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# SAVAR DEATH TOLL 315 Fight for life on under debris

100 more rescued alive; ceaseless efforts on to save trapped workers

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Around three days after the country's worst building collapse, the hope of finding more survivors was not all gone, though a sickening stench of decaying corpses filled the air in Savar.

Some 100 people were dragged out of the wreckage yesterday.

The rescuers were relentless in their efforts as people trapped inside were alive by what could only be described as a miracle.

The death toll, meantime, rose to 315. The rescue crews bored deeper into the rubble of the collapsed nine-storey Rana

Plaza yesterday. They provided water, saline and oxygen cylinders whenever they found a survivor inside.

"We have supplied saline, torchlight and oxygen to a spot where around 24 people are still alive," said Jashim Uddin, a rescuer.

Major General Chowdhury Hasan Sarwardi, general officer commanding of Nine Infantry Division, told reporters around noon that they could not remove the large slabs as many people were stuck inside. Their personnel made big holes to enter and bring out people, he added.

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A woman wails for her missing son near the collapsed Rana Plaza in Savar. Since the disaster, she has been frantically running in the area clinging to the hope that her son will return to her.

### Savar Tragedy UPDATES

Rescued alive

2,400

Bodies recovered

◀ Handed over

305

In hospitals

Rescued yesterday 100 alive

57 dead

People's support to victim families, rescuers shows selfless love for humanity

WASIM BIN HABIB

All along the road from the disaster site to Enam Medical · locals who have been conducting the College and Hospital and beyond, they hand out food, : rescue operation at Rana Plaza site in water and other relief materials to the victims' relatives : Savar since Wednesday, the day the nineand the rescuers.

After the nine-storey Rana Plaza in Savar collapsed on · Wednesday morning, people, mostly youths, have been sonnel of army, Rapid Action Battalion doing a great service to humanity.

While many have joined the rescue operation without ? caring much about their own lives, others are working to make sure the family members of the injured and · trapped workers and the volunteers get what they need to: endure these difficult hours.

"Have water", "Take this biryani packet" and "Biscuits are free"—these are the words you'd hear in every few steps.

## Help pours in A daunting task

Mostly untrained, unequipped locals help firefighters in rescue operation

M RAHMAN

It has been mainly the firefighters and : storey building collapsed.

During spot visits, it was seen that per-(Rab), police and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) were mostly handling the crowd and making way for their vehicles and other vehicles carrying food and : medicine to and out of the spot.

The locals and firefighters using shovels, handsaw, hammers and other handy tools have been cutting the fallen walls,

grills and roofs to get the victims out of the : Rikta. She was hungry and

However, after recovery of any victim, ; had passed since she was personnel of other agencies are seen : trapped inside Rana Plaza. active to take the victim to hospital.

Against such backdrop, families of the victims and locals yesterday morning: come early yesterday, about staged an angry demonstration in front of : 45 hours after the collapse, she wondered: "Am I still the collapsed building alleging that the : alive?" government machineries were not putting sincere efforts in the rescue; rather the . more. army, Rab, BGB and police were playing: the role of onlookers.

firing rubber bullets, said locals.

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### Rescued after 45 hrs under rubble

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Time was running out for : thirsty and drained. Two days · Nobody came.

So when someone did

Rikta

She was, but to remain so she would have to suffer

It was a group of civilian rescuers who found her around 5:30am under the rubble on the third floor of the Law enforcers had immediately: nine-storey building. Her right hand was trapped under a brought the situation under control by ; sewing machine. The rescuers tried all means they could think of to pull her out. When all attempts failed, they had

A worker who had been trapped in the collapsed Rana Plaza waves to volunteers and people after being rescued yesterday around 1:30pm.



RASHED SHUMON

# 2 factory owners Save RMG

PM orders arrest of Rana

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arrested

Police arrested two garment factory owners, whose : Minister Sheikh Hasina to plants were in Rana Plaza, hours after Prime Minister : seek security for the indus-Sheikh Hasina had ordered capture of the owners of the : try after a section of workbuilding and the factories that used to be there.

A senior official of the Detective Branch of Police told · yesterday protesting the The Daily Star early today that they arrested Bazlus · Rana Plaza disaster. Samad and Mahmudur Rahman Tapash in connection : Leaders of Bangladesh with a case filed after Rana Plaza came crashing down on : Garment Manufacturers Wednesday.

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# industry

Owners urge PM MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Top apparel sector leaders yesterday met Prime · ers resorted to vandalism

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### LABOUR UNREST

### All RMG units shut for 2 days

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

. Having suffered from labour unrest in the last two days, garment makers across the country yesterday decided to suspend production in their factories for two days from today mainly to avoid massive unrest.

Production was suspended at majority of factories in · Dhaka, Gazipur, Savar, Ashulia, Maona for the second · consecutive day yesterday, fearing a further labour and Exporters Association unrest, stemmed from deaths at Rana Plaza.

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# RMG workers go berserk

Vandalise around 160 vehicles in Dhaka, attack several factories elsewhere

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Thousands of garment workers yesterday vented their anger on vehicles in and around the capital leaving the public transport system on the brink of a collapse.

Angered by the deaths of their fellow workers in Savar Rana Plaza collapse and following a rumour that two demonstrators were killed, they vandalised at least 160 vehicles in Dhaka, Gazipur and Narayanganj.

They also attacked garment factories in the three districts and set fire to one in Gazipur along with a furniture factory. The fire gutted an ATM booth and several shops in the adjoining market.

The city and its neighbouring areas had a hartal-like look as the workers barricaded roads and highways. Police had to close several roads as well due to the rampaging garment workers.

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### Brave souls in Savar

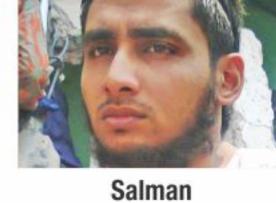


many ordinary people joined the res-

Abu Bakar

MASUM AL JAKI





cue effort. A large number of students,

street vendors, garment workers and

No safety gear, no training, no proper religious leaders joined hands with fire equipment. But they have brave hearts to help the workers trapped in a mangled mess of concrete and rods.

fighters, army and police. In some cases, the unequipped civilians were seen leading the desper-As the Rana Plaza tragedy unfolded,

ate operation putting their lives at risk.

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