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## Bangladeshis caught in troubled Libya

Around 450 workers held 'hostage' by anti-govt demonstrators; 15 hurt in attack on construction site

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At least 15 Bangladeshi workers were injured as rioters stormed a South Korean construction site about 30 kilometres west of Tripoli while around 450 others were reportedly taken hostage in the port city of Darnah.

The raid on the worksite also left three South Korean injured, Baik Joo-hyeon, an official of Seoul's foreign ministry, has said.

Two of the Bangladeshis suffered severe stab wounds in the attack,

one of a series ringing alarm for 50,000 Bangladeshis living in the African oil-rich country.

According to Seoul-based news agency Yonhap, the rampage started around Bangladeshi time 3:00am and ended 9:00am. Some 1,600 Bangladeshis and 40 to 50 South Koreans were working at the site.

The Seoul's foreign ministry told news agency AFP the Libyans also looted the construction site.

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They gave us the look, the self confidence and the love for the mother tongue and the country. Indeed, the martyrs die the best. The youngsters paid tribute to language martyrs at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Homage to language martyrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The midnight silence was broken by the footsteps of people marching to Shaheed Minars all over the country to mourn the Language Movement martyrs. Yesterday was Amar Ekushey.

They walked barefoot singing in chorus the Ekushey anthem *amar bhaier rokte rangano...* and wearing black ribbons and showered the hallowed monuments with flowers.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina led the nation in paying homage to the martyrs by placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka at one minute past midnight.

They offered a moment of silence, bowing their heads, to remember the sacrifices of those brave hearts.

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## Titu to get Tamim's jersey

SPORTS REPORTER

The Daily Star's front page photo, published yesterday, of an 18-year-old amputee Mohammad Titu, sporting the Bangladesh team jersey has generated a wide level

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## Aussie pace strangles Zim

AFP, Ahmedabad

Mitchell Johnson and Shaun Tait shared six wickets in a superb display of fast bowling to fire Australia to a crushing 91-run win over Zimbabwe in their opening World Cup match on Monday.

Johnson finished with 4-19 and Tait, bowling in short spells, took 2-34 as defending champions Australia dismissed Zimbabwe for 171 after scoring a challenging 262-6 in the day-night match.

There was no respite from pace for the hapless



ICC Cricket World Cup 2011

Zimbabwe as Brett Lee also tested the batsmen to finish with 1-34 as Australia racked up their 24th successive World Cup win.

The win was also the perfect way for captain Ricky Ponting to celebrate his record-breaking 40th World Cup match in the Group A clash at the Sardar Patel Gujarat Stadium.

Australia, aiming to win a fourth successive World Cup, virtually wrapped up the match when they reduced Zimbabwe to 44-4 in 12.3 overs, with Johnson

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## Rape victim kills herself

Rapists let off the hook

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An indigenous girl died yesterday, two days after she had set herself on fire in Amtulipara village of Godagari.

Serafina Mardi, 14, who was raped 10 months ago, ended her life failing to stand the humiliation any longer, said Rabindranath Soren, general secretary of Jatiya

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