

## D-8 Summit

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science and technology, migrant workers and remittances, small and medium scale enterprises as well as information and communication technology.

All these corporations are with a view to improving the well being of its peoples in a global economy. It is also aimed at boosting the participation of member states in the process of decision-making at the international level.

The summit will draw participation from D-8 heads of state and government, D-8 foreign ministers, D-8 technocrats, D-8 private sector, members of the press and stakeholders on D-8.

Among the important agenda of the summit would be the D-8 Roadmap for Economic Cooperation (2008-2018).

The roadmap which was endorsed during the Kuala Lumpur Summit in 2008 is aimed at encouraging greater economic cooperation among member states and to assist in mobilising resources from governmental and private sectors in implementing D-8 projects.

In the summit, Malaysia is

## War crime

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Ullah, inspector of CID.

"We have appointed the three officials to accelerate the investigation into the war crimes," said Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder.

Sobhan added that the appointments have been given after checking their background, skills and competencies. With the appointment of the three, the number of personnel stands at nine in the agency.

Appointment of 10 other investigators is in the pipeline to give the investigation a new momentum, the Secretary told The Daily Star.

The total number of investigators will be about 18 to 20 finally, Sobhan said.

Earlier, the head of the investigation agency Abdul Matin resigned over his controversial affiliation with Islami Chhatra Shangha during his student life.

On March 25, ahead of the Independence and National Day, the government announced a three-member tribunal, a seven-member Investigation Agency and a 12-member Prosecution Cell.

The home secretary said, "We will very soon declare the names of 10 more officials and their appointments are almost finalised."

Home ministry officials said at least five separate investigation teams with an assistant superintendent of police as its head and two other inspectors will be formed to quickly start the probe into the war crimes in the field level.

## JS body

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tried to respond to the allegations brought by Azam and other lawmakers but they were not satisfied with the replies, meeting sources told The Daily Star.

Azam engaged in the heated argument with the two saying what they had done was not "proper". He spoke in a loud voice but the committee chief tried to ease the situation, the sources said.

Sources said the NCTB so far awarded work orders to six consortiums (comprising 14 companies) to supply 14,000 tonnes of paper and a re-tender was floated for the supply of around 9,400 tonnes of paper and book-cover paper.

The NCTB also floated an international tender for printing a large chunk of the 23 crore textbooks.

## Nizami's arrest

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from Jatiya Press Club area on the charges of hurting religious sentiments of Muslims in the country.

Other accused persons were assistant secretary general Shafiqur Rahman, publicity secretary Tasnim Alam, Dhaka city unit Jamaat secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul, Islami Chhatra Shibir president Rezaul Karim and another leader Mohammad Obayed.

Meanwhile, Ramna police yesterday afternoon charged batons on procession of Jamaat and arrested five Jammamat men when they brought out a procession in the city's Bijoyanagar area in protest against the arrest of Jammamat-Shibir leaders.

However, Jamaat publicity secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul claimed that police arrested their seven men and alleged that police charged baton on their peaceful procession. Sabubagh thana Shibir president Talha, Shibir leaders Mokarram Hossain, Mizanur Rahman and Nazmul are among the arrestees.

also set to hand over the chairmanship to Nigeria. Malaysia took on the D-8 chairmanship on July 8, 2008 at the sixth summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

With more than 155 million people, Nigeria is Africa's largest democracy and has the second largest economy where the oil rich country is also known as the "Land of Opportunities" for its huge economic potential.

At the end of the summit, the Abuja Declaration would be released.

This declaration would address issues that could help cushion the effects and challenges facing D-8 member states on: global economic recession, world energy question, climate change and global warming as they affect agriculture and food security, transportation, and matters on world trade.

The prime minister would leave Abuja on July 9 and arrive Dhaka on early hours of July 10.

## Khaleda

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signed by her Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan.

The statement was issued right after the party's standing committee meeting started and was approved by the committee before sending it to the press. Khaleda Zia chaired the committee meeting.

Sources said the party leaders discussed the latest political situation including the arrests of top Jamaat leaders and decided in principle to announce more anti-government movement soon.

The BNP chairperson in her statement urged the government to lift any ban imposed on the peaceful activities of the political parties legal by the law and constitution.

Khaleda also denied her party's link with the arson and vandalism on the eve of the hartal day and expressed her sympathy for the victims.

"No BNP activist was involved in the mysterious incidents of arson and vandalism at some places in the capital. Those who had earlier displayed their capability of torching bus using gunpowder can commit such sabotage," said the leader of the opposition in parliament.

The former premier demanded release of her party leaders Mirza Abbas, Shamser Mobin Chowdhury and Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anee, who were arrested on the hartal day.

She urged the government to take punitive measure against those involved in the attacks on Anee and Abbas' house that day.

Khaleda also demanded release of ward councillor Chowdhury Alam who according to BNP, was picked by plainclothes Rab personnel on the hartal eve.

She urged all to unite against "fascism" as she thinks the government has put the country's democracy at stake.

## Rice price

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buying the 2.37 lakh tonnes at Tk 28 per kg. The "incentive price" will be paid to the millers after they supply it to the public stores, Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque told reporters after the FPMU meeting.

"This increase in rice price is actually a sort of incentive. We ourselves found the rice price in the northern rice hubs as Tk27 a kg," he said.

Asked if this decision will contribute to rise in prices, he said this would not hike prices as the amount is very small. When the government fixed procurement price at Tk25 a kg, it did not affect the market, he noted.

Razzaque said right now the government is not interested to buy rice from local market and wants to import wheat, which is available at quite a low price.

However, if rice prices fall, the government will buy rice from local market, he noted.

"As a democratic government we don't want to control market by police or Rab; we prefer a solution on the basis of dialogues," he said.

According to the ministry officials, there is 2 lakh tonnes of wheat in the public stock, while 2 lakh tonnes more are on the way. Besides, the government will float tenders to import 3.5 lakh tonnes of wheat this month, the minister noted.

"Instead of rice, we can provide wheat for social safety net programmes," Razzaque said.

Presently, there is a stock of 7 lakh tonnes of food grains, and importing wheat can make the stock stronger, he noted.

Chaired by Food Minister Abdur Razzaque, the meeting was also attended by Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, Finance Minister AMA Muhiht, Commerce Minister Faruk Khan and high officials of the ministries concerned.

## RMG UNREST City Jamaat ameer among 1200 accused

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka city Jamaat Ameer Rafiqul Islam Khan is among the five named accused in a case filed yesterday in connection with the Wednesday's clash between garment workers and law enforcers at Shewrapara in the capital.

He was accused on charges of instigating the violence, said Delwar Ahamad, officer-in-charge of Kafur Police Station.

Kafur police filed the case accusing another 10,000 to 12,000 unidentified garment workers for assaulting police, obstructing them in discharging their duties and vandalising vehicles.

The police yesterday produced four garment workers arrested during the unrest before court.

At least 40 people including 15 policemen were injured in a string of clashes between agitating garment workers and law enforcers following the sudden closure of three factories on Wednesday.

On Wednesday evening, lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder arbitrated between the workers and owners to resolve the issue.

After the meeting with them, he told The Daily Star that both sides reached an agreement, and the workers decided to join work.

During the clash, police charged batons, fired around one hundred teargas canisters and water cannons to disperse several hundred workers of around 15 garment factories located on both sides of Rokeya Sarani at Shewrapara.

The workers took to the street demanding reopening of the three factories.

The demonstrators barricaded Rokeya Sarani for around two hours from 8:30am on the day. They pelted police with brickbats and vandalised three vehicles including a police ambulance.

Production was suspended in at least 15 garment factories following the clash.

Workers joined their work in a few factories yesterday and other factories remained closed due to weekly holiday.

OC Delwar said no untoward incident happened yesterday.

## Another Nimtoli victim dies

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Another victim of Nimtoli inferno Babita Burman succumbed to her injuries at the intensive care unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital last night, after fighting for life almost for a month.

With this the death toll from the fire rose to 123.

Samanta Lal Sen, project director of Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit of DMCH, said Babita's condition had been deteriorating for the last two days. She died at 9:30pm.

Babita was admitted in the hospital with 35 percent burn, he said, adding that she was suffering from septicemia.

On the devastating night of June 3, the blaze burned her upper torso and limbs while she was trying to escape their two-storey burning building with her two and a half year's old cousin.

Babita, daughter of a farmer, came to the capital last year in search for a job.

Her uncle Badal Burman, his wife, daughter and their domestic help are still undergoing treatment at Combined Military Hospital in the capital.

## Jute farmers

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awareness about environment worldwide, she added.

The programme involving Tk37 crore will cover farmers in 28 jute producing districts including Faridpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Sirajganj, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Dinajpur and Tangail, the ministers said.

Meanwhile, the move comes when jute growers are already getting higher prices due to the rise in demand for jute both in the domestic and global markets.

Export earnings from jute goods during July-April period of fiscal 2009-10 stood at \$377.09 million compared to \$222.05 million during the corresponding period of 2008-09, says Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

According to the agriculture ministry, farmers cultivated jute on eight lakh hectares this season compared to 4.8 lakh hectares last season.

The government expects production of 83 lakh bales of jute this season, which is around 30 lakh bales more than that last season.

Matia Chowdhury said efforts are on to open the closed jute mills including Adamjee Jute Mills.

"The glory of the golden fibre has faded due to various conspiracies...We want to bring back the glory," she said.

## Youth killed

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Kamal Uddin alerted nearby patrols.

As another squad blocked the road 42 to stop the car, the muggers started shooting at the officers prompting them to fire back, said the OC.

He said, following the gunfight they found Mizan and Manik left lying on the ground bullet hit.

The injured were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Mizan died there yesterday around 5:00am, DMCH sources said.

Kamal Uddin said they detained Jalal and Aslam who were trying to flee in the car. Another two members of the gang however managed to escape arrest.

He added over the last two months an armed gang in a silver colour car was mugging in Gulshan and Banani areas.

However, Taslima said during Tuesday's raid her neighbours thronged the spot hearing noise and witnessed the incident.

A neighbour seeking anonymity said a police team arrived at Mizan's house and picked up Mizan in presence of some locals including the house owner.

Taslima visited Mizan five times at the police station and each time she had to bribe the guards. Last time she met her husband was around Wednesday midnight.

She said Mizan on Wednesday asked her not to come to the police station any further as he was supposed to

## Zero tariff facility

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the United Nations on millennium development goals, earlier agreed to provide the LDCs with the zero-tariff trade facility from July 1 to help them increase their export earnings.

## Lost battle

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Dr Samanta Lal Sen, project director of the unit told The Daily Star, "We gave our best efforts to save him. The government provided the required support for his proper treatment but his condition was critical as 60 percent of his body was severely burnt."

Sumon is also undergoing treatment at the unit with burn injuries on his hands and neck. It will take him about two months to recover, said doctors at the unit.

"Those who burned my son to death must be tried under the speedy trial tribunal," demanded Shirin Begum, Faruque's mother.

Officer-in-Charge of Ramna Police Station, Shibli Noman told the Daily Star that Sub Inspector Shaded Ali had filed a case on Sunday accusing Nizami, Mojaheed, Saydee, Mirza Abbas and Shamsher Mobin of arson.

Yesterday, after Faruque's death the five in question have been charged with murder.

Our correspondent spoke to Faruque two days earlier. Lying on the hospital bed wrapped in bandages he spoke feebly as he requested his brother to bury him beside his father's grave.

Selim said his brother had last spoken to him at 12.10am yesterday when he wanted to

## Brazil's Oranje

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Brazil are perhaps at their best against attacking sides but, having again been accused of being one-dimensional after the 2-1 win over North Korea, they have since demonstrated greater adaptability. Against Chile, Juan thumped home a header from a set-piece before Luis Fabiano and Robinho completed the scoring in more traditional fashion. Regardless of such improvements, though, this quarterfinal looks like a game that will suit them. "We know there is always this expectation that Brazil will be the winners but being the favourite does not allow you to win the World Cup," Dunga said. "Some people doubted that we would perform but as we go along that confidence is growing and growing and we hope to make it to the final."

Netherlands will need to improve on their most recent showings -- a tepid dead rubber against Cameroon and a defensively unconvincing 2-1 win over Slovakia -- but they have an attack capable of hurting any side. Arjen Robben has been exceptional in his limited playing time to date while Wesley Sneijder is excelling after a hugely successful year with Inter Milan.

Both teams in the latter

be produced before a court the next day.

Mizan also asked her to arrange money for lawyers to secure his bail.

Taslima said her husband also forbade her bribing the police, as he was not involved in any criminal offence.

Police earlier demanded Tk 2 lakh for his release. Finally on Wednesday night, they claimed Tk 10,000, she added.

Injured Manik at DMCH told reporters, police arrested him Tuesday around 5:00am and took him to a car. Mizan and two other persons were in the car.

He added SI Anisur Rahman yesterday around 1:00am got them out from the lockup and took them to a place blindfolded and shot him in the left leg.

They asked him to run but he fell to the ground. He also heard several gunshots.

Taslima urged State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku, who made a sudden visit to Dhaka Medical College morgue yesterday, to take action against the police officials responsible for the incident.

Tuku said he would look into the matter.

Taslima said she would not receive her husband's body until the police personnel are tried.

## Foreign firms

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Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, energy adviser to the prime minister, said Bangladesh kept its promises to maintain the scheduled deadlines for the various biddings so far, adding, "We saw enthusiasm among the participants during the road show, and I am hopeful that the investors will be happy to see our commitment and incentives for the thrust sector."

However his wish was not granted as the doctors advised against it. Selim broke into tears while referring to that incident.

An employee of an electric fan shop at Nawabpur in the capital, thirty year-old Faruque, along with his brother used to earn a living for their family of six including his widowed mother and three sisters.

"Government had been bearing his medical expenses since Monday. We spent all our money but failed to save his life," wailed Faruque's mother Shirin Begum beside her son's lifeless body.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Faruque and Sumon at DMCH earlier. She expressed deep shock at the sad demise of Faruque.

In a condolence message, the PM expressed profound sorrow at the tragic death and said killing innocent people meaninglessly in the name of hartal can never be accepted.

State minister for home Shamsul Haque Tuku consoled Faruque's family members as he visited the morgue.

Countering queries from journalists the minister said unpardonable crimes like arson and murder were committed in the name of hartal of which Faruque is a victim.

quarterfinal will make history if they progress. Ghana will go into the game with continental advantage and the support of much of Africa.

The performances of Andre Ayew and Kevin-Prince Boateng have been brilliant and Ghana have now matched the achievements of Cameroon and Senegal in reaching the quarterfinals. Uruguay, meanwhile, have conceded just one goal so far in South Africa, but their defensive solidity could be hindered by an injury to centre back Diego Godin, who has been ruled out. Fortunately for Uruguay, more significant is the continued presence of strike duo Diego Forlan and Luis Suarez, who have contributed five goals between them already.

After struggling in qualification, boss Oscar Tabarez has said he is surprised to see Uruguay among the final eight this year, but he feels they can continue to defy the doubters. "Let's see how far we can go on this stage," he said. "We are not building castles in the air, but I don't see why we should be resigned to anything. We don't have to renounce anything before playing the matches."

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## ARRESTS IN LAST THREE DAYS

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Of them, 121 were arrested on Tuesday, 128 Wednesday and 116 till 3:00pm yesterday.

## Suspended docs of BSMMU form human chain

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The suspended teachers and doctors of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) formed a human chain in front of the university yesterday afternoon demanding removal of its Vice Chancellor Prof Pran Gopal Dutta.

The BSMMU authorities have temporarily suspended 38 doctors, teachers and administrative officials of the university Wednesday on grounds of recruitment and promotion irregularities.

The suspended doctors, majority of whom are BNP supporters, claimed that the VC lacks qualification for a professor and alleged that he was trying to recruit unqualified doctors from Swadhinata Chikitsah Parishad.

They said the VC has an MCPH degree, which is not accredited by the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council and Academic Council of the university. Therefore, he does not fulfil the pre-requisite for promotion to the post of a professor.

Dutta's PhD degree is an additional qualification, not a medical qualification, they added.

Addressing the human chain under the banner of Teachers, Doctors, Officers and Employees United Council, SM Rafikul Islam Bachchu, joint secretary general of Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB), said the doctors and staff were suspended illegally because the BSMMU syndicate recruited them.

The doctors said they would go for legal measures and their next course of action would be informed through a press conference.

They said about one hundred staff including 11 renowned professors were suspended last October and partisan people were recruited.

The government is harassing and attacking people of different ideologies across the country and the suspension at BSMMU is a sequel to that, they added.

Prof Mujibur Rahman Mia, Prof Ekramuddoula, Prof Nurunnahar, Prof Syed Akram Hossain and doctors Humayra, Atiar and Mujibur Rahman Hawlader were also present at the human chain programme, among others.

## Cops to quiz

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Police arrested Saidur, his wife and three other leaders of the banned Islamist outfit in the city and Narayanjanj on May 24 and 25.

Saidur took over as JMB chief after the arrest of Shaekh Abdur Rahman in February 2006.

Hailing from Kujagaon under Bahubal upazila of Habiganj, he got involved in Islami Chhatra Shibir, Jamaat's student wing, in 1977. He was the president of Moulvibazar Shibir between 1978 and 1980, police sources said.

In 1983, he was made ameer of Habiganj Jamaat.

Meanwhile, investigators yesterday started quizzing Mojahid and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayeede in a case filed with the Paltan Police Station in February for violence and obstructing the work of the law enforcers.

Sub-inspector Zillur Rahman, investigation officer (IO) of the case, took the two to the Minto Road office of Detective Branch at around 4:00pm.

The Jamaat leaders had been in Dhaka Central Jail since being placed on 16 days' remand in five cases on Wednesday.

The previous day, police arrested them along with Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami in a case filed for hurting religious sentiment of the Muslims.

The IO however did not take Nizami to DB office for quizzing.

"The jail authorities have told me that Nizami is sick and would not be sent for interrogation," he said adding that if the Jamaat chief feels better tomorrow he too would be taken for interrogation.

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## Cops open fire

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hospitals in the area and Dhaka.

Uma Kanta Roy said police indiscriminately charged baton and later opened fire on the students and locals.

ASP Faruki said the agitating crowd kept Second Officer Mushfiqur confined, which compelled the law enforcers to fire 20 rubber bullets, 12 teargas canisters and finally 20 bullets.

Police opened fire to save their lives as the situation turned so violent, he added.

Superintendent of Police Shafiqul Islam claimed that most the demonstrators were equipped with various locally made weapons and the number of students present during the clash was very little.

Sources said students barricaded the highway around 11:30am demanding construction of a speed breaker on the highway, which was promised following the Wednesday road crash.

They also attacked the law enforcers when they tried to restrain the students from vandalising vehicles, said the sources adding that traffic on the highway came to a complete standstill during the time.

Local MP Shagufta Yasmin Emily rushed to the spot hearing about the clash. She managed to pacify the agitating people and help send Moslem's body for autopsy.

## Pak witness

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On the night of March 25, the military government arranged a special aircraft to fly them home. The truck was speeding to catch the flight.

Naseem Akhtar recollected those moments as Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, a forum for secular Bangladesh, gave her a reception.

"I salute every mother, sister, wife and youth who sacrificed their lives in the Liberation War of Bangladesh," said Naseem Akhtar.

On return to Pakistan, Naseem Akhtar tried to mobilise support for Bangladesh. Many called her traitor and the agent of Hindustan.

"Bangladesh will definitely succeed in the battle for justice as the country won the war against Pakistan," said Naseem Akhtar as she expressed her solidarity with the ongoing process of war crimes trial.

"Solidarity is much important to know we are not alone," said Attorney General of

Canada William Sloan. He emphasised on united effort to win the fight against injustice.