of the February 25-26 BDR mutiny started in Rangamati, Home Minister Sahara Khatun said yesterday that the trial of killings at the BDR headquarters would also begin soon.

"I hope the charge sheet will be submitted soon. Then the trial of army officials killing during the carnage will begin," she told reporters after

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## Home-goers flock to city exit points

HELEMUL ALAM

With Eid-ul-Azha only three days away, thousands of city dwellers have started to leave Dhaka to celebrate the second largest religious festival of the Muslims with their near and dear ones.

The mad rush of homebound people, however, will gather pace from November 25 though a good number of passengers already left the city yesterday amid crisis of seats both in buses and trains.

Bus fare of different routes has increased by Tk 20 to Tk 150. The bus operators, however,

said they are not charging more than the rates fixed by the government.

Amzad Hossain, a resident of Khulna, bought a ticket of a normal coach Shoukhin Paribahan at Gabtali Bus Terminal for Tk 200, which is between Tk 120 and Tk 150 at the usual time.

Terminal authorities of Saidabad, Gabtoli and Mohakhali are asking passengers through loudspeaker not to buy tickets from outside the counters to avoid black marketeers, brokers, and frauds.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), police and

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## HC permits SQ Chowdhury to go abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to allow BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader

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Prayer Timing		
November 25		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	6-05	6-40
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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