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BNP doubts

FROM PAGE 1 Jatiya Press Club to commemorate army officials, who were killed during the BDR mutiny, with BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan in

the chair.

"Daal-Bhaat issue has been brought to the forefront only to hide the main reasons behind the mutiny. We reject the speech of BDR chief [DG]. The current government itself is the instigator of the incident," said Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, a member of BNP standing committee, at

the meeting. He said it was a mystery why Moeen U Ahmed did not come forward to save lives of his officers.

"The Pilkhana carnage was plotted as part of the process of turning Bangladesh into a failed state and also a market for others," he added.

Brig Gen (retd) Hannan Shah, another member of BNP standing committee, said the prime minister totally failed to deal with the crisis. "It was the duty of army chief Moeen to save lives of his officers but he failed to do so."

He said ruling party leaders were involved with the incident. They held meetings with

Experience FROM PAGE 1

teacher for every ten students, and the part-time teachers should not be more than onefifth of the permanent teachers in number, sources said.

The health ministry knew about the poor state of private medical colleges but they were not taking actions against them thinking about the students, said the sources.

They added that the health ministry found that there are some private medical colleges, which lacked adequate teaching facilities, enough regular teachers, laboratories, hospital with proportionate patients, adequate infrastructure and transparency in

"As we found some major irregularities in the private medical colleges, we are planning to take stern actions against those including cancellation of enrollment for the next academic year," said Khandakar Sefayet Ullah.

The medical education wing of the DGHS frequently visited these medical colleges and served caution notices when they found irregularities and violations of rules, he said.

There are 3,310 seats in 41 private medical colleges in contrast to 2,310 seats in 17 public medical colleges in the country.

Joy joins

FROM PAGE 1 party's Rangpur unit convenei yesterday.

"Through this membership, Joy made his formal debut in politics," Hanif said after an extended meeting of Rangpur unit of Awami League.

A senior Awami League leader on condition of anonymity said a post of joint general secretary was lying vacant in the Awami League central working committee that Joy might eventually fill.

Asked if Joy would be the joint general secretary of the party, Hanif said highly educated and qualified people like Joy should come forward in leading the nation.

Anti-cancer drugs

FROM PAGE 16 range between Tk 95 and Tk 5000, he said.

The 200 mg Gemcitabine imported from Switzerland with the brand name Gemzar costs Tk 2375 and Techno Drugs produces Gemcetin that will cost Tk 1400 only, said the manufacturer.

Prof Mollah Obaydullah Baki, director of the National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital, said, "It is good that more pharmaceutical companies of the country are producing anti-cancer drugs. A few days ago, Beacon Pharmaceuticals marketed its anti-cancer drugs. The more local companies produce the drugs, the more competition will be there, and the patients will get quality drugs at

cheaper rates." Prof Emeritus ABM Fazlul Karim, former chairman of European Association for Cancer Education was present as the chief guest at the programme.

He stressed the need for random clinical trial and research in this field.

Dr Selim Reza, oncologist of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital, prof Hafizur Rahman Ansari, departmental head of Radiotherapy, Dr Chowdhury Mahmud Hasan, former director of the Drug Administration, among others, spoke.

killers and cooperated with them.

"You and your leaders were involved with the conspiracy," he said pointing to the pre-

BNP Vice Chairman Shah Moazzem Hossain said there was doubt about the fair trial in BDR court. "Role of Sheikh Hasina was questionable and there are huge loopholes in the trail process of BDR inci-

Nazrul Islam Khan said three enquiry committees were formed but government did not disclose any of the reports. "Government is trying to influence trial system by conducting propaganda against opposition regarding the incident."

Electricity

The government last increased the power tariff in 2007 by 5 percent at the retail level.

BERC completed public hearing on the power tariff increase proposal of all distributing agencies last year.

The officials said the DPDC proposed increase in power tariff by 12.33 percent, Desco by 10.18 percent, Reb by 11.52 percent, WZPDCO by 15.18 percent and the PDB by 24.31 percent.

According to the PDB's proposal, the difference between the power supply cost and the sale stands at Tk 0.87 per unit, 24.31 percent higher than the billing cost.

However, the high cost power plants would increase the production cost of the state run organisation, it added.

Many missing

forest where I found my son missing. I still don't know about his whereabouts," Malati explained with her full effort, as she cannot speak Bangla prop-

Malati who almost remained starved since Friday prepared to return to the forest, as she thought that it was not safe for her to stay there. For a moment, Malati stood beside her house that was burnt to ashes, and then left the area immediately. At the Sajek Union Parishad

(UP) office in Rangamati, Bangalee settler Amena Khatun cries as she has lost her 25-yearold son Dulal on February 20. Besides her, Asma Khatun cries, as she does not know the fate of her 10-year-old son Kashem.

Yasin, the 16-year old son of Mamata, also remained missing since February 20. "My son has not returned home yet after the violence," said Amena.

A group of Buddhist monks stood some yards away from the Bangalee settler group at Sajek as one of the monks named Bhante Loko Bangsho Bhikkhu went missing from a Guchchagram Buddha Bihar on the bank of river Kasalong during the violence.

The monks remained clam and waited for information about the missing monk.

The district administration does not have any list or information about the missing people, as they are now busy in pacifying the unrest. There are some more missing cases but it could not be confirmed

Plant uncertain FROM PAGE 16

Secretary of the power ministry Abul Kalam Azad earlier told The Daily Star over cell phone that a few months ago, the management of the plant resorted to court and obtained a stay order asking the government not to take any step against the company according to the agreements. That's why the government has not yet taken any steps about the

proposal, he added. "To encourage the Bangladeshi company, the government had extended the launching deadline of the plant by a few months from October 2008 without any hesitation, but the plant is yet to start generating power and it is uncertain when the plant will start power generation according to the agreement' Azad noted.

Earlier on February 20, Chairman of Energy Prima Ltd Moazzam Hossain told The Daily Star over cell phone that the plant was yet to start generating power due to shortage of equipment but it was ready to generate and supply 14 MW power to the national grid as per the proposal.

Chowdhury Monibur Rahman, general manager of Energy Prima, claimed that the government could save Tk 2.5 crore every month if the PDB took the 14 MW of elec-

tricity. He said the plant would supply 20 MW power to the national grid within 70 days of acceptance of the proposal.

Oceans are new front in fight against global FROM PAGE 16

AFP, Nusa Dua

says UN

warming,

UN environmental experts yesterday issued an urgent call to study the crucial role the oceans -- as massive carbon stores -- can play in the fight against global warming.

The United Nations **Environment Programme** (Unep) launched the "Blue Carbon" initiative together with the Indonesian government Thursday on the resort island of

"A global scientific study of the role of marine and coastal ecosystems in meeting the climate change challenges is urgently needed in order to improve understanding," Unep director Achim Steiner said on the sidelines of the gathering of climate experts and environment ministers.

"There is now growing evidence that marine and coastal ecosystems, such as sea grasses, mangroves and salt marshes, may play an important role in climate mitigation," he said.

Unlike when dealing with emissions from land, scientists have said a lack of knowledge on how oceans and climate interact means discussions on including oceans in a future global climate agreement are at an early stage.

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Star that police and fire brigade along with locals started the rescue operation just after the fire broke out.

Garib & Garib sweater factory had around 3,500 workers and most of them left for home before 9:00pm.

Police and fire brigade sources said they looked for survivors and bodies till 2:o0am today.

Thousands of relatives of the factory workers thronged the area after hearing the

Nor'wester

FROM PAGE 16 Kongachha village in Sadar upazila, igniting a fierce fire.

"Shakitan and her daughter burnt to death in the fire and another daughter, Naima, suffered severe burn injuries, says a spot account of the incident.

Naima was admitted to sadar hospital in a critical condition.

"A ball of black smoke was billowing in the air from Nazrul's house during the hailstorms accompanied by torrential rain," a neighbour

Two cattle of Nazrul Islam also burnt to death while valuables of his family were gutted in the blaze.

On information, fire fight ers from the district town rushed to the spot and put out the blaze.

HC clears

In response to the petitions, the court issued separate rules upon the government, DCC and EC asking them to explain why they should not be directed to demarcate areas of DCC wards on the basis of population.

Besides, the court asked them to explain why they should not be directed to bring the new 17 mouzas into DCC wards.

The HC on February 15 stayed till February 23 the process of EC's declaration of sched

ule for holding elections to DCC. Barrister Rafique-Ul Huq, barrister M Amir-Ul Islam, barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud and advocate Mahbubur Rahman appeared for the peti-

PM urged

FROM PAGE 16 urged to make the findings of

as possible. It also asked the government to take appropriate action against those found

these inquiries public as soon

responsible for the attacks. "We trust that the committee will examine the causes and consequences of the arson attacks in Baghaichari on February 19 and 20, which were carried out in presence of the law enforcement agencies, said the commission in the memorandum signed by its cochairs Eric Avebury, Sultana Kamal and Ida Nicolaisen.

The commission also demanded ensuring access of the media and relief teams to the areas that were affected, due legal support for those who have been arrested and proper relief and rehabilitation for individuals affected.

Stating that the violence has overwhelmingly affected the hill women, men and children across two districts, the commission said, "We underscore the critical importance of implementation of the CHT Accord in order to facilitate the restoration of security and peace in the region."

Peace rally

Khagrachhari police station on Wednesday against more than 20 thousand unnamed adivasis and Bangalee settlers in connection with murder, arson, and riot.

A 1,500 strong multi-ethnic peace march including nearly 300 adivasis, led by local ruling Awami League lawmaker Jatindra Lal Tripura, was brought out in the town yesterday. The indigenous participants of the procession are however mainly activists of AL and main opposition BNP, while some others are government employees.

After the peace march, Jatindra said a vested quarter wants to damage the peace between indigenous hill communities and Bangalees in CHT. But the AL-led government is determined to develop CHT, maintaining peace and tranquillity, he said adding, the government also decided to rehabilitate all victims.

The district administration also decided to form peace committees in every ward comprising representatives of Bangalee settlers and adivasis.

Criticising the peace march, adivasi leaders however said the march was of no use as it was brought out while section 144 was in effect. Such a march will only be of any value when the people of all walks of life will be able to come out of their homes and hiding places safely to join the march, they added.

The tension kept brewing despite the reconciliation efforts, as Bangalee settlers were roaming around town in groups despite having a ban on gatherings of more than four people in the town and adjacent areas, while adivasis were a rarity on the streets all through the day

vesterday. Till Wednesday night a section of the settlers continued to loot adivasi houses and demand extortion money from the indigenous people in exchange for their right to remain in their houses, alleged adivasi leaders adding the settlers were also threatening the adivasis of 'dire consequences' if their demands are not met.

Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parishad, a student organisation of Bangalee settlers, observed a daylong road and waterway blockade in CHT yesterday without any untoward incident, other than some picketing by them in a number of upazilas of Khagrachhari, amid the ban on any public demonstration.

The police and district administration, however, continued to claim that the situation returned to normal and night in the town were not completely true, as only two houses in Mohajon Para caught fire from "electric short circuits".

Intelligence sources however said the report of burning seven adivasi houses and five settlers' houses on Wednesday

night is correct. "The situation is normal and under control now," said Deputy Inspector General of Police of Chittagong Zone

Asaduzzaman Miah yesterday. After the lifting of curfew in the town at 7:00am yesterday, it was reimposed at 8:00pm for 10

Doubts are however abound about the district administration's peace initiative as law enforcers are yet to arrest any activists of Pahari Chhatra unnamed.

Parishad, student front of antipeace treaty adivasi organisation United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF), and Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parishad, the two main components of the recent violence in

the hills, according to local

residents of both adivasi and

Bangalee origins. The district administration on Wednesday initiated a meeting between leaders of Bangalee settlers and adivasis, most of whom are also leaders of AL, BNP or Jativa Party. But none from UPDF, Pahari Chhatra Parishad, or Parbatya Bangalee Chattra Parishad was in that meeting.

"The problem will not be solved until UPDF is brought to the meeting for discussion,' Rono Bikram Tripura, vicepresident of the district AL said.

"The district administration must immediately identify the main trouble makers, and take action against them," he added. "For whose benefit the

section 144 and curfew have been imposed are being questioned now, as the adivasis are still under threats of attacks from Bangalee settlers. A frightening situation has been created which will not improve until the CHT peace treaty is implemented," said Sudhakor Tripura, a member of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity central committee.

"There is no scope for viewing the matter as an isolated incident. It must be solved through the political process, he added. "The government must

identify the main culprits. The administration failed to arrest any main culprit," said Rafiqul Islam, a leader of the Bangalee settlers. GOVTRELIEF

Khagrachhari district administration yesterday distributed relief among the affected families in the town. The government yesterday allocated additional Tk 42 lakh,

400 metric tons of rice, and

1,000 bundles of corrugated iron sheets for the victims of Rangamati and Khagrachhari violence. Besides, each of the 100 victim families in Khagrachhar will be provided with 20 kilograms of rice a month between March and May under the

vulnerable group feeding

programme, said a media

release of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management. Earlier, the government allocated 645 metric tons of rice, 500 bundles of corrugated iron sheets, and Tk 36,89,500 for the affected people in the two hill

districts CASES

Among the four cases filed, peace had been restored, claim- Mohammad Jalal Mia, brother ing that reports of 12 houses of slain Bangalee settler Anwar being burned on Wednesday Hossein, filed one in connection with the murder, accusing 34 indigenous persons including Nila Prue Marma, who allegedly had been captured red handed. Nila Prue was sent to Khagrachhari District Jail after

Bangalee settler Mohammad Hossein Sarkar filed an arson case accusing some three to four thousand unknown indigenous people while Karunamoy Chakma filed an arson case accusing five to six

thousand Bangalees. Police Sub-inspector Mohammad Dulal Mia filed a case against eight to ten thousand adivasis and Bangalees for rioting and disturbing peace in the hill town. Sixty of the accused were named in the case while the others remain

In tears, they mourn

and the premier. Home Minister Sahara Khatun, State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku and premier's Defence Adviser Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique were also present.

Chief of Army Staff Gen Md Abdul Mubeen, Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral ZU Ahmed, Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman and BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Mainul Islam paid tribute to the memories of the martyrs.

ceremony stood in silence for a minute, after the army paid state honour to the martyrs with salutes. The family members and

The participants at the

relatives of the departed officers paid homage by placing floral wreaths at the graves. Later, Rab Chief Hassan Mahmood Khandker along

with other Rab officials paid tribute to the dead at the Banani graveyard. The army arranged Quran khatam, milad mahfil and special prayers at the central mosques of all cantonments

including the Sena Central

Mosque at Dhaka

Cantonment.

The BDR also made similar arrangements at its central mosques at Pilkhana headquarters, and all other units and sectors. Milads were held in three educational institutes inside the BDR headquarters.

The home minister, Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder, the BDR chief and other officials of the border force attended the milad and prayers at the Pilkhana central

Sahara said justice would be upheld through trial of both the mutineers and the killers. "The trial proceedings are

already underway. The charge sheet of the murder case will be submitted shortly and then the trial will begin... soon,' she told reporters after a milad mahfil at Pilkhana marking the one-year anniversary of the carnage.

The minister said the massacre of army officers is the most heinous of acts in the history of mankind, and the damage it caused cannot be compensated.

Forty-eight army officers tenure of the committee had were laid to rest at the Banani expired a long time ago. The army graveyard and nine last committee was formed in others at their village homes. 1996.

Tannery

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behalf of the tannery owners' association said the then government in 2006 agreed to provide Tk 250 crore, but the money was not yet disbursed.

He said about 65 thousand workers of the industry may become unemployed if the industry is shifted at this moment since they don't have any facilities for habitation at Taposh also said the gov-

ernment has not yet set up the central ETP and other pollution-fighting devices for the tannery industry. Additional Attorney General MK Rahman said the

implement the HC directives, but it needs time to do so. Iqbal Kabir and Manzill Murshid, lawyers for the Bela and HRPB, opposed the time prayer saying the tannery owners and the government

had several times announced

that they would relocate the

tanneries, but did not take any

government is sincere to

steps in line with the HC order. Kabir said the owners themselves have to set up ETPs as per the law, and are not to depend on the government for this.

RU violence

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Ruhul Amin put the two in jail after police produced them in the afternoon. Police told the court that

the arrestees are found to have

been involved in the RU vio-

lence that left a Chhatra League worker killed and 100 others injured on February 9. All detainees FROM PAGE 16 Moinul Islam Madrasa Ahmad

Shafi, a number of madrasa

teachers and senior police officials were present at the meeting. Senior leaders of Hefazat-e Islam gathered in a meeting at Hathazari Moinul Islam Madrasa yesterday evening to chalk out their next programme. Chaired by the outfit's Ameer Ahmed Shafi,

the meeting was also attended

by the organisation's Nayebe

Ameer and Chief of Lalkhan

Bazar Madrasa Mufti Izharul Contacted over telephone, the outfit's leader Musa Izhar, younger son of Mufti Izhar, yesterday told The Daily Star that they were still in the meeting discussing their next course of action.

"We could not hold the rally at Laldighi Maidan due to police hindrance. We shall try to hold a protest rally at divisional level soon," he said.

In Wednesday's clash 19 people including six policemen were injured as police barred Hefazat-e Islam activists from holding a rally at Laldighi Maidan.

BNP finds

FROM PAGE 16 Vice-President Selima Rahman to finalise the com-

mittees of Mohila Dal. Syeda Asifa Ashrafi Papia recently met the chairperson and requested her to form the new committee keeping Shirin and her as president and general secretary, sources said.

A group of leaders alleged that the group led by former lawmaker Shirin is trying to grab most of the important posts of the central committee while Shirin said it is only the jurisdiction of the chairperson and she does not know anything in this regard. Shirin alleged that a few

former student leaders, who are not even members of Mohila Dal, are trying to create misunderstandings.

Papia refused to make any comment but said she will accept the decision of the chairperson. Talking to The Daily Star a

female lawmaker of BNP said Noor-e-Ara Safa, also a pro-Shirin leader, said former lawmaker Safa has been an active party leader since late president Ziaur Rahman's Besides Safa, Shirin and

Papia, a number of current and former lawmakers including Nilufar Chowdhury Moni, Rehana Akhter Ranu, Bilkis Jahan Shirin, Khodeza Emdad Lata, Newaz Halima Early may get vital posts in the central committee. BNP leaders said the BNP high-ups are also planning to announce the committee for

Dhaka city unit of Mohila Dal. Former lawmakers Sultana Ahammed and Laila Begum, ward councillors Shirin Jahan, Sajeda Ali Helen, Rabeya Alam and Shamsunnahar will get important posts in the city Mohila Dal leaders said the

India, Pakistan to heal wounds

Take steps to rebuild trust after Mumbai carnage

AFP, New Delhi

India said yesterday its first official talks with Pakistan in 14 months had been a "first step" towards putting their volatile relationship back on track after the devastating 2008 Mumbai attacks.

Indian Foreign Secretary

Nirupama Rao and her Pakistani counterpart Salman Bashir met for three hours in New Delhi in peace talks seen as vital for regional stability and a key part of US war strategy in Afghanistan. "We had set out to take a

first step towards rebuilding trust and I believe my meeting with the Pakistan foreign secretary constituted that first step," Rao told reporters after the talks.

Secretary Bashir said that confidence," she said. India's focus on the 2008 Mumbai attacks was "unfair" and was stalling efforts to get relations between the countries back on track. "It is unfair and unrealistic

and, in our view, counterpro-

ductive to .. keep the focus on that (Mumbai) to stall the process of the broader relationship between the two countries," Bashir said after talks in New Delhi with his Indian counterpart Rao. They were the first official talks between the nuclear-

of the 2008 assault on its financial capital, which it blamed on Pakistan-based militants. Arguments over the agenda and a brief exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani border guards before the meeting had augured badly for major progress, and the

statement from India was

armed rivals since India sus-

pended dialogue in the wake

deliberately cautious. New Delhi's offer earlier this month to resume official contacts with Pakistan had taken many by surprise and led to sharp criticism from the opposition, which saw it as a climbdown and a sign of weakness.

men targeted multiple locations in the country's financial capital, killing 166 people.

India blamed the attack on Pakistan-based militants and said talks could only resume if Islamabad took concrete steps to bring those responsible to justice and cracked down on militant groups on its soil.

Rao stressed that India was

still not prepared to resume a

fully fledged peace process, called the Composite Dialogue, which began in 2004 and seeks to resolve all outstanding issues between the rivals. "From our side, we certainly don't discount the

achievements made by the Composite Dialogue... but the time is not right as yet to resume it because we have to But Pakistan Foreign create a climate of trust and

"We have agreed to remain in touch," she added.

India's focus in the talks

was tackling anti-India militancy across the border, which New Delhi believes Pakistan sponsors with its intelligence services. "I spelt out forthrightly our concerns on terrorism emanating from Pakistan against

cannot advance any cause but the cause of senseless violence," she said. During the talks, the Indian side handed the Pakistanis three dossiers on anti-India militants, including one that

contained intelligence related

India. I told my Pakistani

counterpart that terrorism

to the Mumbai attacks. Pakistan had balked at the Indian emphasis on terrorism and made it clear that all issues between the rivals should be up for discussion, including the seemingly intractable dispute over

Muslim-majority Kashmir. Rao said Pakistan had pushed for the Composite Dialogue to resume, which

would include Kashmir. The Himalayan region is held in part by Pakistan and India, but claimed in full by both. It has been the trigger for two out of the three wars the countries have fought since

One bullet

India froze all discussions

with Pakistan after the

Mumbai carnage 14 months

ago in which 10 Islamist gun-

FROM PAGE 1 But now Moslem's only hope is drops of tears started rolling to educate his younger brother and sisters, sacrificing his dream. "If I can ensure the education of my younger brother by doing some odd jobs, it will be a kind of implementation of the dreams of my father

and myself." Amzad died when a bullet pierced through his head near the BDR Gate-5 on February 25 last year. Though he is a rickshaw-puller, he did not take his rickshaw that day due to respiratory problem. He went there on a hired rickshaw to buy some medicine without having any

breakfast that day. Though a bullet ruined the lives of his family members, the reality is that someone's absence does not stop life from rolling on. Amzad's wife Rasheda made an all out endeavour to maintain the poverty-ridden family. She moved to a tiny room on

the other side of embankment at Rayerbazar in the city and stopped the schooling of a son. She had no option but did it to slash down expenditure to live with her children from hand-to-

Moreover, she also had to change the menu of daily meals to cut expenditure. "When my husband was alive, he used to buy beef or chicken once a week

of sacrificial cattle," she said, adding that now she can seldom buy fish for her children. "Being a mother, these

Asked what memory about

city, could say nothing--only

down his cheeks. Rasheda feels grateful that her husband married out his eldest son and eldest daughter before his death. Now she lives

with her four children in the single room residence. Though Amzad pulled a rickshaw he never wanted to see his sons do the same. "Abba used to tell me to be attentive to studies so that I could get a good job. But the irony of fate is that I had to stop my schooling months into my father's death to earn money and help my mother run the family," said Amzad's second son Moslem,

17. He was in class-VI at the local Brac school before he dropped out. He now works as a caretaker at the mosque at ZI Shikder Women Medical College and Hospital in the area at a monthly

Amzad's death came as a double blow for Rasheda as her income drastically fell. When her husband was alive she cooked for 10 students at the medical college, but now she only cooks for three students who did not take another "bua cook" after her long absence following the death of her husband. "Earlier, I earned Tk 2,100 a month, but now my income stands at only Tk 900," Rasheda

Months after the death of Amzad, the prime minister handed over Tk 2 lakh to the family and local lawmaker Fazle Noor Taposh gave another Tk 50,000. The family spent over Tk "The only exception is the 50,000 to repay some debts and Eid when I was given some meat to pay for the burial of Amzad at their village home in Fulpur of Mymensingh. The rest of the money they deposited to a bank and now they get some money in interest. She said the prime minister

assured her that she would

ensure schooling for her children, give her a flat and employment to one member of her family, but in the last one year she has not received anything. "I would have been content if the government took steps for my three children's schooling," Rasheda said, adding that she now spends around Tk 1,500 a month to continue her children's studies.

and fish almost every day. But since his death, my children have forgotten the taste of meat as I could not afford to buy meat even for a single day since his death," Rasheda said while talking to this correspondents

things are shocking to me, but it is more painful that my children are deprived of their father's affection. They will never call 'abba' affectionately again,' Rasheda said, her eyes brimming with tears.

his father haunts him, Amzad's 13-year-old son Rabbin, who was beside his mother with his three other brothers and sisters inside their tiny residence, a nine feet by 12 feet room, at Sluice Gate, Rayerbazar in the

salary of only Tk 1,200. He also works temporarily as an electrician to earn some more money.