

BE SAFE

BSRM  
the ultimate steel

EMF  
TESTED  
DUCTILE ROD  
BSRM Xtreme500W

BSRM Xtreme  
Feel safe with Xtreme Inside

TRANSTEC  
High Power Factor CFL  
90% Energy Efficient | Longer Life  
A TRANSCOM Product

## Ban calls for end to violence

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on all parties in Bangladesh to put a stop to violence.

"The secretary-general has been following the recent wave of violence in Bangladesh with increasing concern and is saddened by the loss of life, including during the events that unfolded in Dhaka throughout Sunday and into Monday," Ban's spokesperson said in a statement on Monday in New York.

"The secretary-general calls on all concerned to stop the violence, to respect the law and to express their views peacefully."

According to media reports, the statement said, more than 30 people

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1



A bus set alight on Kazi Nazrul Avenue in the capital yesterday, on the eve of an opposition shutdown.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

N'GANJ CLASH

## Shibir, BNP too in it

BGB man, student succumb to injury; death toll rises to 22

HELEMUL ALAM and FAISAL PARAG

It was not only the activists of Hefajat-e Islam and villagers, but many Jamaat-Shibir men also played a significant role during Monday's mayhem in Narayanganj, claim police and witnesses.

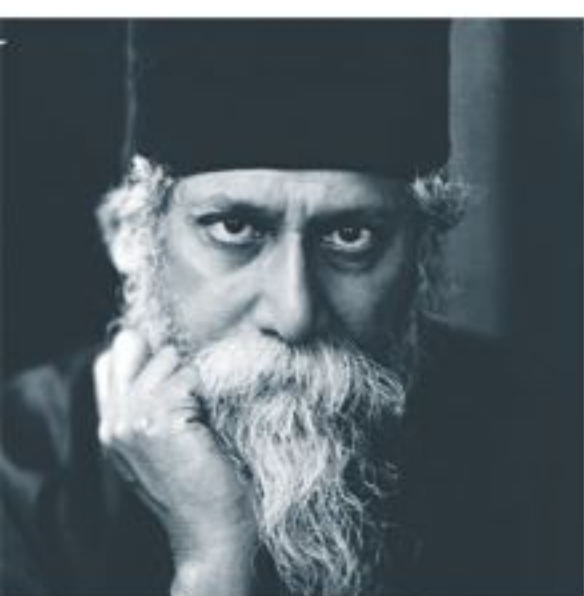
The death toll from the fierce clash rose to 22 after injured border guard Lavlu Miah, 38, and bullet-injured Md Sumon, 22, had died yesterday. Sumon was a student of Dhaka City College.

"I saw about 15 to 20 local Jamaat-Shibir activists and others intensely engaged in fights with law enforcers near Kuwait Market at Shimrail since the morning," said an automobile mechanic, who works at a nearby workshop.

Superintendent of Narayanganj police Syed Nurul Islam yesterday said BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami men had been involved in the attacks on law enforcers and Kanchpur Highway Police Station.

He said they would file a number of cases in this connection.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 8



## Remembering the Bard

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Rabindranath Tagore goes on occupying a very large segment of our collective literary consciousness.

SEE PAGE 7 COL 1

## No more tears left

Relatives of Savar victims suffer in silence, wait

WASIM BIN HABIB

The tears in their eyes have almost dried up. Some even do not have the energy to wail or frantically rush here and there anymore. But still, they wait at Adhar Chandra High School playground in Savar to collect the bodies of their loved ones, lost in Rana Plaza collapse.

For the last 14 days since the worst factory disaster of the country, relatives of the victims have been rushing

from one hospital to another in Savar and Dhaka with swinging between hope and despair.

As their frantic search turned futile, they returned to the school playground where the recovered bodies are brought for identification. The place is now a virtual home to around 100 people who have been waiting to collect the bodies of their near ones for a burial.

"My prayer is that the Almighty helps me find my daughter's body, so

that her mother can see her and put to eternal rest," said Shamsul Alam of Naogaon, adding, "I don't know how long Allah will continue to put my faith to test.

Alam's only child Moushumi had been working on the sixth floor of the collapsed nine-storey Rana Plaza for the last three months.

He said he had given blood samples at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Sunday for DNA test.

SEE PAGE 7 COL 3

## MOTIJHEEL DRIVE BNP calls for int'l probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP last night demanded an international probe into what it said mass killings during the law enforcers' operation against Hefajat-e Islam activists at Shapla Chattar in Motijheel early Monday.

Claiming that many Hefajat men were killed during the crackdown, the

SEE PAGE 19 COL 3

## Households to get new gas connections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has lifted the ban on new gas connections to households, imposed in July 2010.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who also holds charge of the energy ministry, yesterday permitted providing new gas connections for domestic use, Energy Secretary Mozammel Haq Khan told The Daily Star.

Initially, about 58,000 households which are illegally using gas would get connection.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 3



A man, injured in the April 24 Rana Plaza collapse, walks on crutches past a queue of his fellow workers at Savar cantonment yesterday. The workers, all from the garment factories housed at Rana plaza, came here to receive wages and benefits from Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Rescuer could not take it

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

He had been tormented by sights of helpless people crying for help underneath the wreckage of Rana Plaza. Then he started to have nightmares and hallucinations.

As his condition got worse, he was taken to hospital.

And finally, 26-year-old Omar Faruq, the owner of Faruq Engineering Workshop, who volunteered for the rescue operation in Savar, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

He had been missing from his ward at the DMCH since Sunday afternoon, three days into his admission to the hospital with high fever and symptoms of mental illness.

Hospital staff found his body on a trolley in a corner near his ward on the hospital's second floor around 9:00am.

Police said the marks around Faruq's throat indicated that he took his own life failing to bear the trauma.

However, doctors said they would have to perform an autopsy on him to confirm whether he committed suicide.

"The cries of trapped people started to haunt him after he joined the rescue work," Faruq's wife Asha Akhter Irin told The Daily Star.

Faruq, who ran a workshop near Rana Plaza, ventured

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

## 21 died in violence over Dhaka siege

Says home minister BSS

The death toll in violence over Hefajat-e Islam's "Dhaka siege programme"

SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

PADMA BRIDGE

## Tenders by next month

UNB, Dhaka

The government will float tenders by the end of June this year for constructing the main infrastructure of the long-awaited Padma Bridge, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

"The Bridge Division is working now for floating the tenders," he said.

The minister was talking to reporters at his ministry after signing an MoD (minutes of discussion) agreement between the government and Japan International

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

## TORCHING PROPERTY Govt to ask Hefajat, BNP to compensate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government would ask for compensation from Hefajat, Jamaat-Shibir and BNP for the victims of Sunday's arson and vandalism at Motijheel and Paltan, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

"The terrorists of Hefajat, Shibir and BNP intentionally set fire to

SEE PAGE 7 COL 6

## Mojaheed led Al-Badr

Prosecution places evidence in closing arguments at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Al-Badr was formed only with the members of Islami Chhatra Sangha and their president Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed was also the chief of the force which was mainly responsible for the intellectuals' killings during the Liberation War.

Initiating their closing arguments in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Mojaheed, the prosecution yesterday tried to prove this fact with the help of documentary and verbal

evidence before the International Crimes Tribunal-2.


During his around two-hour arguments, conducting prosecutor Muklesur Rahman Badal presented copies of newspapers of 1971, the then government's secret reports and relevant books.

The three-member tribunal, led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahinur Islam, heard the arguments before adjourning the proceeding until May 12.

SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

PRAYER TIMING			May 8
Fajr	4-15	4-50	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	5-00	5-15	
Maghrib	6-34	6-38	
Esha	8-00	8-30	
Source: Islamic Foundation			

The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited

ONLINE POLL

Do you think forming a wage board is well enough to help improve labour standards in Bangladesh?

Yes

No

(23%)

(77%)

TOTAL VOTES: 191

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the 18-party's 2-day hartal from Wednesday is justified?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT

www.thedailystar.net

YOU MAY ALSO VOTE AT

facebook.com/dailystarnews