

CHARGES	1. Abduction, torture and killing	2. Torture on Principal Hannan	3. Killing of 164 people and rape	4. Abduction and killing of Golam Mostafa	5. Abduction, confinement and torture	6. Killing of Tunu in Mymensingh	7. Killing Dara and five others
VERDICT	Guilty (life term)	Guilty (10 years jail)	Guilty (death)	Guilty (death)	Not Guilty (acquitted)	Not Guilty (acquitted)	Guilty (life term)

# GALLOWS for Kamaruzzaman

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

International Crimes Tribunal-2 has found Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, one of the key organisers of the infamous Al-Badr force, guilty of committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War and has sentenced him to death.

The 61-year-old Jamaat-e-Islami senior assistant secretary general was found guilty of mass killing, murder, abduction, torture, rape, persecution, and abetment of torture in greater Mymensingh district in 1971.

Tribunal-2 Chairman Justice Obaidul Hassan and two other members, Justice Md Mozibul Rahman Miah and judge Md Shahinur Islam, were unanimous in finding Kamaruzzaman guilty and thus they handed down the sentence of capital punishment.

The tribunal tried Kamaruzzaman over his crimes in 1971, when he was a top leader of greater Mymensingh Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat, and was also the office secretary of East Pakistan Islami Chhatra Sangha.

The tribunal framed seven charges against him but the prosecution was able to prove five of them. Of the five, he was sentenced to death in two

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## Jamaat at the core

*Tribunal dwells on birth of killing wing*

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The judgment in the war crimes trial of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Kamaruzzaman yesterday widely discussed the role of his party in organising the collaborating forces during the Liberation War, 1971.

The Jamaat, a religion-based political party and brainchild of controversial Islamist thinker Maulana Maududi, was significantly pro-active in its mission to wipe out the Bangladeshi nation in the name of shielding Pakistan in collaboration with the Pakistan occupation army.

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Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman being taken to jail from court after he was sentenced to death yesterday for the crimes against humanity he committed during the Liberation War.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## Work with Bangladesh

*UN, US spur RMG buyers, brands to improve working conditions*

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The UN and the US have urged the international buyers and clothing brands to work with the Bangladesh government and all stakeholders to improve working conditions in the country's garment sector.

Their call came following a building collapse on the outskirts of Dhaka that left hundreds dead and wounded.

"The international brands sourcing from Bangladesh have a responsibility to conduct human rights with due diligence to identify and address their own impacts on human rights," said Pavel Sulyandziga.

Sulyandziga currently heads the five-strong United Nations Working Group on business and human rights.

"If they are linked with negative impacts on human rights through their suppliers, they have the responsibility to exercise their leverage as buyers to try to effect change," he said in a statement of UN News Centre early yesterday.

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## Body identification a challenge now

PANKAJ KARMAKAR and TAMANNA KHAN

It is as if an assembly of the departed had gathered at the approximately 120-feet-long L-shaped verandah of Adhar Chandra High School to silently protest the utter injustice done to them.

The silence is often broken at intervals by the wailing of grief-stricken relatives after they identify the victims.

Yesterday was the 16th day of the rescue operation since the country's deadliest industrial disaster but bodies were still emerging endlessly from the mangled wreckage of the nine-storey Rana Plaza, which housed five garment units and shops, in Savar outside Dhaka. The dead were brought to the school nearly one kilometre from the spot for identification.

For those who have to wait further at the school ground to see their loved ones one last time, the pain seems unbearable.

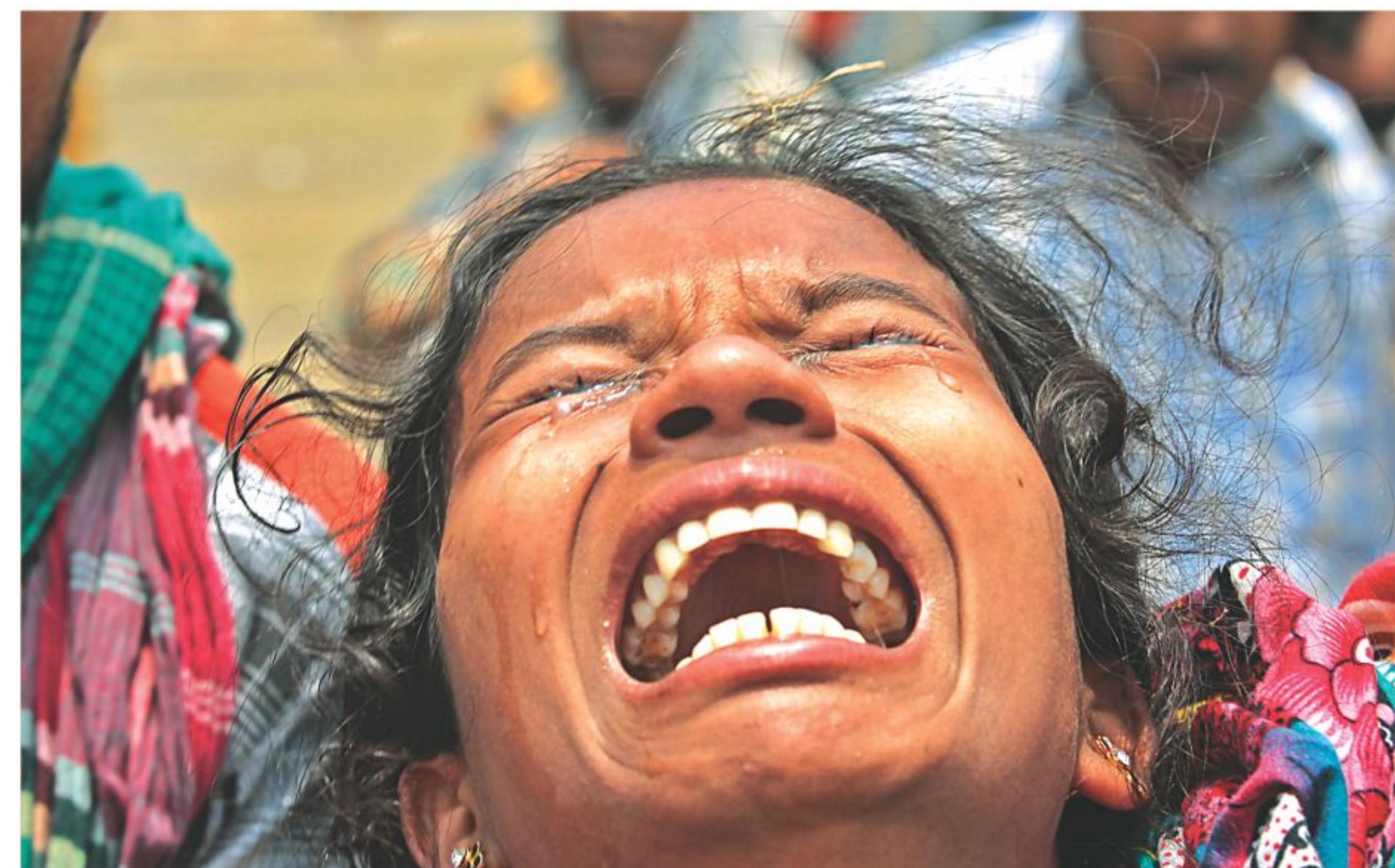
From 6:00am yesterday to 2:20am today, as many as 120 bodies were pulled out of the debris, the highest recovery in a day since rescuers began the second phase of the operation using heavy equipment on April 28. The death toll rose to 996 as of the filing of this report at 2:30am today.

Most of the bodies recovered yesterday were highly decomposed. They were nearly impossible to identify when there were no company ID cards or mobile phones along with them. People got confused while trying to identify the bodies, thus putting the authorities in trouble in handing them over.

"I had to identify my wife by the clothes she was wearing. Her facial

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BODIES RECOVERED YESTERDAY 120 DEATH TOLL 996



Shefali in agony after her sister Rezia's body was brought to Adhar Chandra High School playground in Savar yesterday. Shefali along with her three sisters worked in Rana Plaza and all but Rezia escaped alive.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## Record pass rate in SSC

WASIM BIN HABIB

With more students achieving the highest grade, the results of this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations have beaten all the previous records.

The pass rate hit a record high of 89.72 percent, 3.40 percentage points higher than that of the last year, according to the results published yesterday.

The results show a significant improvement in other indicators -- the number of schools with cent percent pass rate rose remarkably while the number of schools with zero pass rate and the number of failed students came down.

The combined pass rate in all the 10 education boards, including Dakhil examinations under the madrasa board and vocational examinations under the technical board, also broke all the previous records with 89.03 percent examinees coming out successful.

Last year, the combined pass rate was 86.32, which was 82.31 percent in 2011.

A total of 77,381 students under eight general education boards secured the highest grades GPA-5 this year, up by 12,129 on last year. The number of top graders in 10 boards combined also rose to 91,226 from last year's 82,212.

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BOARD	PASS RATE 2013	PASS RATE 2012
Dhaka	87.31	85.95
Rajshahi	94.03	88.33
Comilla	90.41	85.64
Jessore	92.62	87.16
Chittagong	88.04	78.96
Barisal	88.63	86.96
Sylhet	88.96	91.78
Dinajpur	90.60	87.16
TOTAL	89.72	86.32

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