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EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLING

PM says steps taken to stop it

Two top rights activists reject her claim

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government had taken legal steps on enquiry into every incident of extrajudicial killing, a claim which was rejected outright by two top rights activists.

Citing over 400 extrajudicial killings since the present govern-

ment came to office in 2009, Prof CR Abrar, chief of Odhikar, a leading rights body, said: "To our knowledge, not a single action was taken against the perpetrators."

Advocate Sultana Kamal, chief of another leading rights body, Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), supported Prof Abrar's statement.

In parliament, the prime

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Unable to afford living in Ashulia without work, garment workers pack up and leave yesterday as factories there were closed due to workers' unrest. The photo was taken before factory owners decided that they would resume production from today.

Factories to reopen today

Decide RMG owners as govt pledges security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After four days of shutdown, owners of Ashulia-based garment factories yesterday decided to reopen more than 300 units today upon government assurance that it will ensure security of the factories.

The decision came at a meeting between Labour Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain and the leaders of BGMEA, BKMEA, FBCCI and Bangladesh Employers' Federation at the ministry.

"We have decided to reopen our

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REFUGEE CRISIS

Longstanding problem needs lasting solution

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and DWAIPAYAN BARUA from Teknaf

Not only do the local Bangladeshis, the Rohingya refugees living in Teknaf also want a lasting solution

to the ethnic problem in Myanmar's Rakhine state so that the Rohingyas can go back home.

"If the problem that forced us to come here [Bangladesh] is solved,

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Workers feel the pinch

Start to head home amid factory closure

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Many garment workers in trouble-hit Ashulia have left for home or in search of jobs elsewhere, as they remain without income for the shutdown of more than 300 facto-

ries in the industrial belt.

It all started a week ago when a labour unrest flared at apparel units in Ashulia over demands for pay hikes. Nearly 5 lakh workers are employed at garment factories in the industrial zone.

Workers say they cannot afford to stay in Ashulia when the factories are closed.

"We have no alternative but to leave. We cannot afford to live here without any earnings. Many have

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Human trafficking record betters

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh improved its status in the US Trafficking in Persons Report this year and reached Tier-2 of the three-tier system from Tier-2 Watch List.

Being in Tier-2 means Bangladesh do not fully comply with the minimum

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Padma bridge bribe was ready for 6

Reveals investigation by Canadian police; ACC prepares to quiz them; ex-communications boss says, 'I am a holy person'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Canadian company SNC-Lavalin had offered at least six influential Bangladeshis, including former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain, huge bribes to obtain the consultant's job in the Padma bridge project.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in an investigation found proof to this end and has shared the information with the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), which is also conducting a probe on the issue, said ACC official sources.

The five others, whose names came up in the RCMP investigation, are: Abul Hasan Chowdhury, ex-state minister for foreign affairs, Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan,

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দোয়া মাহফিল



সাবেক উপ-প্রধানমন্ত্রী ও উপমহাদেশের প্রখ্যাত চক্ষু চিকিৎসক প্রফেসর ডা: এম. এ. মতিন গত ১৩ জুন, ২০১২ ভোরে নিজ বাসভবনে শেষ নিশ্বাস ত্যাগ করেছেন (ইন্না লিল্লাহি ওয়া ইন্না ইলাইহি রাজিউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তিনি স্ত্রী, পুত্র, পুত্রবধূ, নাতি-নাতনিসহ অসংখ্য গুণগ্রাহী রেখে গেছেন। তাঁর দীর্ঘ কর্মময় জীবনে বহু প্রতিষ্ঠান ও দাতব্য সংস্থা বিশেষকরে ইউনিভার্সিটি অফ সাউথ এশিয়া, নর্থ বেঙ্গল মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল, বিএনএসবি চক্ষু হাসপাতাল (সিরাজগঞ্জসহ ২০ টি জেলায়) প্রভৃতি প্রতিষ্ঠা করে গেছেন, যার মাধ্যমে হাজার হাজার মানুষ আজ উপকৃত হচ্ছে। এছাড়া তিনি অনেক সামাজিক কার্যক্রমে সামনে থেকে নেতৃত্ব প্রদান করেছেন।

গত কয়েকদিনে মরহুম প্রফেসর ডা: এম. এ. মতিন এর অসংখ্য শুভানুধ্যায়ী গুণগ্রাহী বন্ধু ও আত্মীয়-স্বজন সমবেদনা ও শোক প্রকাশ করেছেন- আমরা, পরিবারের পক্ষ থেকে তাদের সকলকে জানাই আমাদের কৃতজ্ঞতা ও ধন্যবাদ।

আগামী ২২ জুন, ২০১২ রোজ শুক্রবার, বাদ আসর তাঁর নিজ বাসভবন ১১৬, শান্তিনগর, ঢাকায় মরহুম এর আত্মার শান্তির জন্য দোয়া মাহফিল (কুলখানী) অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। দোয়া মাহফিলে উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য আত্মীয়-স্বজন, বন্ধু-বান্ধব, অসংখ্য শুভানুধ্যায়ীসহ সকলকে বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ জানাচ্ছি।

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