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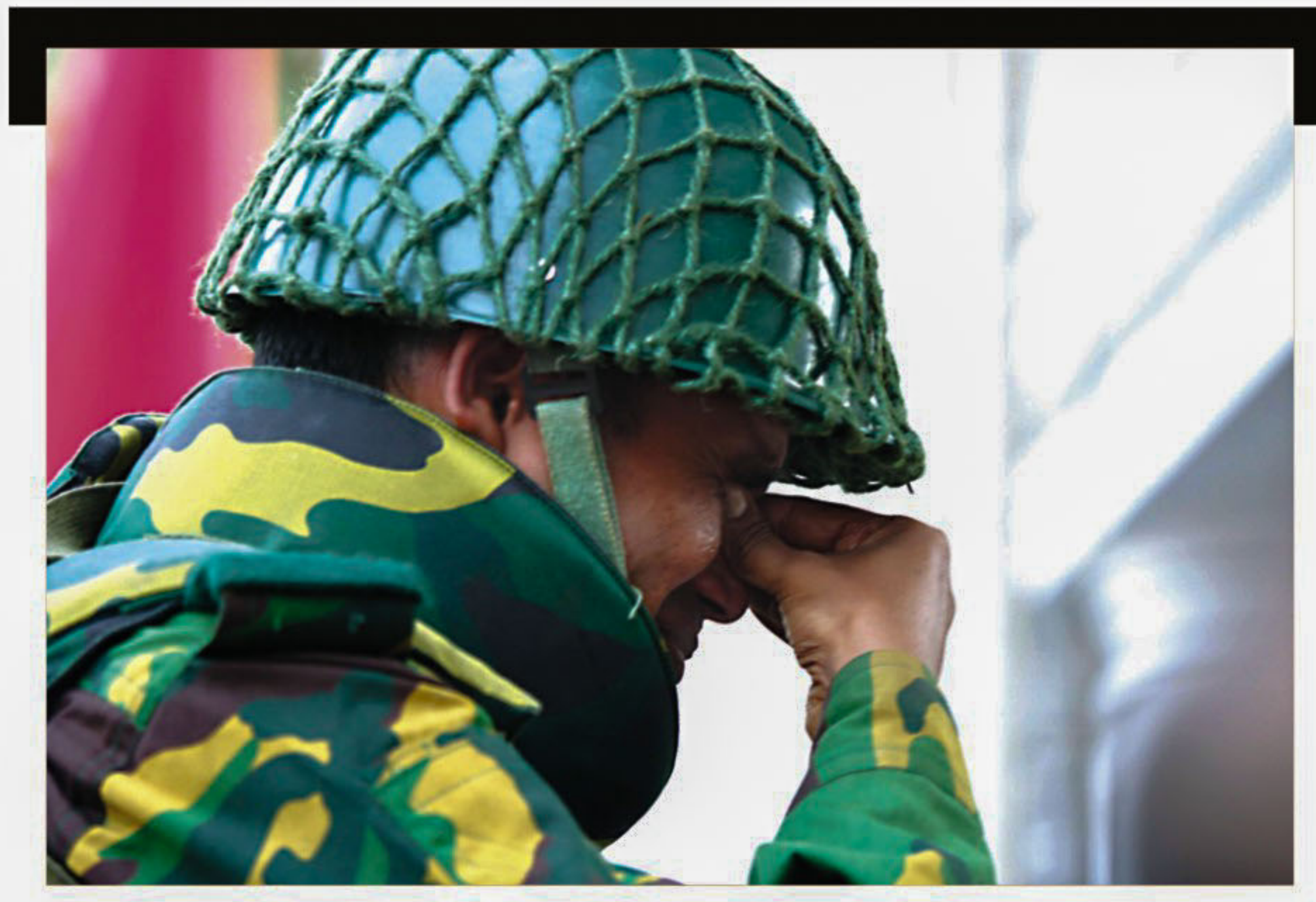
ONE-YEAR INTO BDR KILLINGS

Justice kept in wait, still

CID says probe almost done; no political link found; 'real' motives remain unknown; pledges for flat, job not yet fulfilled

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and SHARIFUL ISLAM
Family members of the victims of February 25-26 BDR carnage want justice since it is the only thing at present that can console their broken souls.
The BDR started the trials of its jawans involved in the carnage under its own law on charge of mutiny at the Pilkhana headquarters, but the most sought-after trial for the killings has not started, as the Criminal Investigation Department is yet to complete its investigation.

One year has passed since the heinous massacre of 74 persons including 57 top and mid-ranking army officers. The horrifying memory of the incident is still fresh in the mind of the nation.
"The mutiny trial has started, but we do not know anything about the investigation into the brutal killings at Pilkhana," Fatema Sultana, widow of slain Col Gulzar Uddin Ahmed, expressed her concern to The Daily Star on Monday.
Nehreen Ferdousi, wife of another victim
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This file photo shows a soldier unable to hold back tears at the Pilkhana BDR headquarters gate after the carnage that left 57 army officers dead. **SUPPLEMENT ON PAGE 7**

Plotters must be tried

Says PM opening Dhaka bypass road at Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said whoever found involved in the BDR carnage at Pilkhana must be tried and provocateurs will not be spared.
"We will track down the provocateurs and they, too, will not be spared," she said while addressing a rally at Nawjor here marking the inauguration of Dhaka Bypass Road.
Hasina's remarks came a day before the first anniversary of the BDR mutiny.
On February 25-26 last
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A vacation never came true

SHARIFUL ISLAM
For three months Colonel Gulzar had been planning to go on a vacation with his family. But before he got the opportunity, an irreversible turn in life took him to the place where he would never need a vacation anymore.
Col Gulzar Uddin Ahmad was killed during the February 25-26 bloody mutiny at the Pilkhana BDR headquarters last year. He had been deputed to BDR from Rapid Action Battalion just a couple of weeks ago.
Col Gulzar was known as a brilliant committed army officer who did the challenging job of fighting militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh from the forefront while serving the Rab in the middle of the last decade.
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COLONEL GULZAR

God's gift now lives in frame

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK
One year into the death of her son, Hamida Begum still searches for an answer. For her, some compensation was no consolation, will never be.
"Did the money call me mother?" says Hamida. "Give me my son back, I will return you the money." The compensation -- Tk 11 lakh -- came from the prime minister and other ruling party leaders.
The life of Hridoy Hossain Rakib -- a
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Thirteen-year-old Hridoy was shot dead in the BDR carnage last year. His father in tears talks to The Daily Star at his Jigatola residence on Tuesday with the photo of his beloved son in the background.
PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

CRACKER EXPLOSION

BNP demands neutral probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP, the main opposition in parliament, yesterday demanded neutral investigation of Tuesday night's explosions in front of the party's Gulshan office, and exemplary punishment for the perpetrators.
There were two explosions in front of the office of BNP chairperson when the leader of the opposition was inside. BNP is claiming that the explosions were caused by bombs, but police said those were homemade crackers.
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Sachin scripts history

Becomes first to score 200 in one-day cricket
AGENCIES, Gwalior
India's Sachin Tendulkar became the first man in the 2,962-match history of one-day internationals to make a double century when he scored 200 not out against South Africa here on Wednesday.
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