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# Let's say no to chemical warehouses

*Locals vow, commemorate victims of Nimtoli fire*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One year on, government and non-government organisations failed to deliver on their promise to rehabilitate the victims of the devastating fire at capital's Nimtoli, locals alleged.

Ever since the blaze burnt down her tin-shed home on June 3 last year, seventy-year-old Shamsunnahar has been spending nights in the corridors of neighbours' houses.

Her 42-year-old son Bashir Uddin sleeps on pavement, while two other children in rented houses. "Nobody came. None from the government helped me," she told The Daily Star.

Like her, at least three families are still waiting for someone to help rebuild their homes.

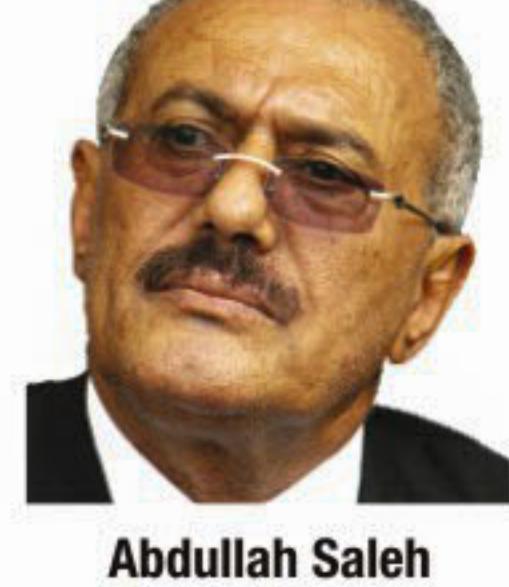
Meanwhile, observing the first anniversary of the incident, locals yesterday vowed not to rent out their buildings for chemical business.

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# Yemen president, PM hurt in palace shelling

*Rival protests held as clashes rock Sanaa*

AGENCIES



Abdullah Saleh

Yemen's embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh was wounded yesterday along with his premier and other officials as shells struck a mosque in the presidential palace compound, a security official told AFP.

The mosque attack came as fighting that has killed scores of people in north Sanaa spread to the south of the capital and the poverty-stricken Arabian

Peninsula country teetered towards civil war.

Four officers of the elite Republican Guard were killed when two shells crashed into the mosque, the official said.

Saleh himself "was lightly wounded in the attack" while the extent of Prime Minister Ali Mohammed Mujawar's injuries were not immediately clear.

In an assurance to the Yemeni public, state television later said that the

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A woman got shot allegedly by a stray bullet in a drive of Rapid Action Battalion at a slum of Panchabait in Bhabar yesterday afternoon.

Rab claimed they recovered 41 bottles of Phensyldil and arrested a man during the drive against drug peddlers.

Rahima Akhter, 35, wife of Dhan Mia of the slum, with a bullet injury to the

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## Woman shot during Rab drive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Wartime Bosnian Serb army chief Ratko Mladic denounced genocide and war crimes charges against him as "obnoxious" yesterday, claiming he was gravely ill as he refused to enter a plea before a UN court.

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Ratko Mladic

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## WAR CRIMES TRIAL

# Mladic appears before UN court

AFP, The Hague

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## FBCCI calls for hartal withdrawal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing grave concern over tomorrow's hartal, country's apex trade body Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) yesterday urged BNP to withdraw it.

The strike will have negative impact on the foreign investment, FBCCI President AK Azad told a press conference at its auditorium in the capital.

BNP and its allies on

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the caretaker government system issue may push the country towards instability?

Yes (81.4%)

No (17.1%)

No Comments (1.5%)

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Do you agree with BNP that the ruling Awami League has made a mistake by taking stance against the caretaker government system?

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## 3 children drown in city pond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three boys including two brothers drowned in a pond of Mirpur Police Line in the capital yesterday while seven policemen became sick trying to rescue the boys in vain.

The boys who died were identified as Imran, 10; Sagar, 7; and Siam, 6. Imran and Sagar were sons of Nasir Uddin, a chef of the police line; and Siam was the son of a police constable whose name could not be

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A truck falls into the Karnaphuli when the bridge between the ferry pontoon and the shore collapses at Char Patharghata in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## BUS-CAR COLLISION

# 7 of a family die in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Eight people including seven members of a family died yesterday afternoon in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Fakirabad.

The accident occurred at 3:00pm when a Sylhet-bound passenger bus from Dhaka, Mamun Paribahan, collided head-on with a private car, said police. All the dead were car passengers.

Officer-in-Charge Nirmalendu Chakravarty of Osmaninagar Police Station told The Daily Star that police suspect the accident took place as the bus driver was driving at a high speed on the busy highway. The car was damaged totally.

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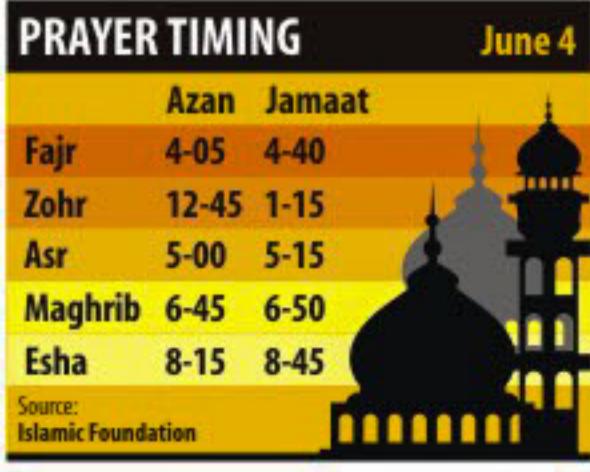
## 627 sacks of govt rice seized from pvt warehouse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police yesterday seized 627 sacks of rice, meant for government's different subsidy programmes, from a private warehouse in Pabna.

The rice was supposed to be carried to local

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# Granite mine slides into heavy losses

*Maddhapara mining company suffers a loss of Tk 93cr in 5 years*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Maddhapara Granite Mining Company Limited continues to incur heavy losses amid low production, lax marketing policy, miners' unrest and shortage of capital, said officials.

Since it went into hard rock production in 2006, the mine suffered a loss of at least Tk 93 crore till July 2010 with a staggering Tk 24 crore last year alone.

The mine was designed to produce 5,500 tonnes of rock daily in three shifts to keep it financially viable. But working a single shift it has produced only 800

tonnes a day till February.

However, after February, with cooperation of miners, its production shot up to 1,200 tonnes a day, the officials said.

The mine failed to increase the number of shift due to working capital shortage, they added.

Faruk Hossain, former managing director of MGMCL, in an interview with The Daily Star in May last year, however, said the mine would start its second shift within 2010 to cut losses.

North Korean company Namnam started developing the mine under a 1994

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# আমরা শোকাত

আমরা গভীর দুঃখের সঙ্গে জানাচ্ছি যে, ফাস্ট সিকিউরিটি ইসলামী ব্যাংক লিঃ এর সম্মানিত পরিচালক জনাব এ. কে. এম. আলী মোহর এ সি এম এ (৪৬) গত ৩ জুন, ২০১১ শুক্রবার তার ৫:১০ টায় সিঙ্গাপুর স্থানে মাউন্ট এলিজাবেথ হাসপাতালে ইতেকাল করেছেন (ইঞ্জি লিলাহ ওয়াইন্স ইলাইভ রাজিউন)। মরহুমের প্রথম নামাজে জানাজা গতকাল রাতে ঢাকায় অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। দ্বিতীয় নামাজে জানাজা চট্টগ্রাম স্থানে লালদিঘী ময়দানে আজ শনিবার ৪ জুন, ২০১১ সকাল ১১:০০ টায় এবং তৃতীয় নামাজে জানাজা বাদ জোহর মরহুমের গ্রামের বাড়ীতে (মোহাম্মদপুর, কাজী বাড়ী, চন্দনাইশ, চট্টগ্রাম) অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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