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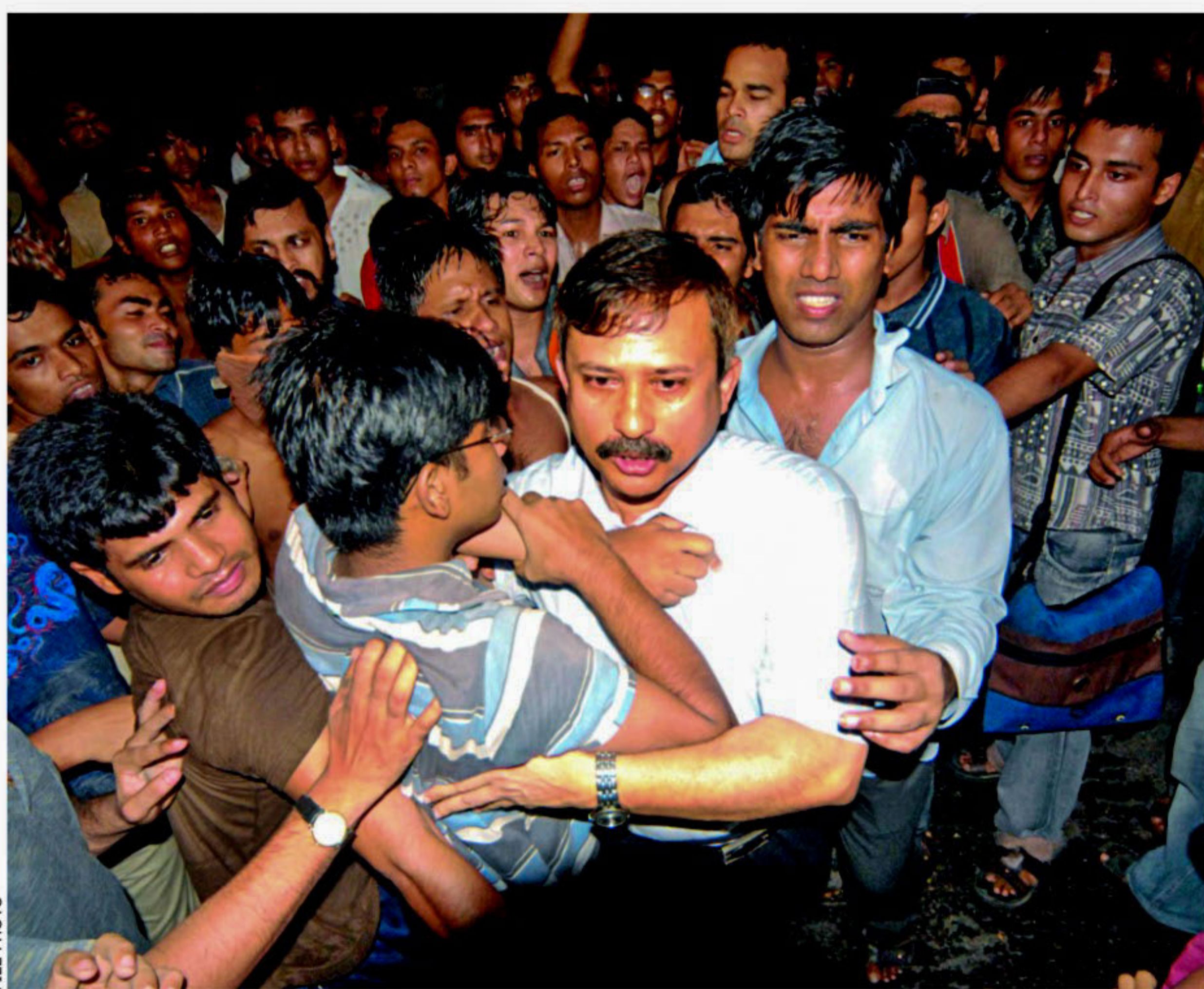
# No revenge

Hasina poured cold water on proposal for trying Moeen, ex-advisers

STAR REPORT  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had binned a proposal for prosecuting former army chief Moeen U Ahmed and members of the army-backed caretaker regime of 2007-2008, according to a leaked cable of the US embassy in Dhaka. All but a handful of ruling Awami League politicians

# Amin told ban imminent

STAR REPORT  
Just a month before the campus violence in August 2007, the then caretaker government was planning to impose a ban on student politics, according to a leaked US embassy cable. Brig Gen ATM Amin, the then counterterrorism chief



Clockwise, Brig Gen Fazlul Bari, a DGFI director and one of the most influential figures during the past military-backed caretaker government's rule, faces wrath of Dhaka University students on August 20, 2007 as the campus flies into a fury over the beating of three students by army men. Students injured in fights with law enforcers are admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital later that day. Much of the city turns into a battleground as students continue clashing with police for the second day.



# Recruitment of cops stuck in red tape

Govt forms body to find out glitches

M RAHMAN  
Red tape has held back the recruitment of over 15,000 policemen for two years. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 17, 2009, decided on principle to create 32,031 more posts, including 673 cadre posts, in police department to help it improve law and order. Almost half of the new non-cadre policemen have joined the force while the employment of the other half remains hanging. Home ministry sources said so far they have created 16,555 posts for non-cadres and 78 cadre posts in the police department and they are facing problems in creating the rest. Police sources claim that the home ministry is causing the delay in the creation of the cadre posts (officials recruited by the Public Services Commission) and non-cadre posts while the home ministry says that creation of posts is a complicated job that involves finance and



# Huda calls Bangabandhu father of the nation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
BNP leader Nazmul Huda yesterday said he has no hesitation to call Sheikh Mujibur Rahman the father of the nation as his historical March 7 speech inspired the nation for achieving country's independence. "We have to recognise the contributions of all our national leaders like

# ROADS & HIGHWAYS DEPT Self-confessed corrupt officers finally face action

M ABUL KALAM AZAD  
The communications ministry, which was showing reluctance to punish self-confessed corrupt officials of the Roads and Highways Department, is finally going to proceed with departmental actions against them. Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain told The Daily Star yesterday, "We are going to take actions against the corrupt officials tomorrow, they will be made officers on special duty." The designation "officer on special duty" (OSD) is considered a punishment within the bureaucracy as OSDs do not get any responsibility. The communications minister had a discussion with some of his senior officials yesterday about punishing their corrupt colleagues. Earlier he did not take any action against the corrupt officials despite demands from various quarters. His ministry remained silent about the matter even after the Superior Selection Board instructed it to take measures against the corruptionists. His latest move of taking punitive actions is spurred by incessant media reports on the issue that has been

# Khaleda to unveil anti-govt agitation at Sept 27 rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will announce anti-government agitation programmes from a rally in the capital on September 27. The main opposition party took the decision last night at a meeting at Khaleda's Gulshan office, said BNP insiders. Senior leaders were present at the meeting presided over by the chairperson. BNP will also announce dates for road marches in seven divisional headquarters and rallies in 19 districts to mobilise public support for its demand for restoration of the caretaker government system.

# Taliban attack US embassy in Kabul, 6 killed

AFP, Kabul, Dubai  
Taliban gunmen armed with suicide bombs and heavy weaponry yesterday launched coordinated attacks in Kabul, targeting Nato's headquarters, the US embassy killing six, which was coincided with a video release by al-Qaeda marking the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Around five hours after the attack began, gunbattles still raged. The Afghan government confirmed the deaths of four civilians and two policemen, plus at least six insurgents, with at least two militants still resisting after dusk. A Taliban spokesman told AFP by text message that the target was International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) headquarters, the US embassy and Afghanistan's intelligence agency, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and other "sensitive government places". "Today at one o'clock at Kabul's Abdul Haq round about a massive suicide attack on local and foreign intelligence facilities is ongoing," wrote Taliban spokesman

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# Musa on top of Kilimanjaro

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Musa Ibrahim, the first Bangladeshi to conquer Mount Everest, put another feather in his cap by scaling Kibo, the highest summit of Kilimanjaro Mountain in Tanzania, on Monday at 10:48am along with co-mountaineer Niaz Morshed Patwari. Kibo, locally known as Uhuru, is the highest peak of African continent and fourth highest among the Seven Summits -- the top seven peaks in the world. It is at 19,340 feet from the sea level. By conquering Kilimanjaro, Musa Ibrahim, also a subeditor of The Daily Star, completed his second venture of his Seven Summit mission. On May 23, 2010, he waved Bangladeshi flag atop the Everest. Led by Musa, three members of North Alpine Club Bangladesh started their Kilimanjaro expedition on September 8 from Matchami gate point at 6,000 feet. MA Sattar, third member of their team,

# Govt to issue 6 ITC licences this month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The government will issue six licences for setting up international terrestrial cables (ITC) connecting the country with the world via India. M Rafiqul Islam, additional secretary of the telecommunications ministry, yesterday said the licences will be issued by this month.

# WAR CRIMES TRIAL Tribunal asks for video clippings on Sayedee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday asked the prosecution to supply the copies of video clippings on crimes allegedly committed by Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee during

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ভারতের বাজারে রপ্তানির জন্য বাংলাদেশের ৪৬টি পণ্যের শুক্রমুক্ত বাজার সুবিধা অর্জনের জন্য বাংলাদেশ টেক্সটাইল মিলস এসোসিয়েশন (বিটিএমএ) কর্তৃক গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনাকে আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন।

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনার দূরদর্শিতা, কূটনৈতিক প্রজ্ঞা ও দীর্ঘ দিনের ঐকান্তিক প্রচেষ্টায় সম্প্রতি ভারতের প্রধানমন্ত্রী ড. মনমোহন সিংয়ের বাংলাদেশ সফরের সময়, ভারতের বাজারে রপ্তানির জন্য বাংলাদেশের ৪৬টি পণ্য যার সবকটি তৈরী পোশাক, তার শুক্রমুক্ত বাজার সুবিধা অর্জনের জন্য বাংলাদেশ টেক্সটাইল মিলস এসোসিয়েশন (বিটিএমএ) মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনাকে আন্তরিক ধন্যবাদ জ্ঞাপন করছে।

বাংলাদেশ ও ভারতের মধ্যে বিশাল বাণিজ্য ঘাটতি রয়েছে। বিটিএমএ মনে করে এ চুক্তির ফলে বাংলাদেশের তৈরী পোশাকের ভারতের বাজারে প্রবেশের কারণে বাণিজ্য ঘাটতি হ্রাসে তা অনেকাংশে সহায়ক হবে। একই সাথে বাংলাদেশের তৈরী পোশাক রপ্তানিতে আরেকটি দিগন্তের উন্মোচন হবে। কেননা আমাদের তৈরী পোশাকেরই রয়েছে বিশাল বাণিজ্য সম্ভাবনা। আমরা মনে করি এটি মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর বিচক্ষণতা, প্রাজ্ঞ চিন্তা ও চেষ্টারই পরিচায়ক। শিল্পায়নের ক্ষেত্রে এ চুক্তিটি আরো কার্যকর অবদান রাখবে বলে আমরা দৃঢ়ভাবে বিশ্বাস করি।

বিটিএমএ আরো মনে করে বাংলাদেশের ৪৬টি পণ্যের ভারত শুক্রমুক্ত প্রবেশাধিকারে সুবিধা প্রদান করায় বাংলাদেশের পাশাপাশি ভারতও সমভাবে লাভবান হবে। কেননা তৈরী পোশাক রপ্তানিতে ব্যবহৃত কাঁচামালের ৩০ শতাংশেরও বেশি ভারত থেকে আমদানি করা হয়ে থাকে। বাংলাদেশ দীর্ঘদিন যাবত ভারত থেকে এ সুবিধাটি পাওয়ার জন্য প্রচেষ্টা চালিয়ে আসছিল। মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনার ব্যক্তিগত উদ্যোগ ও তার সরকারের নিরন্তর প্রচেষ্টার ফলেই এ অর্জনটি সম্ভব হয়েছে। এটি মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর রাজনৈতিক প্রজ্ঞা এবং দূরদর্শিতারও প্রমাণ করে।

বিটিএমএ ভারতের বাজারে বাংলাদেশের ৪৬টি পণ্যের শুক্র সুবিধা শতভাগ নিশ্চিতের ক্ষেত্রে যদি কোন অন্তর্ক বাধা থাকে তা দূর করার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট মন্ত্রণালয়কে পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করছে। আমরা Bangladesh Institute of Fashion Technology (BIFT) ও ভারতের NIFT'র মধ্যে সমঝোতা চুক্তি স্বাক্ষরকে একটি ইতিবাচক এবং বাস্তবসম্মত চুক্তি বলে বিবেচনা করি। এর ফলে BIFT'র দক্ষতা বৃদ্ধি পাবে যা দু'দেশের মধ্যে ব্যবসা ও বাণিজ্য সম্প্রসারণের ক্ষেত্রে উল্লেখযোগ্য অবদান রাখবে।