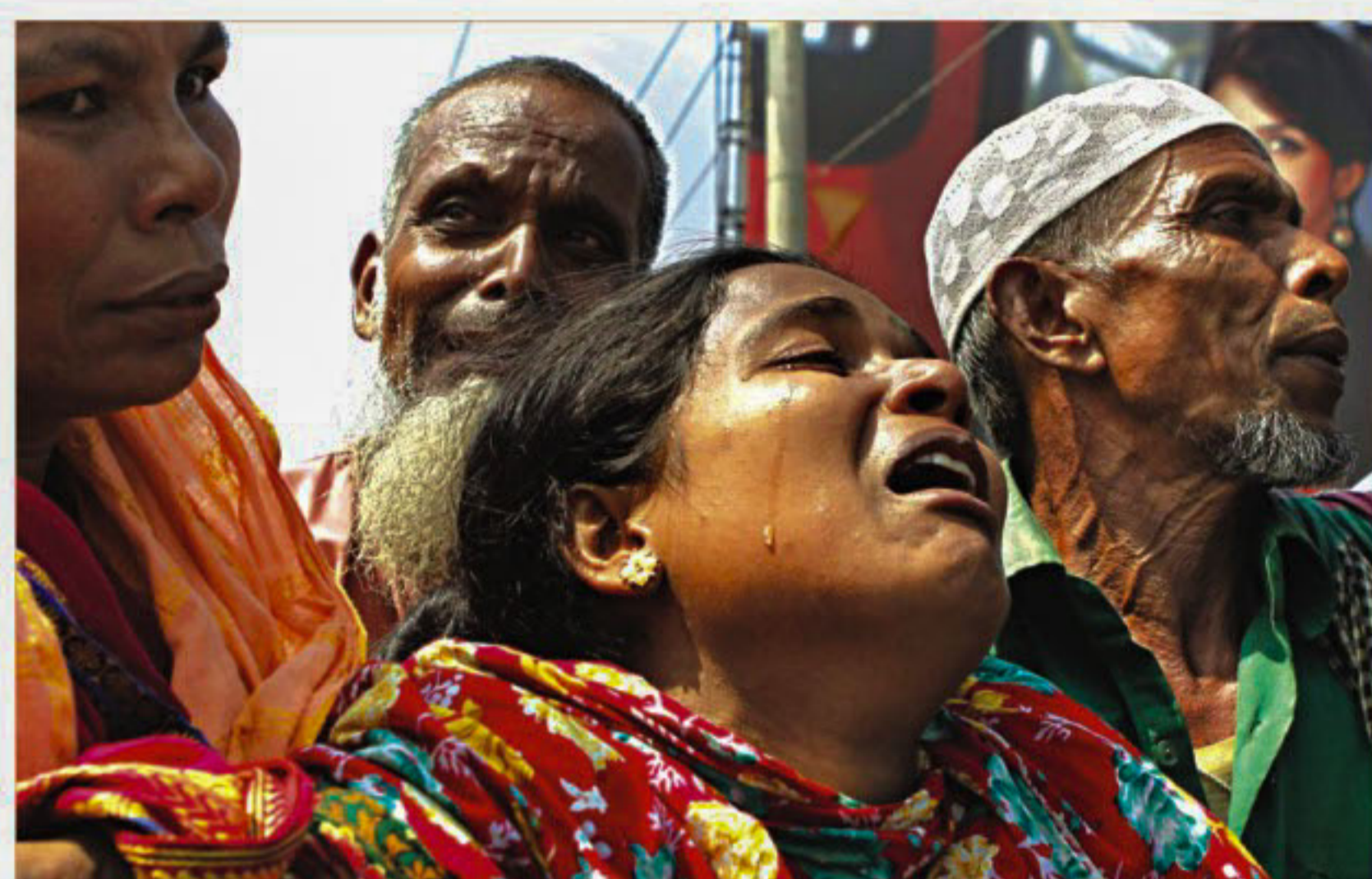


RESCUE ENDS, HEARTBREAK ON



People see rescuers salvaging the sunken bus yesterday, but tears did not cease to shed from the eyes of near and dear ones of the victims. As yet, 11 bodies have been recovered with the rest of some 50 people still missing. (Story on Page 1)

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17 trafficking victims back to everyday life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seventeen women victims of trafficking in Satkhira have returned to their everyday life by "speaking up" and enabling themselves under a pilot project. Another 42 victims of the district have also benefited from "Habla Project," the project, which encourages such victims sharing their experiences on woman trafficking and sexual exploitation, said a press release. An Information Health Booth was set up in May this year and around 59 victims have been served under the project till September. Of them, 17 have returned to their life, it added. Foundation Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS) and Biswas Foundation are jointly implementing the project in 10 unions of Debhata and Kaliganj

upazilas of Satkhira district, said CWCS President Ishrat Shamim. In Bangladesh, the project aims to help human trafficking victims share their experiences, she added. "Habla" is a Spanish word means "speak up," which is a key in social enabling and awareness raising initiative for the victims of trafficking and exploitation, said the project initiators at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday. The project, funded by Anesvad Foundation, involves community videos portraying problems faced by women in their workplaces through mobile phones, said Bernardo Garcia Izquierdo, Director General of the foundation. Fundación Anesvad, a Spanish NGO, works to promote and protect health as a fundamental human right in Asian, Latin American and African countries.

Korea to train govt officials to better utilise solar power

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 15-member team of government officials left for South Korea yesterday to participate a training programme on solar power utilisation. Sponsored by Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica), the 18-day training started on Monday and will continue till October 28. The Bangladeshi officials will be trained to enhance their understanding on composition of solar power system, update knowledge on the technology, and help promote cooperation between Korea and Bangladesh in this field.



Defence Adviser to Prime Minister Major General (Retd.) Tarique Ahmed Siddique speaks at the Annual Commanders' Conference 2010 of Army Corps of Engineers at Engineer centre and School of Military Engineering, Quadirabad Cantonment yesterday. PHOTO: ISPR

Norway support to continue

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Outgoing Norwegian Ambassador Ingebjorg Storfing yesterday said her government will continue support to Bangladesh in the development in cooperation and investment sectors. Storfing, during a farewell call on Foreign Secretary Mohamead Mijarul Quayes, also expressed eagerness of Norway to invest in shipbuilding, ship breaking, energy and liquefied natural gas (LNG) sectors. She said the Norwegian minister for environment and international development with a

delegation on LNG will visit Dhaka soon. The foreign secretary in his remarks said her departure will affect the diplomatic corps where she used to play an important role. He wished the outgoing Ambassador continuous success and requested her to remain a good friend to Bangladesh in future as well. The Norwegian envoy expressed deep gratitude to the foreign minister for its wholehearted cooperation during her term of office in Bangladesh. The foreign secretary arranged lunch in honour of the outgoing Ambassadors of Norway and Afghanistan at State guesthouse Padma.