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# Fire check frustration

Over 30pc of RMG factories visited so far poorly equipped; fire dept vows to cancel licence, take action against its inspectors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One-third of the 89 garment factories visited by fire officials on the second day of safety inspection lack mechanisms to fight blaze.

The drive started in the wake of the deadly Tazreen Fashions fire that killed 111 workers on November 24.

Fifteen teams comprising 60 officials are visiting factories in Ashulia to put the fire safety arrangements into three categories -- A, B and C.

In two days of inspection, 163 of the 574 garment factories located in the Ashulia industrial belt were visited.

Some 53 factories, or over 30 percent of those visited by the teams, fall under the C category, meaning they lack fire safety licences, adequate fire

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Jarina Begum cries looking at Tazreen Fashions yesterday. Her daughter Putul, a worker of the factory, has been missing since the November 24 blaze claimed 111 lives. Putul is presumed to be one of the 53 dead who had to be buried without being identified.

# Tazreen workers yet to get salary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite an earlier announcement by the BGMEA, the workers of the fire-ravaged Tazreen Fashions factory did not get their salary yesterday.

Enraged at what they claimed was dillydallying over payment, the workers brought out a protest procession and staged a rally at Nishchintapur in Ashulia around 10 in the morning.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association wanted to give a month's salary, but the workers demanded pay

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## Part ways with Jamaat

PM asks BNP

BSS, Moulvibazar

Issuing a note of warning, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the opposition BNP to sever ties with the Jamaat-e-Islami; otherwise it would have to face the consequences of its efforts to save war

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# Leather factory attacked

Garment workers vandalise cars, windowpanes for not keeping it closed

KAILASH SARKAR, back from Ashulia

At least 50 guards and workers of an export-oriented leather factory were injured when several hundred garment workers attacked the company's premises

and vandalised six of its vehicles in Ashulia yesterday.

Located at Pukurpar in Zirabo of Ashulia, Picard Bangladesh Ltd, a Bangladesh-German joint venture, came

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## Second ODI against WI today

SAKEB SUBHAN from Khulna

Bangladesh, 1-0 up in the five-ODI series against West Indies, take on the visitors in the second match at the Sheikh

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# Legalise cattle trade at border

Suggests outgoing BSF boss

STAR REPORT

In a controversial suggestion, outgoing BSF chief UK Bansal has said the menace of cattle smuggling on the India-Bangladesh border defies



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## Judge held with sackful of Phensedyl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A senior assistant judge was arrested with 342 bottles of Phensedyl and a loaded pistol in the capital's New Market area last night.

The arrestee, Javed Imam, 30, is posted at Bhola district court.

He came to Dhaka from

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN  
Fahima, who broke her back escaping the Tazreen fire, leaves disappointed yesterday. She was put on a rickshaw van so that she could come to the factory to draw salary.

## Fire turned her world upside down

PINAKI ROY

Garment worker Fahima was on her way to Tazreen Fashions yesterday morning. Although it was nothing new to her, yesterday was different.

The devastating fire at the garment factory in Ashulia, which killed over 111 workers on

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## Inauguration of Keraniganj 100MW Power Plant

The far sight of the present government in power sector development has created a great opportunity for the local entrepreneurs.

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