

READERS

respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Monday's Daily Star report headlined 'Govt actions draw doubts'.

Md Meheub Haque

Accountability and transparency have to be established in the capital market by the government to avoid such kind of unexpected experience. It is the core duty of the government to stabilise the market. Therefore, the government has to do something so that people again get back faith in the market. According to the experts, the government has to be more dynamic in this regard to root out such kind of problem.

Saleh-Rahim Ahmed

Mind, it's a business -- buy and sale in an open market atmosphere in black and white! Whoever comes in needs to be adult and equipped enough to enter into contracts with other legal entities! We are really very frustrated and afraid about the way the issue is being dealt with by all three parties i.e. investors, authorities and the media! We strongly believe that first and foremost, the perception about the capital market has to be developed among the parties concerned! If fallen short, nothing will be working effectively!

Nasirullah Mridha

The government's tendency to take action against stock market speculator could bring instability in finance sector. Don not spare anyone who siphoned off bulk of money from share market.

Kazi Nasim Ahmed

Too many comments of so-called analyst are liable for current crisis of the stock market. These so-called analysts do not have basic knowledge about how stock market runs. Due to their baseless or fabricated or ill-motivated comment, general people are confused and confidence of the investors are shattered bringing instability to the market.

DS (The Daily Star) is constantly publishing these ill-motivated comments in their evil design to bring further instability to the market and put the government in embarrassing position.

Each and every move of the government is being criticised without giving enough time to see the result. If these professors and commentators are made FM, SEC Chairman, DSE Chairman, it will be proved how efficiently they can run this highly sensitive market.

Dolon

Justice delayed is justice denied. Lack of guts is the main problem.

No where (politics, economics...) you can have exception of it!!

Sheikh Monirul Islam, Opee

Stock market was never an ideal solution from its very inception as an economic theory and there are many economists in today's world who would surely agree with me that market manipulation and creating liquidity for many business houses, and ultimately making the fund go vanish is a tool which is part of the conspiracy theory.

In Bangladesh, it is having its worse effect as there are handfuls of industry giant that are western educated in the 70s and they experimented their newly acquired western theory to work. Basically huge corrupted ideas and influence within the government machinery allowed these people become wealthy over a very brief period of time. All as fruits of capitalism, I suppose.

These groups have become so powerful, and politician and bureaucrats are tools in their hand, now the situation has become so unbearable. We really need to correct the situation firmly. Or else, this government will suffer a major blow in the coming election. Democracy has failed. We know who these criminals are and we are so helpless that they stay untouchable. I hope that we shall someday catch up with them if events like Tunisia take place. I see that day not so far away.

Abdullahil Mamun

Institutional investors, especially the banks, should come ahead. And stakeholders should pay their attention regarding the liquidity shortage, unless the scenario remains the same.

Opee Monir

Mirza Azizul Islam and our finance minister are talking nonsense. They are people within the same group who are beneficiary and the knowledge was in their hands. They utilised the opportunity and did not alarm the common people. This is like robbery in broad daylight and we must get to the bottom of it. The matter will not go so well if the FM do not take more firm actions. In fact, things can go beyond control soon. The government will regret this very soon.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offers prayers at the 8th session of the Parliament in Sangsad Bhavan yesterday. PHOTO: PPHO

US to help strengthen local govt: Moriarty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The US Ambassador James F Moriarty said the people of Bangladesh are being benefited with strengthening of the local government. The US is also with Bangladesh with this move, he added.

Moriarty made the remark while addressing at Bhandarkot UP compound in Batiaghata upazila of Khulna after visiting a USAID supported project for strengthening local government, which is being implemented by NGO Rupantar.

He said the US would always stand by Bangladesh as in the past in its move for implementation of the development works.

Earlier, the US envoy exchanged views at the Bhandarkot Union Parishad Auditorium with elected representatives, civil society members and women leaders of Nari Bikash Kendro. USAID Chief Danise Rollins was also present.

Directors Swapna Guha and Rafiqul Islam Khokon of NGO Rupantar, Chairman of Batiaghata UP Ashraf Alam Khan, Vice Chairman Bhagabati Golder, UNO Md Sajedur Rahman and Bhandarkot UP Chairman Ismail Hossain Babu, among others, were present at the meeting.

11 killed, 36 injured in road crashes

METRO DESK

Eleven people, including an Egyptian, were killed and 36 others injured in separate road accidents in Rangpur, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Dinajpur on Monday and yesterday.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports: A head-on collision between a bus and a truck on Dhaka-Rangpur highway in Pirganj upazila killed four people and injured 20.

Two of the deceased were identified as bus driver Jamal Uddin, 45, of Narayanganj and its passenger Anjuara Khatun, 35, of Lalmonirhat.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Din Mohammad of Boro Darga Highway Police outpost said a Rangpur-bound bus collided with a Bogra-bound truck near Jagannathpur area at about 5:00am, leaving three passengers dead on the spot and injuring 21 others.

Another passenger succumbed to his injuries at Pirganj Upazila Health Complex.

The collision took place for poor visibility due to dense fog, the SI said.

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds: Md Bin Farid, 35, a Egyptian citizen, died on the spot when a microbus hit an iron-rod laden truck from behind on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Bhaluka Sadar upazila due to dense fog.

The Mymensingh-bound microbus was carrying 11 Egyptian nationals, including Farid, and five Bangladeshis.

Of the injured, five Egyptian citizens Ahmed Ali Hamed Badar, 58, Md Bin Abdul Aziz, 50, Abdul Sattar Rashed, 50, Ahmed Bin Fatta Yusuf, 52, Abdus Salam Bin Ahmed, 55, -- and Bangladeshi national Sahabuddin, 40, were admitted to Mymensingh Medical Hospital.

In another accident, two motorbike riders were killed as a goods-laden truck rammed their motorcycle in Phulbaria upazila of Mymensingh at about 10:30am.

The deceased Eshaq, 32 and Helal, 28,

hailed from Jalka village in Muktagachha upazila, said officer-in-charge Kazi Saidur Rahman.

Our correspondent from Rajshahi says: Two people were killed and seven others injured as a bus hit a local human hauler at Choddopai in the city around 8:00am, Sub Inspector Mahub Hossain of Motihar Police Station said.

Abdul Awal, 35, died on the spot while Kamal Hossain 38, succumbed to his injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds: Two people were killed including a SSC examinee and three others injured in two separate road accidents in the district yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Md Abdul Goni 45, General Secretary of Union AL of Hawabganj upazila and Shanjoy Chandra Monhanta 16, a SSC examinee of Binnakuri High School, son of Dulal Chandra Mohanta village Dakkhin Alokdih of Chirirbandar upazila.

Police said a Dhaka-bound speedy truck crushed Shanjoy on Dinajpur-Dhaka highway in front of Brac office of Ranirbandar village, leaving him dead on the spot.

In another accident, one was killed on the spot and another three people were injured at Nawabganj upazila on Monday evening.

Sources said the accident occurred when a speedy truck hit from behind a motorcycle carrying three people, leaving Abdul Goni dead on the spot and injured two other riders of the motorcycle and a passerby.

Our correspondent from Kishoreganj says: A boy was killed in a road accident at Nayapara in Sadar upazila on Monday.

The deceased is Irfan, 7, son of Mustafa Kamal of Nayapara village.

The accident took place when a Kishoreganj-bound speedy Tomtom (three-wheeler) crushed the boy under its wheel while he was playing in front of his house. Later, he succumbed to his injuries at Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

5 physicians suspended

UNB, Dhaka

Five physicians have been suspended for their absence in workplaces without prior permission.

They are Dr M Mostafa Kamal, Dr Anika Newar Sadia, Dr Shaila Sharmin, Dr Sajjad Hossain and Dr M Enayet Ullah, said a PID handout.

Departmental cases will also be filed against them, the handout said.



Seminar

Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh will arrange a seminar. Venue: LGED auditorium, Agargaon, Time: 10:00am.

Human chain

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote will form a human chain. Venue: In front of National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Seminar

A seminar on Medical Waste Management will be held. Venue: ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Time: 9:00am.

Human chain

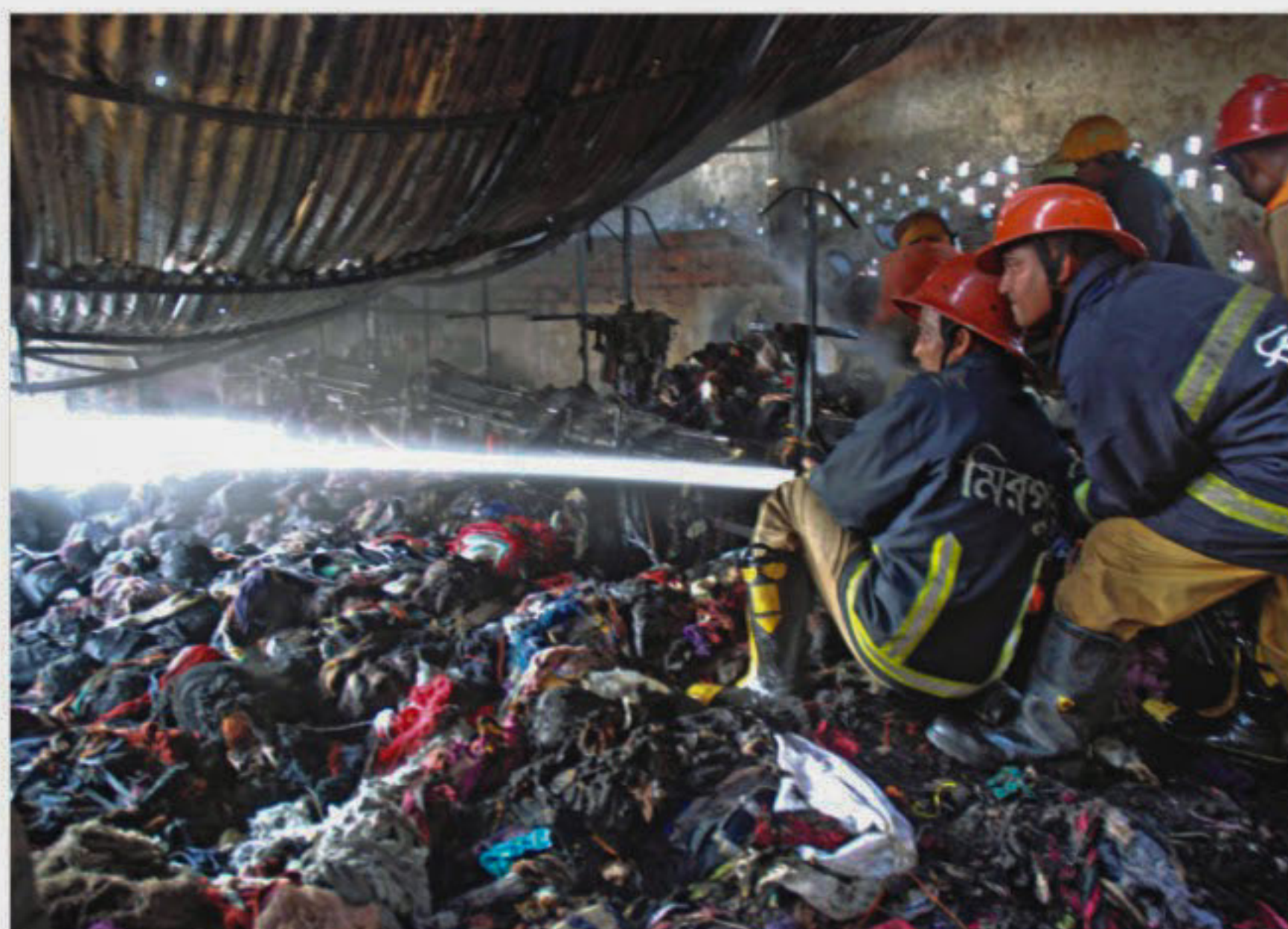
Workers Party of Bangladesh will form a human chain. Venue: In front of National Press Club, Time: 4:00pm.

Workshop

Department of Environment and Bangladesh Centre for Advance Studies will jointly organise a workshop. Venue: DoE, Agargaon, Time: 9:30am.

Education fair

British Council will arrange an educa-



Fire fighters try to subdue the blaze that broke out at the thread warehouse of Convest Apparel Sweater Factory in the city's Mirpur yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

SUNDAY'S CLASH

ACI files case against over 300

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Owners of ACI Pharmaceuticals Ltd filed a case yesterday against 300 to 400 people for ransacking and looting the factory and beating its officials at Siddhirganj in Narayanganj.

The case statement says the plunder was going on as ACI workers clashed with police on Sunday. The owners also claimed to have lost property of Tk 40 crore in the incident.

Officer-in-charge SM Badrul Alam of Siddhirganj Police Station said ACI Manager (admin) Awlad Hossain lodged the case

against 300 to 400 people with 33 names cited.

In the complaint, Awlad mentioned that the workers attacked and ransacked the factory, as the owners did not agree with their 'illegal' demands.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal of Narayanganj unit demonstrated demanding trial of killing a worker, compensation to the injured, and removal of OC Badrul Alam.

A worker of ACI was killed and more than 100 injured in a clash on Sunday that erupted following the workers' demand of pay rise and regularisation of jobs of some others.

6 SUST students in trouble for ragging fresher

A CORRESPONDENT

Six students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) are served with a show cause notice yesterday for their involvement in ragging a fresher on last Monday.

The show cause notice, signed by Proctor ASM Saiful Islam, says the accused have to answer the notice within three working days.

The victim, MA Ali Mukul, has taken admission in the department of Industrial and Production Engineering (IPE). All accused are students of the same department.

Hijbut men attack Musullis in Barisal

15 hurt, 17 suspected followers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least 15 people, including two cops, were injured in a two-hour long clash between local musullis and Islamist militant group Hijbut Tawhid men at Uzirpur upazila town yesterday.

Police arrested 17 suspected Hijbut activists, including six women, from the spot. Jihadi books and CDs, posters, leaflets, calendars, microphones, loudspeakers were also recovered from their possession.

Police and local sources said musullis from different mosques of Uzirpur Bandar brought out a procession after Asr prayers demanding ban on the Islamist organisation.

When the procession reached near Uzirpur Launch Ghat at about 5:00pm, Tawhid men led by Mozammel Hossain Manik, a lecturer of Shikarpur Sher-e-Bangla College, attacked the musullis with hammers and sticks that led to the clash. Police brought the situation under control at about 7:00pm.

SI Shamim Sheikh, constable Kamal Hossain and Imam of the mosque Abu Hanif Hawladar are among the injured.

The arrestees are college teacher Mozammel Huq Manik, Hijbut Tawhid regional leader Jalal Uddin, Masud Ahmed, Farid, Faruk Hawladar, Mokhes Hawladar, Sahadat Shikda, Milon Hawladar, Taizul Islam, Md Hasan, Ruhul Amin, Siraj Hawladar, Selima, Selina, Lutfah, Reshma, Ruby and Marjina.

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Guests pose for photograph with the intellectually challenged children who received winter clothes at "an award giving and warm clothes distribution programme" at Sardar auditorium in the city recently. Bankers' Forum organised the event attended by Cilehuddin Ahmed, ex-governor of Bangladesh Bank; and Dilip Das Gupta, senior general manager of Commercial Bank of Ceylon (CBC). PHOTO: COURTESY

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