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FALLING TAKA

Sadiq Ahmed analyses the reasons and implications

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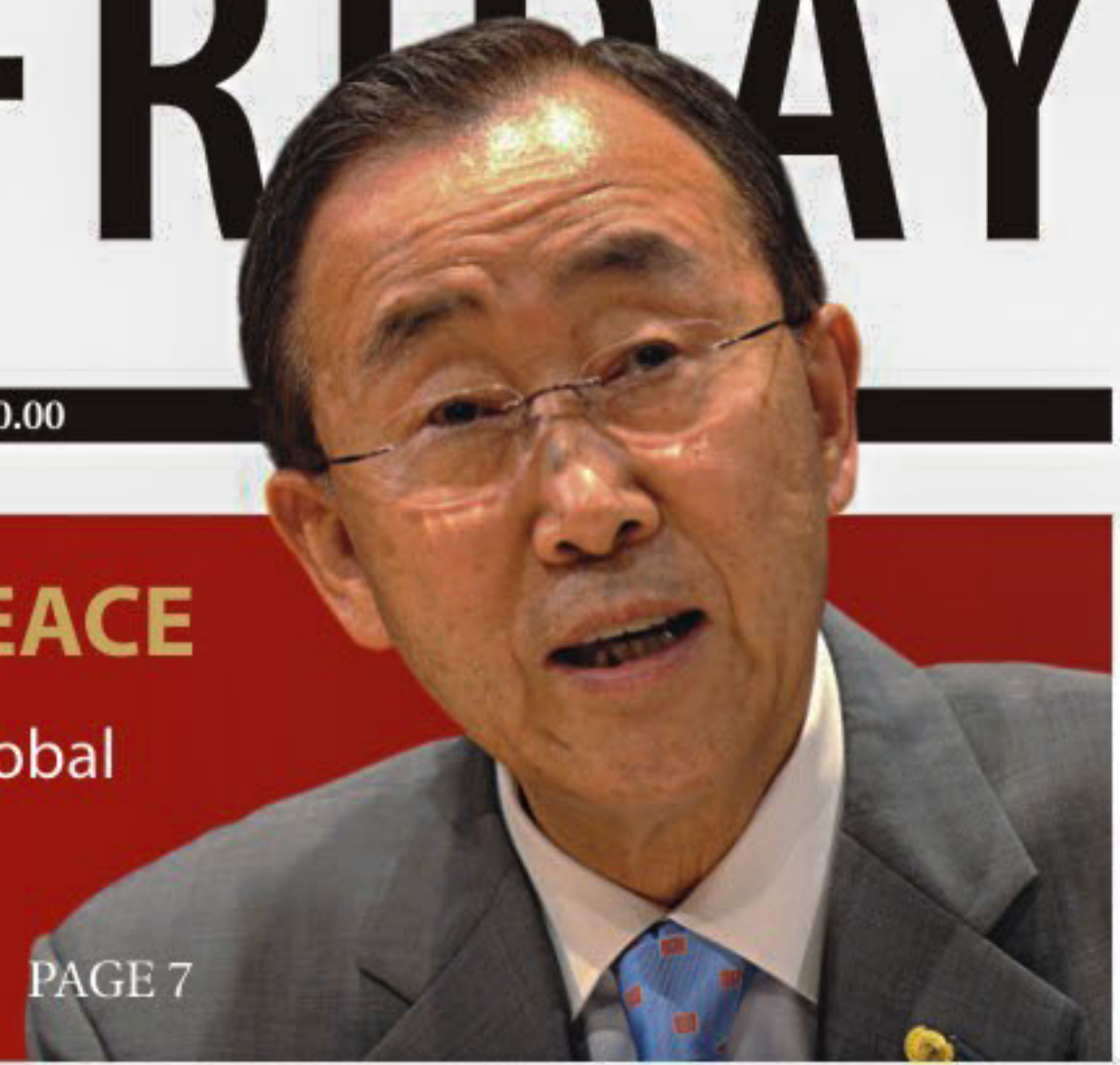
The Bangladesh skipper skips training for the second successive day

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NEW THREAT TO PEACE

Climate change threatens global security, says UN chief

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CONSTRUCTION SITE

4 die in lift collapse

M RAHMAN and SHAHIN MOLLAH

Four workers died as a makeshift lift carrying them plunged to the ground in a terrifying free-fall at an under-construction building in the city's Kakrail yesterday evening.

The dead were Zahidul Islam, 26, Delwar Hossain, 28, and his two nephews Rubel, 20, and Abdur Rahman, 18.

The lift, on its way up to 13th floor, was also loaded with around 25 packets of tiles; each pack weighed 28kg. It fell as its cables snapped.

According to Bangladesh National Building Code,

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Honour they never got

RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

Raju Bala Dey and Surjo Begum -- two Birangonas raped by Pakistani soldiers during the Liberation War -- yesterday narrated their horrifying experience and the humiliation thereafter.

The two *Birangonas* (war heroines) from Sirajganj are the first among nearly two lakh war rape victims to come in public to recount their tortments.

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Birangona (war heroine) Raju Bala Dey speaks to Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman during a programme at Dhaka University where *Birangonas* shared their horrifying stories of the Liberation War.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Mirsarai tragedy trucker caught

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested the unlicensed driver, responsible for the July 11 truck plunge that killed 40 people, mostly school children, in Mirsarai of Chittagong.

A team from Kawnia Police Station of Barisal arrested the truck driver, Jasimuddin alias Mofiz, from a house in Batna village of



'Driver' Mofiz
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6 STUDENTS KILLED BY MOB

Police to probe now police case

KAILASH SARKAR

Police high-ups have no confidence in the case filed by Savar police regarding the killing of six students in Aminbazar on Monday, in which the victims are labelled as robbers.

The police headquarters hence formed a four-member committee yesterday to

probe the matter.

"We have formed the committee sensing something fishy," Inspector General of Police (IGP) Hassan Mahmood Khandker told The Daily Star yesterday.

On Monday, a mob killed six students

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NEWS ANALYSIS

President's pardon citizens' concern

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

President Zillur Rahman has once more exercised his powers under article 49 of the constitution to pardon an individual convicted in a murder case. We understand that the president exercised similar authority when in September last year he pardoned as many as 20 convicted individuals and thereby allowed them to return to life as usual. In terms of precedent, the president has

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Protector of criminals

Says BNP about president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has condemned the presidential clemency granted to convicted killer AHM Biplob, son of Laxmipur Awami League leader Abu Taher, and termed it an "immature

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