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Ex-RCC mayor's income soars

Affidavit shows his annual income now Tk 58 lakh from Tk 2.44 lakh in 2008

The annual income of former Rajshahi mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton has increased 24-fold in the last five

vit submitted to the Election Commission on Sunday along with his nomination forms for the mayoral post of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC). The RCC election is scheduled for June 15.

This was disclosed in his affida-

In July 2008, Liton's annual income was Tk 2,44 lakh, said the affidavit. He had earned Tk 50,000 from agricultural land, Tk 50,000 from house rent, Tk 84,000 from business and Tk 60,000 from his profession as a lawyer. His net wealth was worth Tk 5-29 lakh

However, his annual income this year has increased to Tk



With the 20-day rescue operation over on Monday, rescuers, army men and common people offer munajat seeking eternal peace of the departed souls at the site of the collapsed Rana Plaza at Savar yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

WAR CRIMES

Defence team Ashulia peaceful, meets Rapp Points out trial

'anomalies' STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Stephen J Rapp, US ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues, had a meeting with the counsels of the war crimes accused leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami at a hotel in the capital last

Ten lawyers led by Abdur Razzaq met Rapp, who has been here on a two-day visit. US Ambassador to Bangladesh

Dan Mozena was present. Emerging from the meeting, Razzaq told newsmen

that the defence team of

Woman crushed between 2 buses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT A woman was crushed

between two buses while crossing a road near Sayedabad bus terminal in the capital yesterday. The dead is Nasima

Begum, 45, of Hajiganj in Chandpur district. Her son Nasir Uddin

said, "I along with my mother, wife and daughter was crossing the road around 2:00pm. But my mother trailed along

yet factories shut Frustrations grip workers SOHEL PARVEZ

At midday on Monday, Sabina Yasmin returned home after management of the factory where she works had announced leave in the face of demonstrations and violence in Ashulia industrial area.

In the evening, she heard the news, which was not good for her, that all the garment factories in Ashulia would remain closed for an indefinite period.

'I felt bad hearing the news. We are poor and have come to Dhaka to have better earning and a better living. A day's closure means a reduction in our income, at least from the overtime," said Sabina who had to sit idle at home.

She is not alone. Her colleagues at The

Rose Dresses Ltd and others working at different production units also had to stay at their tiny rented rooms amid the shutdown enforced by the garment factory owners.

It turned the entire industrial area, which buzzes in other days amid busy foot stepping of the workers, quiet.

Almost all the factories were closed with no incident taking place.

Amid demonstrations and vandalism at some factories, the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association BGMEA) announced the closure in Ashulia on a no-work-no-pay policy.

It means the workers would not get wages for the days of the factory closure, said BGMEA Vice-President Reaz Bin Mahmood Sumon.

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These two garment workers look at the notice declaring all factories in Ashulia closed yesterday for an indefinite period.

Shun path of destruction

PM asks Khaleda

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called on Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia to "return to the politics of peace" by shunning the path of destruction.

Hasina made the call while distributing cheques of financial donation to 333 hawkers, small businessmen and shop owners of Baitul Mukarram and its adjacent areas.

The sheds and shops of hawkers and small businessmen were set on fire during a Hefajat-e Islam programme in the capital

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad

briefed reporters after the programme. Hasina said she had no words to condemn the destructive activities that were unleashed by Jamaat-Shibir and Hefajat-e Islam under the patronisation of the opposition parties.

Terming the burning of the holy Quran heinous, she said there was no previous instance of burning so many copies of the holy Quran at a time in the world.

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Traffic fumes cause kidney problems

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Defective kidneys may be a sign that traffic pollution is harming the arteries, research in the US suggests.

Scientists who tested 1100 stroke patients found a link between reduced kidney function and living close to a major road.

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ROHINGYA BOAT CAPSIZE

58 missing in Bay

Rescuers were searching for 58 missing Rohingya Muslims yesterday whose boat capsized in western Myanmar as they fled a looming cyclone, state media said, as the storm threatened thousands living in makeshift camps.

The boat, which sank after hitting rocks in a coastal waterway on Monday night, was one of seven vessels carrying Rohingya seeking out higher ground from a camp in

Pauktaw township in Rakhine state, according to state television.

The rescue operation is ongoing because 58 people are still missing," it said, adding that 42 people had been rescued.

Cyclone Mahasen has prompted mass evacuations in Rakhine, where about 140,000 people, mainly Rohingya, are living in flimsy tents or makeshift housing after two waves of deadly communal violence between Buddhists and Muslims last year.

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