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Call for justice

Tributes paid to army officers killed in 2009 BDR mutiny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The nation amidst calls for justice by their beloved family members yesterday paid rich tributes to the army officers killed in the 2009 mutiny by the paramilitary border guards at their Pilkhana headquarters on this day.

"We want justice and seek blessings for the departed souls of my husband and others," said a slain army officer's widow after paying tributes at the Banani military graveyard. Another slain officer's

mother sought cooperation of all to get justice.

At least 74 people including 57 army officials deputed to the paramilitary force were brutally killed in the February 25-26 bloody mutiny.

Floral wreaths were placed on behalf of President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the memorial built at Banani graveyard for the slain officers.

Ruling Awami League and main

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Children light candles to mark the 2nd anniversary of Pilkhana carnage and pay homage to the victims at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Khaleda demands midterm polls

Asks govt to quit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Demanding a midterm election, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday asked the government to step down immediately to avoid a "disgraceful exit".

Calling for a movement, she urged people to raise their voice to protect their dignity and the interest of the country which is going through a "critical" time.

"A major uprising can be avoided only by a peaceful power transition without delay," said Khaleda at a meeting at Mahanagar Natya Mancha organised by her party marking the two-year of the Pilkhana massacre.

She said the government has failed to hold a fair investigation and trial of Pilkhana killings in last two years and

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Manipulation possible

Says Muhiith on stockmarket crisis

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
New Delhi

Finance Minister AMA Muhiith yesterday said the share market is not dogged by a credit crunch but a manipulation is possible.

"Manipulation in Bangladesh capital market cannot be ruled out for the simple reason that it is a very immature market....It's an incestuous stockmarket where owners

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Biman asked to pay off Tk 135cr arrears

CAAB renews its operation certificate for short duration to exert pressure

SHARIFUL ISLAM

To exert pressure to pay Tk 135 crore arrears, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) has renewed Air Operation Certificate (AOC) of Biman Bangladesh Airlines for three months instead of usual one year for using Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

"We have asked Biman in a letter to pay off the debt. We have also asked the

authorities to inform when they will be able to pay the arrears if not now," said a top Caab official seeking anonymity.

The debt to the CAAB has piled up since 2007 as Biman has not been paying charges for parking and aeronautical services.

However, Air Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed, chairman of the Biman board of directors, told The Daily Star that he was

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SERAFINA SUICIDE
Family now fears social exclusion

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Serafina Mardi's family is not willing to take fresh legal action against the rapists fearing social exclusion.

The indigenous girl was gang raped and then set herself on fire succumbing to utter humiliation through her wedding to one of the rapists followed by an out-of-court settlement.

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Rare goose spotted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A rare species of goose was spotted for the first time in the country in Hakaluki Haor of Moulvibazar district last Saturday.

A group of bird watchers led by eminent bird specialists Dr Enam al Haque and Paul Thompson have found the 'lesser white-fronted goose' on the concluding day of the two-day bird enumeration session at the haor.

"This species of goose has been detected for the first time in the country after the introduction of enumeration," Dr Haque said.

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