



An elderly Beli burst into tears seeing her son Russel at a Dhaka court yesterday. Russel, a bus conductor, was picked up by police from Golapbagh while he was returning home after work on Friday night. Mass arrests have been going on in the city since Thursday ahead of the BNP March 12 rally. (Story on Page 1) PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# PM seeks Imams' support to complete war crimes trial

**UNB, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought support from the Imams of the country for containing terrorism and militancy as well as completing the trial of war criminals.

Holding the war criminals responsible for spreading militancy and terrorism in the country, she said they should be tried so that they could not repeat such crimes in the future.

The prime minister said this while addressing the National Imam Conference 2011 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in the city.

She said the government was working to materialise the dreams of Bangabandhu who had initiated many epoch-making steps for Islam after independence.

In the National Education Policy 2010, the government has taken steps for modernisation of Islamic education to provide moral teachings, she added.

About modernisation of madrasa education, she said 30 model madrasas had been set up while vocation courses were introduced in 100 madrasas and honours courses in 31 madrasas.

For the development of Imams, the government has established Imam and Muazzin Trust to ensure their welfare during their old age and bad days, Hasina said.

The premier also said the number of hajj pilgrims had been increasing for the last three years for the implementation of the National Hajj Policy 2010.

Bangladesh has earned appreciation from the Saudi government for its success in better hajj management in South Asia, and around 1.05 lakh pilgrims performed hajj last year, she said.

At the conference, the prime minister awarded three best Imams at national level and 64 imams at district level for their contribution to different sectors of society.

Imam Training Academy of Bangladesh Islamic Foundation organised the programme.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Advocate M Shahjahan Mia presided over the conference while Religious Affairs Secretary Qazi Habibul Awal gave the welcome address.

Bangladesh Islamic Foundation Director General Alhaj Samim Mohammad Afzal and Imam Moulana Abul Bashar also spoke on the occasion.

# 'ONE Save the Children in Bangladesh' formed

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Four organisations of Save the Children working in Bangladesh formally merged into "ONE Save the Children in Bangladesh" yesterday to work in a more organised way for the betterment of Bangladeshi children.

The merger of the Save the Children Australia, Save the Children Sweden-Denmark, Save the Children UK and Save the Children USA, took place at a ceremony in Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

Gowher Rizvi, the prime minister's international affairs adviser, said, "Launching of ONE Save the Children in Bangladesh will help avoid overlapping and duplication of programmes taken by different Save the Children organisations in our country."

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said the amalgamation of the four non-government organisations into a single entity will help them work in a broader perspective.

NGO Affairs Bureau Director General Nurul Kabir Talukdar, Save the Children, Asia Campaigns and Advocacy Director Michel Anglade, Prof Mehtab Khanom of Dhaka University and Save the Children Country Director Michael McGrath also spoke at the ceremony.

The four organisations, working in 119 countries, have been operational in the country since 1973.

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**Shah Azizur Rahman (1945-2012)**  
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Abba,  
"You passed away and left a void in our lives which can never be filled"

His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today on 11th March, 2012 in the premises of Supreme Court of Bangladesh at 1pm.

The Qulkhani will be held on Friday (16.03.2012), ba'dd Asr at House No. 26, Road No. 14/A (New), Dhanmondi R/A.

Please be present for his departed soul.  
Tanzila Aziz, Tabassum Aziz, Tanzim Aziz & Tahniyad Aziz

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**JU VC's resignation demanded**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A group of Jahangirnagar University (JU) teachers yesterday demanded resignation of the university vice-chancellor as he did not meet their demands, including stopping teachers' recruitment.

They also announced a five-day programme to press home their demands. The teachers will observe work abstention today and continue work abstention for two hours from Monday to Thursday.

"We will continue our demonstrations until the university vice-chancellor resigns", Prof Nasim Akhter Hossain, spokesperson for the anti-VC teachers' group called Shikkhak Samaj, told The Daily Star.

The teachers also laid siege to the residence of the vice chancellor from 8:30am to 7:00pm, demanding an end to "irregularities in teachers' recruitment".

Meanwhile, teachers, who are supporting the VC, staged a counter-demonstration in front of the VC's residence describing Shikkhak Samaj's demand as "illogical".

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