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**SHIP-BREAKING YARDS JS body for action to stop casualties**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A parliamentary body yesterday asked authorities concerned to take stern action against people responsible for accidents, and deaths and injuries to workers at ship-scraping yards in Chittagong.  
The parliamentary standing committee on environment and

**DOUBLE MURDER 3 suspects arrested**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Detective Branch (DB) of police on Saturday arrested three alleged killers of Brigania Rozario and her son Valentine Rozario alias Milton who were found dead at their Indira Road house in the capital on January 9.  
The arrestees were identified as Sujan, 18, Azim, 18 and Manik, 19.

**Muhith must resign for stock crash**

REITERATES MOUDUD  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Senior BNP leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday reiterated his demand for resignation of Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) officials concerned over the sharemarket crash.  
Moudud, member

**PRAYER TIMING January 24**

Azan Jamaat  
Fajr 5:30 6:05  
Zohr 12:45 1:15  
Asr 4:15 4:30  
Maghrib 5:43 5:47  
Esha 7:15 7:45



Agitating workers ransack a medicine factory of ACI Pharmaceuticals at Godnail of Narayanganj yesterday demanding a pay hike and regularisation of their jobs. Inset, workers bring out the bullet-hit body of a co-worker over the factory wall. He was injured during a clash with police.

**Lower courts to get 100 more judges**

ASHUTOSH SARKAR  
The government has decided to appoint 100 more assistant judges and judicial magistrates to deal with the huge backlog of cases, along with the 101 judges to lower courts whose recruitment procedure is already underway.  
The law ministry in a requisition letter has asked Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission (BJSC), to select qualified candidates for the appointment of 100 judges through necessary assessment and evaluation.  
The new judges will be appointed with a 30 percent quota for freedom fighters' children for the first time, according to sources, as the ministry of establishment has already issued a gazette notification on December 29 last year regarding this.  
The ministry has asked BJSC to select 201 candidates for the posts of assistant judges and judicial magistrates through its ongoing tests, sources said.  
However, BJSC will be the one to decide whether it would hold brand new tests to evaluate the additional 100 candidates or assess them through the ongoing exams.  
Earlier this month, 1,600 candidates who passed the preliminary test for 1000 marks sat for written exams. Their papers are now being evaluated and the recruitment process will be completed by the next five months, the sources said.

**HIJACKED BANGLADESHI SHIP Crew members need water, food, medicine**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg  
Many of the crew in the hijacked Bangladeshi ship, MV Jahan Moni, are suffering from different diseases due to scarcity of water for drinking and other uses, food and medicine.  
Family members of at least 23 crewmen yesterday said this when they gathered at the office of SR Shipping Limited, the owning firm of the ship, at the city's Agrabad to know the latest development of negotiation with the pirates.  
They also took along Jafar Iqbal and ABM Giasuddin Azam Khan, two Bangladeshi crewmembers of German oil tanker Marida Marguerite who were freed last month with others after around eight months of confinement in Somalia.  
Mohammed Shahjahan, owner of the ship, said officials of the firm made a good progress in negotiation with Somali pirates on January 15, but from then on the pirates remained out of contact.  
He assured the family members that he would request the pirates to arrange for food and medicine for hostages next time they can contact the pirates.  
Several crewmembers of the ship contacted their family members in the last few days and informed them

**PM flies to UK tomorrow**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves Dhaka tomorrow on a weeklong visit to the UK.  
During the visit she will address the Oxford Union Society and join a council session of the UK chapter of Awami League.  
Foreign ministry officials said though no schedule has been made for meetings with any British government officials, the prime minister is expected to meet British Prime Minister David Cameron, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, and Efthimos Mitropoulos, secretary general of International Maritime Organisation (IMO).  
A high official from the British foreign ministry and Bangladesh High Commissioner in the UK Sayeedur Rahman Khan

**BGB starts journey**

**PM hoists new flag of the paramilitary force, reminds it of chain of command**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) begins a journey afresh with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hoisting the new flag of the paramilitary force at its Pilkhana headquarters yesterday.  
She also inaugurated the new monogram of the country's border force -- formerly known as Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) -- that underwent massive structural and legal reforms including changes in name, flag and uniform.  
Immediately after hoisting of the new BGB flag by the prime minister, the border guards installed the plaque of Bangladesh Border Guard Sadar Daptar (headquarters) atop the main building, removing the old one.  
Addressing BGB personnel, Hasina said, "Keep in mind that maintaining the chain of command is mandatory for every member of every disciplinary force."  
Her government would never tolerate any wrongdoing, the prime minister said.  
Referring to the 2009 Pilkhana carnage, Hasina said "To prevent recurrence of such incidents, it is necessary to give exemplary punishment to the perpetrators."  
The force emerged as BDR on March 3, 1972, scrapping the name of East Pakistan Rifles (EPR).  
EPR was formed in 1947 after the Eastern Frontiers Rifles (1920-1946) was disbanded.



**ONLINE POLL**  
Do you agree with BNP leader Moudud Ahmed that the finance minister is unsuccessful in running the country's economy properly?

Yes (59.8%)  
No (22.6%)  
No Comments (17.6%)

TOTAL VOTES : 1268

**TODAY'S POLL**  
Would you support if the government restricts use of the private cars in core areas with adequate parking charge, various tolls and taxes at higher rates to ease the traffic jam in the capital?

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**IN FOND MEMORY**



Mrs. Anwara Islam, died on 24 January 2006 - exactly the same day and date as her husband Mr. Sirajul Islam who died twenty four years earlier.  
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Anika, Talita, Numair (Grand Children)  
Amani & Tijaan (Great-Grand Children) and  
Ms Lubna Choudhury  
Founder-Principal, B.I.T. & Chairperson, The Red Brick School

**Moudud's contempt move rejected**

**HC stands by Star report on Col Taher trial**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The High Court yesterday rejected senior BNP leader Moudud Ahmed's verbal request to issue a suo moto contempt of court rule against The Daily Star, for publishing a report on his recent statement before the court about the trial and execution of Col Abu Taher.  
The court said the report was correct, and asked him to file his request as a written petition.  
Moudud said The Daily Star published a report on Jan 21, claiming he had given a statement to the court on January 20 about the trial and execution of Col Abu Taher, but in fact his statement had not been a part of the court proceedings that day.  
An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain told Moudud

স্বাধীনতার ৪০ বছর  
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