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Safety gets risky for corruption

Two dozen licences fail to ensure improved workplace condition as unscrupulous govt staff join hands with errant factory owners

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

The existing rules for setting up factories are stringent enough to prevent large-scale accidents. But accidents continue to happen due to factory owners' negligence in ensuring workplace safety and regulators' reluctance to enforce the relevant laws.

To run a factory, entrepreneurs require more than two dozen permissions from various authorities, at least seven of them directly related to workers' safety.

The authorities are Rajuk, Fire Service and Civil Defence, environment department, chief inspector of factories, boiler licensing authority, insurance companies

and the business association concerned.

In addition, factory owners must take permission from the Export Promotion Bureau, Board of Investment, the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and the Controller of Imports and Exports. These offices basically deal with money matters but can still interfere in ensuring workplace safety.

The issue of workers' safety has come to the fore following the Tazreen Fashions fire that claimed at least 111 lives. An investigation into the blaze is on but it is clear that the factory had poor safety measures in place.

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With all hope and energy diminishing, Anowara Begum, mother of a missing garment worker of Tazreen Fashions, falls unconscious yesterday at a school in Nischintapur of Ashulia. For the last six days, she has been searching for her son, who has been missing since the November 24 fire.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Keep vehicles off roads on Dec 9

Fakhrul asks people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday urged all not to drive vehicles on the streets during the opposition's country-wide road blockade programme on Sunday.

"Please don't take your vehicle out on the street and make the blockade programme successful by joining with the people to resolve all the problems," he told a rally before the party's central office in the capital's Nayapaltan.

The BNP-led 18-party alliance organised the programme to mark December 6 as

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Sayedee verdict anytime soon

War Crimes Tribunal closes arguments

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 may deliver judgement on the war crimes case against Jamaat-e-Islami Naye-e-Ameer Delawar Hossain Sayedee any day as the proceedings of the case concluded yesterday.

On the concluding day, the prosecution asked for capital punishment for Sayedee for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War of 1971.

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Tribunal chief's net talks, mail hacked

The Economist possesses his personal correspondences, notice issued on the British magazine

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The email and Skype accounts of the International Crimes Tribunal-1 chairman have been hacked. The Economist has in its possession the correspondence between the tribunal chief and a Brussels-based legal expert.

Justice Md Nizamul Huq, chief of one of the two tribunals formed to try those who committed crimes against humanity in 1971, yesterday said he came to know this alarming developments two or three days ago.

Then on Wednesday night, he received a phone call. The person on the other side claimed the call was from the London-based weekly and

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The Economist

4th ODI today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh team will get a second crack at sealing a memorable series win against the West Indies when the sides face off for the fourth game of the five-ODI series at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur today. The home side are 2-1 up after the West Indies pulled one back with a four-wicket victory in the third game on Wednesday.

The match will begin at 2:30 pm and will be televised live on Channel 9.

The third match was

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TAZREEN GARMENT FIRE

Commotion over salary persists

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and GAZI TOWHID AHMED

More than 100 workers of the fire-ravaged Tazreen Fashions demonstrated at Nishchintapur Primary School in Ashulia, demanding salary and compensation yesterday.

They started gathering on the school ground around 8:30am, and began demonstration as their names were not on the list prepared by the factory authorities, industry association and labour rights groups.

Dozens other joined the protest for they got "less salary than expected". Some of them refused to take the money.

Kalpana, who worked at the finishing section of Tazreen, said: "I fled the factory after hearing the fire alarm."

She refused to take Tk 7,000 the company officials

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Gene-altered mosquitoes to fight dengue

AP, Key West, Florida

Mosquito control officials in the Florida Keys are waiting for the federal government to sign off on an experiment that would release hundreds of thousands of genetically modified mosquitoes to reduce the risk of dengue fever in the tourist

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A visitor looks at an Australian bird called Rojila at a fair of foreign and domestic birds organised by the Avicultural Society of Bangladesh at the Jatiya Press Club. The two-day fair began yesterday.

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