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OSTEOPOROSIS IN BANGLADESH

Every one out of three women and one out of five men suffer from this condition

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Obama says he has got another five years in office

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More work to do for Teesta

Manmohan tells Shahara; Delhi reassures Dhaka of steps for no border firing at talks of home ministers

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

India yesterday assured Bangladesh that efforts were on to bring down the incidents of Border Security Force firing along the border to zero and that the issue with the proposed treaty on Teesta water sharing would be resolved.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh conveyed this to Bangladesh Home Minister Shahara Khatun, who called on him at his residence in New Delhi yesterday morning.

"We are trying to resolve the Teesta issue," quoting the Indian premier

Shahara told representatives of Bangladeshi media later on. She had a separate press conference for Bangladeshi newsmen.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's foreign affairs adviser Gowher Rizvi, who was also present, said the Indian prime minister conveyed that some progress has been made towards solving the Teesta issue but more work is needed.

The Teesta treaty could not be signed during Manmohan's visit to Dhaka in

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EXTRADITION TREATY 'AT FINAL STAGE'

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TORTURE AT BORDER 8 BSF jawans to face court martial

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The Indian Border Security Force has initiated court martial proceedings against eight of its personnel seen in a video torturing a Bangladeshi youth in West Bengal's Murshidabad district last month.

The suspended eight personnel, according to BSF chief Utthan K Bansal, were found "prima facie" guilty after a court of inquiry was conducted into the incident.

The personnel can put up their defence during

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BDR MUTINY, CARNAGE CASES

Trials may end this year

SHARIFUL ISLAM and MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Three years after the Pilkhana bloodbath in the capital, officials hope trials of all the cases filed for mutiny and carnage by border troops will be completed this year.

Such optimism comes despite the fact that only 45 witnesses have testified against 275 accused since the trial of the biggest ever carnage case in the

country's history began on January 5 last year.

Prosecution in the case believes that taking depositions of around 475 out of 1,285 witnesses would be enough to prosecute all the 850 accused in the case.

The February 25-26 mayhem inside the then BDR Pilkhana headquarters left 57 top and mid-ranking army officers and

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Got killed but obeyed order

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Ayesha Begum, the widow of a slain Central Subedar Major of the BDR, finally found some consolation six months after the Pilkhana carnage in February 2009, when the authorities had recognised her husband as a martyr and assured the family of necessary assistance.

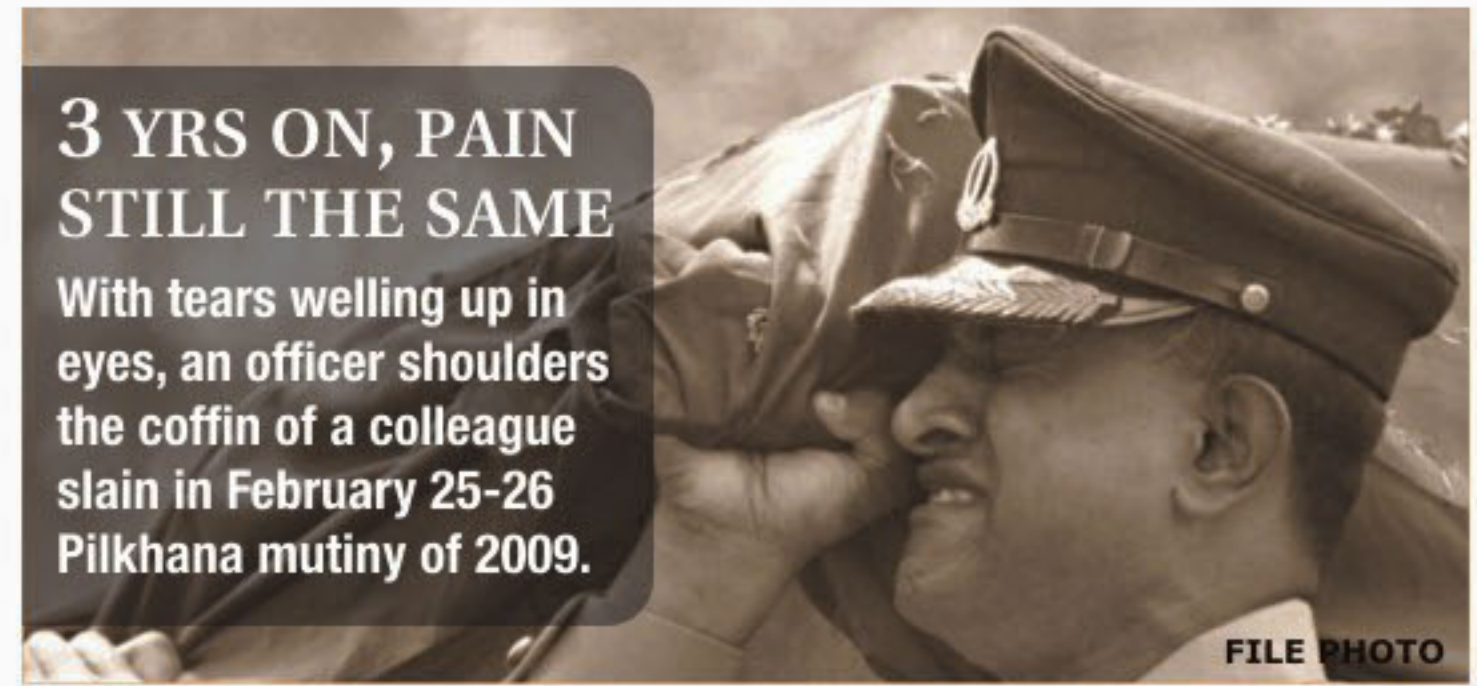
She had dreamt of a decent life in a permanent shelter, like the other martyrs' families received, for living with her children and their education without any financial constraints, but



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3 YRS ON, PAIN STILL THE SAME

With tears welling up in eyes, an officer shoulders the coffin of a colleague slain in February 25-26 Pilkhana mutiny of 2009.



FILE PHOTO

25th February

In Remembrance of our Founders

With profound sadness and grief, we embrace the memory of 25th February, the 18th death anniversary of Late Hamidur Rahman Sinha, one of the Founders of The ACME Laboratories Ltd. who left behind his bemoaned family members, a host of relatives and friends for his heavenly abode. Although he is not amongst us but his intelligence, wide knowledge, prudence and positive approach still influence our mission towards the excellence. We are also engrossed by the memory of Late Noorjahan Sinha, his beloved wife, who with her constant inspiration and by lighting a beacon of hope made the foundation possible in 1954.

May Allah rest their souls in eternal peace in heaven. We also pray for the salvation and eternal peace for all the departed souls to be endowed with the divine blessings of Almighty.

To mark the day, Doa and Milad Mahfil will be held today after Asr prayer at our Dhamrai Factory & Tomorrow the 26th February, a Doa and Milad Mahfil will also be held before Dhuhr prayer at our Corporate Office, Court de la ACME, 1/4 Kallayanpur, Mirpur Road, Dhaka. All relatives and well wishers are cordially requested to attend the occasions.

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All members of ACME Family

Always dazzling in our memories

AL's 14-party allies root for interim govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League's 14-party allies want the next parliamentary election to be held under an interim government formed through consensus.

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15 killed in bus plunge

Driver loses control of overcrowded vehicle on rundown diversion road in Madaripur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

At least 15 people were killed and 50 others injured as an overcrowded bus plunged into a water-filled ditch while taking a potholed diversion road in Kalkini of Madaripur yesterday.

Locals and fire-fighters recovered 14 bodies from the bus while one injured person died on his way to hospital. Of the 50 injured, 41 were admitted to Madaripur Sadar Hospital while the rest were taken to

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