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# PM for global actions to end poverty

UNB, London

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for concerted efforts of the international community to fight against poverty and hunger as the two issues had global origins and implications.

"The whole world needs to mobilise its resources, share experiences, research findings and technology, and fully commit themselves to implementing global and national plans and strategies on these issues," she told the inaugural session of Global Nutrition Event at 10 Downing Street.

Joint Chair of the event British Prime Minister David Cameron and Vice-President of Brazil Michel Temer also spoke at the session.

Hasina mentioned that there was a need for global consensus to effectively respond to over-speculative transactions and commercialisation of commodity markets. "Likewise, external banking, currency and financial transactions also have tremendous impacts."

She said, "The farmers and consumers both suffer from price volatility. This must be addressed if we're to achieve progress on hunger and under-nutrition."

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A thoroughfare in the capital's Paltan area plunges into traffic chaos yesterday afternoon as people make a dash for home, mostly to be with family members at iftar. Inset, in another part of the city, many people, like this girl, find it extremely difficult to walk the Sayedabad road, potholed and waterlogged as it is after a downpour. Story on page 19.



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Do you agree with BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that people have lost their confidence in the government for its failure on all fronts?

Yes (86.0%)

No (10.0%)

No Comments (4%)

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## PILKHANA MUTINY 2009 329 more BGB jawans jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday sentenced 329 jawans of the directorates of Pilkhana and Rifles Sports Board (RSB) to various terms of imprisonment, ranging from four months to seven years, in a mutiny case.

The jail term will be effective from today and the convicts will serve their sentences in non-military prisons.

The three-member Special Court-11 led by Brig Gen Md Nasir Uddin Ahmad also fined each convict Tk 100. It also acquitted seven of the accused as the allegations against them were not proven. Three of

them had pleaded guilty before the court.

At least 73 people, including 57 army officers, were brutally murdered during the February 25-26 mutiny in 2009 at Pilkhana, the then Bangladesh Rifles (now BGB) headquarters.

The court set up at Darbar Hall of the BGB headquarters in Pilkhana, started at 10:00am and ran for nearly four hours.

A total of 14 charges were brought against the jawans. Those include leaving the Darbar Hall defying the orders of the then director general Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed, collecting firearms and ammunition from the armouries, participating in

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## Manmohan invites Ershad

Talks on Teesta, Tipaimukh likely

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad will meet Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on Tuesday to discuss bilateral issues, including those of Teesta water sharing and Tipaimukh Dam project.

Manmohan recently invited Ershad for a visit to India, Jatiya Party leaders said, adding they considered this visit as

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## TIB finds graft at CGA office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A study by Transparency International Bangladesh has found 23 instances of corruption at the Controller General of Accounts office.

The findings were revealed yesterday at a seminar on the theme, "Challenge of good governance at the CGA office: ways to overcome", at the CIRDP auditorium in the capital.

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## SAFARI PARK PROJECT Forest boss removed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tapan Kumar Dey, Conservator of Forests (wildlife), was removed yesterday from his position as project director of Bangabandhu Safari Park, Gazipur, on charges of misappropriation of project funds.

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**PRAYER TIMING August 13**

Asan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-13	4-18
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-37	6-47
Esha 8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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