

## Biman employees confine its boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of workers and employees of Biman Bangladesh Airlines have confined its acting managing director AM Mosaddique Ahmed to his office room at Biman headquarters in the capital to press home their seven-point demands.

The demands include withdrawal of charge sheets of two departmental cases against Biman Sramik League and CBA president Moshique Rahman; implementation of a new organogram; raise of salaries and meal allowances.

Chanting slogans in favour of their demands, they surrounded the office till filing of this report at 11:15pm yesterday.

Earlier, more than a hundred staff of the national flag carrier started laying a siege outside the office room of Mosaddique on the 2nd floor of Balaka Bhaban from 2:30pm, said sources at the Biman.

The cases against Moshique were filed around six months back for threatening Biman's Company Affairs Manager Fazlur Rahman and for talking to media.

The Biman authorities formed an investigation committee after filing of the cases. The committee recently submitted charge sheets against Moshique to the authorities, they said.

Earlier in March last year, some staff of the Biman staged demonstrations under the banner of "Biman Bachao Oikya Parishad" to press home their several demands including resignation of its chairman and board members.

## Body found in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A body was found at an under-construction building in Kalyanpur of Mirpur in the capital yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Mohammed Milon, 30, a grocery store owner and wall painter.

Police recovered the body from an empty elevator shaft of the under-construction building and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

Documents found on the body helped law enforcers to contact the deceased's family, police said.

Shahalam, Milon's brother, said his brother had gone out of his residence at about 8:00pm the night before.



Waste water from overflowing sewers occupies a substantial portion of this road in East Jurain in the capital for long, becoming a nuisance to the movement of the locals. The photo was taken on Saturday.

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## BANGLADESH ON SEVEN SUMMITS

# Wasfia conquers highest point of Antarctica

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi mountaineer Wasfia Nazreen conquered Mount Vinson, the highest point of Antarctica, on Saturday as part of her ongoing quest to climb the seven highest mountains of the world's seven continents.

Wasfia, who was the second Bangladeshi woman to climb Mount Everest, set off for the frozen continent from Chile on December 29 after partaking in a three-week intensive training on reaching Canada on November 29.

"This was the hardest among the summits, but I did it for the nation so that we can start 2013 with new hopes, that everything is possible if our efforts are sincerely put into it," Wasfia told her



spokesperson from the summit using a satellite phone.

Mount Vinson was Wasfia's fourth expedition of the series. She has successfully conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mount Aconcagua in South America and Mount Everest in Asia.

Congratulating her, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and chairperson of Brac, said, "Wasfia has shown the world how strong and courageous Bangladeshi women are. She is an inspiration to all women as we strive towards equity for all women in this world."

Brac in collaboration with bKash Limited and BRAC Bank Limited sponsored the Vinson expedition.

## ARSON BEFORE HARTAL DAY Eleven cases filed against 100

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police filed eleven cases against more than 100 people for blasting cocktails and torching vehicles on the eve of the BNP-led 18-party alliance's yesterday's hartal.

The cases were filed with Ramna, New Market, Lalbagh, Kotwali, Sabujbagh, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Mirpur, Kafrul, Gulshan and Banani police stations in the capital, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

The cases with Kotwali and Sabujbagh police stations were filed under the explosive substances act while the case with Kafrul Police Station was filed under the speedy trial act.

The rests were filed under the penal code, he added. At least seven vehicles were set ablaze and 10 cocktails were blasted in the city's different areas on Saturday.

The opposition observed a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal yesterday protesting the latest fuel price hike.

# Saudi wants to recruit more workers

UNB, Dhaka

Saudi Arabia had not stopped recruiting manpower from Bangladesh rather it was following a certain process in this regard, said the Speaker of Saudi Assembly yesterday.

"From now on, Bangladesh will export manpower in a systematic way and Bangladesh's manpower export market will further expand there," the visiting Speaker of the Consultative Assembly of Saudi Arabia, Dr Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Sheikh, told journalists on his arrival in the capital.

The Saudi Speaker came on a four-day visit at the invitation of his Bangladesh counterpart Abdul Hamid. He is leading a 13-member parliamentary delegation.

He thanked the Bangladesh government for punishing the five convicts who killed Saudi Embassy official Khalaf AlAli in

the capital's Gulshan on March 6, last year.

Thanking Hamid for inviting him, he also said his visit would help further strengthen Bangladesh-Saudi relation.

Earlier, Hamid received the delegation at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Welcoming the delegation, he sought support from his counterpart for the betterment of all the Bangladeshi people, including doctors, engineers, nurses, and skilled and unskilled workers, who are living in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Speaker will meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today in the evening at Gono Bhaban. He is also expected to meet President Zillur Rahman.

The Saudi Speaker was the minister of justice from February 1992 to February 2009. Since 2009, he has been the chairman of Majlis ash-Shura (Consultative Assembly).

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## JS body for cutting illegal gas lines

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The parliamentary standing committee on power, energy and mineral resources ministry yesterday recommended that the authorities concerned disconnects all illegal gas connections and brings the persons under law for taking the connections.

It also asked the authorities to bring the persons involved in giving the illegal gas connection to book.

The government should not raise prices of power and gas again within its present tenure, it opined.

Committee chairman Shubid Ali Bhuiyan told a press briefing after a meeting of the committee at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

The committee also urged the government to formulate a policy for ensuring responsible use of gas, he said.

Abdul Maitin Khasru, Israfil Alam and Sheikh Fazle Noor Tapos were present at the meeting.



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