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The nation laments the killing of its greatest hero today

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PHOTO: AP

A protester of pro-Morsi group comes to the aid of a wounded comrade.



Egypt crackdown kills 149

Morsi backers claim hundreds killed; emergency declared

AGENCIES

At least 149 Egyptians were killed yesterday after security forces moved in to disperse protesters demanding the reinstatement of President Mohamed Morsi. The government imposed a state of emergency as unrest swept the most populous Arab nation.

The Egyptian health ministry said 149 people were killed in clashes across the country. It said another 1,403 people were injured in violence. Troops opened fire on demonstrators in violence that brought chaos to areas of the capital and looked certain to further polarise Egypt's 84 million people between those who backed Morsi and the millions who opposed his brief rule.

The violence in Cairo, that drew international condemnation, sparked deadly clashes across the country.

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No serious efforts to bring back fugitive killers

REZAUL KARIM

The six fugitive killers of Bangabandhu could not be brought back home in the last four and a half years for the lack of persistent efforts on the part of the government.

The government's efforts to have the death convicts extradited to Bangladesh began in 2010. But since early last year, no serious move was made to convince different countries to hand them over to Bangladesh, said highly placed sources.

Officials now say their extradition to Bangladesh is impossible within the tenure of the present government.

The government so far could ascertain the whereabouts of only two convicts: Maj (ret'd) Noor Chowdhury in Canada and Maj (ret'd) Rashed Chowdhury in the USA.

The four others -- Col (dismissed) Khandaker Abdur Rashid, Lt Col

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AUGUST 15, 1975 ...and after

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Thirty eight years ago, the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman put a sudden brake on the idealism that had gone into the creation of this secular and democratic People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Moments after the soldiers completed their macabre mission in the pre-dawn hours of 15 August 1975, it was given out on the radio that Bangladesh had been declared an Islamic republic. That, of course, was not true, as later events were to prove. But that the country had been forced at gunpoint to take a regressive step towards what would amount to communalism was made clear through the invocations to religion made by the assassins.

One of the more eerie aspects of the bloody coup was the patent glee with which

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Govt to bring GB under regulatory framework

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government will not increase its stake in Grameen Bank, but will bring the microfinance bank under a regulatory framework under a new law, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

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Turn down proposals to recast Grameen Bank

72 world dignitaries ask PM in open letters

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Forty global luminaries and 32 members of the US Congress have urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to reject recommendations from the Grameen Bank Commission to restructure the microfinance bank.

In two separate open letters to Hasina yesterday, they said the recommendations, if implemented, would jeopardise the role

that Grameen Bank and its associated organisations had played in the fight against poverty.

The appeals come at a time when the government-appointed commission plans to submit its recommendations on the bank and its 48 independent associated companies to the government.

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SQ CHOWDHURY'S TRIAL Verdict any day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The war crimes trial of BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury has come to an end at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 and all that remains is the verdict delivery.

The tribunal kept the case awaiting judgment after the prosecution and the defence finished their closing arguments yesterday.

The prosecution sought the death penalty for the 64-year-old BNP standing com-

mittee member while the defence claimed that the prosecution had failed to prove any of the 23 charges against him and appealed for his acquittal.

The prosecution had brought in 41 witnesses, including an "eyewitness" who had claimed to have seen Salauddin shoot and kill Nutan Chandra Sinha, founder of the herbal medicine brand Kundeshwari Oushadhalaya, during the 1971 Liberation War.

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Labourers sitting idle near American Embassy in the capital's Baridhara yesterday. People of low-income group have become the worst sufferers of the 48-hour Jamaat hartal enforced immediately after Eid holidays. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

BPL SCANDAL Ex-CJ Amin to lead BCB trial

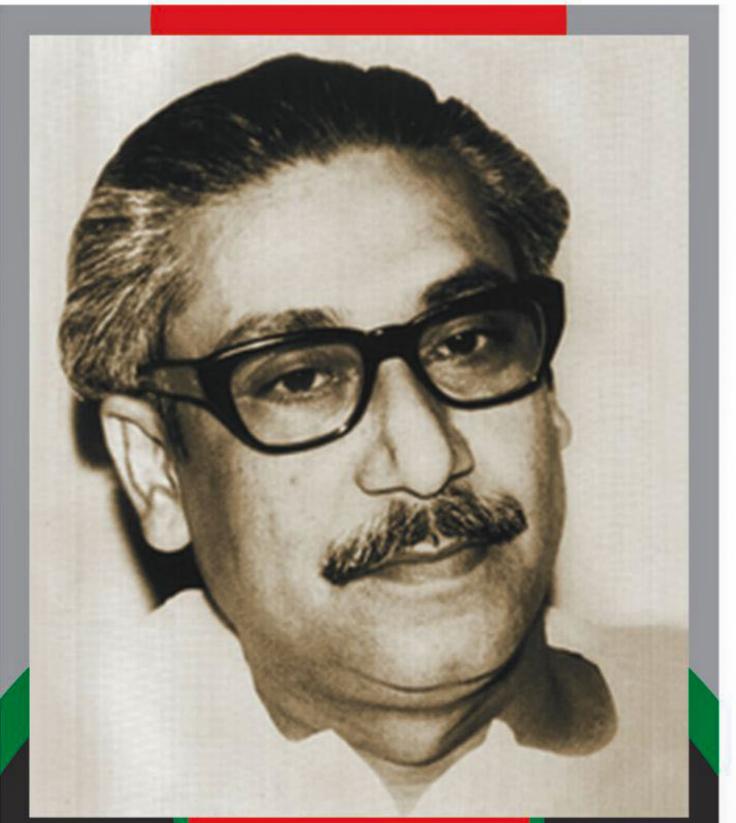
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is now focused on forming a disciplinary panel after nine individuals -- cricketers and officials -- were charged by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday with breaching BCB's anti-corruption code during the second edition of the Bangladesh Premier League.

The charges were based on a report by ICC's Anti-Corruption and Security Unit (ACSU).

It was learnt yesterday that former Chief Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury has agreed to lead the 10-member panel

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Indian mob beats 2 Bangladeshi boys to death

STAR REPORT

Two Bangladeshis were beaten to death by a mob in Meghalaya, India after they crossed the border illegally early Tuesday.

In another incident, a Bangladeshi cattle trader was killed and another hurt yesterday as they fell into a hidden iron trap set up by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) in the Sangli river at Bairagirhat of Chuyangerkhata.

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Violence, arson mark 2nd day's hartal

Shibir man killed in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A leader of Islami Chhatra Shibir was killed yesterday, on the final day of Jamaat enforced 48-hour shutdown, when police chased a pro-hartal procession in the capital's Jatrabari area.

Chhatra Shibir, a pro-Jamaat student body, has identified the deceased as Khalilur Rahman, 22, president of Shibir unit of ward-88 and a student of a private university in the city.

Other than this, around 40 people, including a 13-year-old boy and seven policemen, were injured in four separate incidents on the second day of the country-wide hartal called by Jamaat protesting the cancellation of its registration with the Election Commission.

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