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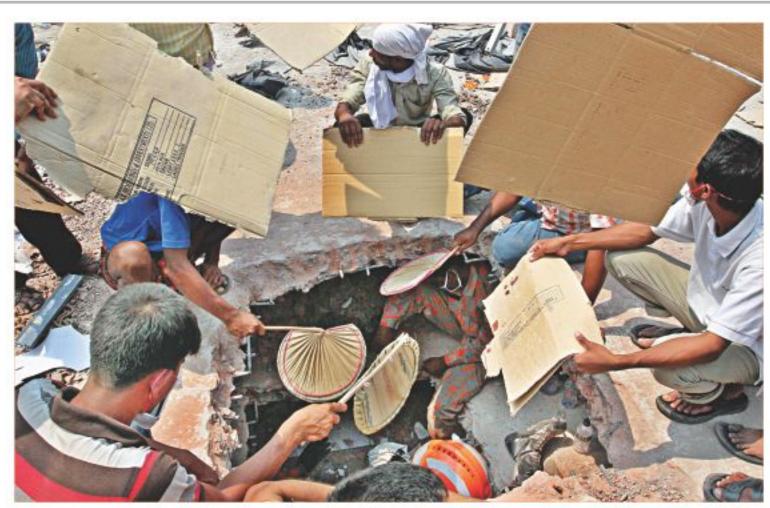
Swarms of flies began buzzing around the decomposing bodies sandwiched between slabs of rubble yesterday, a day after the nine-storey Rana Plaza collapsed in Savar. Volunteers, with bare hands, engaged themselves in allout efforts to rescue the survivors or recover the dead.

The civilian volunteers and local residents, putting their lives at risk, continued the rescue efforts along with a small number of firefighters and military personnel since the collapse early Wednesday.

However, lack of an adequate number of basic equipment like torches, hammers and metal cutters made their attempts harder at every step. They needed oxygen cylinders with masks, torches, protective eyeglasses, bullhorns, rubber gloves and air-fresheners to carry out the operation.

The firefighters bored holes at several points on the ninth floor that has come down almost to the height of a two-storey building, searching for survivors and dead bodies.

Confusion, mess, rush of crowds and absence of central coordination were what characterised the entire site SEE PAGE 6 COL 8



Volunteers try to fan more air inside from the top of the rubble pile of Rana Plaza as many trapped survivors were having difficulty in PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

5 factories suspended

SAMSUNG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters' Association yesterday suspended the membership of five factories that were housed in Rana Plaza, a building in Savar that collapsed on Wednesday morning.

Suspension of a garment factory's membership means it would not be permitted to export any apparel and import any raw materials.

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In other words, it means
the BGMEA would not give
the factory any utilisation
declaration (UD), which
refers to an amount of
imported fabric that the
factory can use under a
bond in export-oriented

garment production.
The garment manufacturer would not receive any service from the BGMEA either.

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Mueen, Ashraf charged

War crimes prosecution presses 16 charges against the 2 expat Al-Badr leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday pressed war crimes charges against Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan in connection with the killing of 18 bright minds of Bangladesh at the fag end of the Liberation War.

Prosecutor Sahidur Rahman brought 16 charges against the suspects, who were, according to postliberation newspaper reports, two of the most wanted criminals for killing

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Shazneen Tasnim Rahman

15[™] DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Milad Mehfil

On the occasion of 15th Death Anniversary of

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, a Milad Mehfil will

be held today (Friday), April 26, 2013, after

Asr (5:30pm) at House No. NE(J)-4, Road 83,

Latifur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman and family

Gulshan - 2, Dhaka - 1212.



Mueen-Uddin

intellectuals.

The prosecutor submitted the charges with the International Crimes Tribunal-2 through its

Ashrafuzzaman

Registrar's office yesterday. Sahidur told journalists that the prosecution had submitted charges against the two suspects together due to their "joint criminal liability".

The suspects had taken part in the same offences and their victims were the same.

According to the formal charges, Mueen-Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman, who are in London and New York, were involved in the abduction, torture and killing of the 18 people

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2 murdered on Nizami's instruction

Witness testifies at war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A martyr's nephew yesterday testified that the Pakistan army and its collaborators had killed his maternal uncle and another person at the instruction of Motiur Rahman Nizami at Sathia in Pabna during the Liberation War.

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Volunteers raise signs near the Rana Plaza disaster asking people for what they desperately need to continue their rescue efforts. Those include scissors, hammers, cloth, soap and even doctors.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

The Daily Star

Poor Ventilation

Commuter train suspended after first trip

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

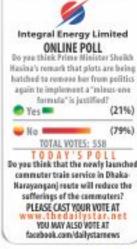
Operations of the first-ever commuter train were suspended on Wednesday, shortly after its maiden trip on Dhaka-Narayanganj route, as some passengers fell sick due to insufficient ventilation.

The train is expected to resume operation today after

The train is expected to resume operation today after ensuring enough ventilation, railway officials said. The train was supposed to make 14 trips on

Wednesday, after its inauguration by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. However, the railway authorities ran its trial operation without considering possible overload and insufficient ventilation.

Divisional Railway Manager (Dhaka) Shahadat Hossain said, "The train is ideal for 600 passengers, but it SEE PAGE 19 COL 2



PRAYER TIMING April 26 Azan Jamaat Fajr 4-20 4-55 Juma 12-30 1-15 Asr 4-45 5-60 Maghrib 6-29 6-34 Esha 8-00 8-30 Soute Stank Foundation

NEWS ANALYSIS

Playing with people's lives

SHAKHAWAT LITON

When the government administration fails continuously to act to establish the rule of law, the rule of crooked individuals starts consolidating. Politicians belonging to the party in power and a section of government officials establish their own rule and play with people's lives to amass money and assets. And for their unbridled greed, people are to pay heavily; in many cases they are denied their right to life.

The Savar tragedy has been one of the glaring examples of it in recent history, demonstrating the very poor state of the rule of law in the country.

A ruling party man had built the nine-storied building without following building construction laws. Reportedly, he even grabbed the land on which he had built the Rana Plaza, which is now a mountain of debris, having killed more than 200 garment workers.

As he is a ruling party man, he did not need to face any hurdle in retaining the possession of the grabbed land and he did not need to follow the laws properly to build the Rana Plaza. Even the law enforcers, the Industrial Police after being informed about the cracks in the building, could not enforce the law as the building owner is a ruling party man who is blessed by the ruling party's local

The industrial police formed in 2010 to ensure safety SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

Musharraf arrested in Benazir murder case

DAWN ONLINE

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) yesterday formally arrested Pervez Musharraf in the Benazir Bhutto murder case.

Musharraf will remain at his Chak Shahzad farmhouse residence but will be produced at the antiterrorist court in

Rawalpindi on Friday. Since his return to Pakistan in a bid to contest the 2013 general election, the former army strongman has been embroiled in a number of cases against him, ranging from judges' detention to

Benazir's assassination to

treason against the state.

Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in a gunand-bomb attack outside Rawalpindi's Liaquat Bagh on December 27, 2007 while Musharraf was

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জাতীয় সংসদের সাবেক স্পীকার, মহান মুক্তিযুদ্ধের অন্যতম সংগঠক ৭ বার নির্বাচিত সংসদ সদস্য, সর্বজন শ্রদ্ধেয়, জননন্দিত ও প্রবীণ রাজনীতিবিদ

জনাব মোঃ আবদুল হামিদ এ্যাডভোকেট

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশের মহামান্য রষ্ট্রপতি বিনা প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতায় নির্বাচিত হওয়ায় আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন।

পরম কঞ্চনাময়ের নিকট আমরা তাঁর উত্তরোত্তর সাফল্য, সুস্বাস্থ্য এবং দীর্ঘজীবন কামনা করছি।

