

# Ramu incident shame for all

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 within eight months of the incident.  
 Recalling the mayhem in Ramu and Ukhia, Hasina said, "The situation was horrible and we could overcome it with united efforts of all."  
 She said, "I always say religion is personal but festivals are for all. Peace, friendship and harmony are our pride."  
 People of all religions should shoulder-to-shoulder for the independence under the leadership of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, she continued.  
 "As a Muslim-majority country, it is our responsibility to ensure security and safety of the minorities. If they are tortured here, minority Muslims in other countries might face similar intimidation."

The PM mentioned that world-renowned monasteries like Somapuri Mohabihar, Basu Bihar, Holud Bihar, Seetacoat Bihar and Shalban Bihar were once built in Bangladesh and revered scholars Atish Dipankar, Shil Bhadra and Shanta Rakkhit were born here.  
 She said her government gives equal attention to the development of mosques, temples, churches and pagodas.  
 In Dhaka, land has been allocated for construction of a Buddhist Bihar at Uttara, and Dharmarazik Boudha Bihar has been given seven more kathas.  
 Hasina thanked the members of the army and Border Guard Bangladesh for their efforts to complete the reconstruction and repair work of the affected

monasteries and temples.  
 She also thanked locals and the administration of Ramu and Ukhia upazilas for their sincere cooperation to this end.  
 Hasina hoped that the reconstruction of monasteries and temples would help heal the wounds of the Buddhist community.  
 "I firmly believe that you will get back your confidence in the government as we have stood beside you soon after the incident," she said.  
 Police had already submitted charge sheets in the cases filed for the violence and the culprits would be brought to book, she told the function.  
 Principal of Seema Bihar Satya Priyo Mohathero and its General Secretary Tarun Barua also spoke on the occasion.

Home Minister MK Alamgir, Chief of Army Staff General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan, PM's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque, among others, were present.  
 Ambassadors and high commissioners of the USA, Russia, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan, and diplomats from South Korea, China and Australia were present on the occasion.  
 Earlier, the prime minister visited Bimukti Bidarshan Bhaban Bihar at North Mithachhari and Ramu Moitree Bihar and Lal Ching Moitree Bihar at Ramu Chowmuhuni.  
 She also laid the foundation stones for 12 madrasa buildings in different areas of Cox's Bazar.



**M SAKAWAT HUSSAIN**

The former election commissioner said the countries that follow Westminster system of government dissolve parliament before election.  
 No national election has been held in Bangladesh without dissolving parliament, he said.  
 The big questions will be what steps the government and the election commission will take to ensure a level playing field for everyone, and what will happen if the main opposition party boycotts the polls, he said.  
 Though the EC is saying that it is prepared to hold the 10th parliamentary election, the question remains what preparations it is making under the present circumstances.  
 The government and Election Commission must ensure a level playing field in order to hold an inclusive election, he said.

# Curious buying spree

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 in the Bay of Bengal.  
 For the last two years, Bachchu has been the most talked-about person in the port city's deep-sea fishing trawler industry.  
 "He [Bachchu] has bought almost all the vessels that were sold in the industry in the last two years," said a Chittagong-based deep-sea trawling businessman, requesting anonymity.  
 Bachchu came to the spotlight this year when the central bank unearthed massive irregularities in loan disbursements, recoveries, non-performing loans, documentations, and mortgages against loans at the BASIC Bank.  
 The central bank has found the bank's board, which Bachchu chairs, had roles in sanctioning huge amount of loans.  
 According to its own documents, BASIC Bank disbursed Tk 5,669 crore in loans and advances in the three years till December 2012, a rise of 194 percent.  
 The bank's loans and advances were Tk 2,926 crore in 2009 when Bachchu became its chairman. The amount soared to Tk 8,595

crore in 2012.  
 The BB also found that BASIC Bank's Gulshan, Dilkusha and Shantinagar branches gave around Tk 3,500 crore in loans between April 2012 and March this year, a rare record in the country's banking history.  
 Many of these loans were given against false documents and without adequate collateral, according to the BB probe report.  
 Allegations are rife that many of the loans were granted to non-existent companies in exchange of kickbacks which, according to some borrowers, were 10-12 percent of the total loan.  
 "He [Bachchu] has bought my vessel after he became rich in recent years," said another businessman.  
 Eden Fisheries' Chittagong office at Sadarghat was found locked from inside when this correspondent went to visit last week. Later, The Daily Star reached one of the company's employees who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity.  
 "Eden Fisheries has eight vessels now. We had three a

year ago," said the employee. He named Peninsula 1 & 2, Crystal 1 & 2, Silver Sea 1, Karnatori 1, Silum Chai 29 and Speed 2.  
 "Maybe there are more vessels rented to others. I heard that one Mr Selim [friend of Bachchu] has been given two vessels," he said.  
 The Daily Star has been trying to reach Bachchu for over a month, only to hear from the bank employees most of the time that he is abroad. He has recently returned, but his cell phone is found switched off.  
 Last week, this correspondent contacted Maj (retd) Ruhul Alam, general manager of BASIC Bank, who first wanted to know on what topic The Daily Star wanted to talk to his chairman.  
 Informed, Ruhul said: "He [Bachchu] has declined to talk on the issue."  
 On Sunday, The Daily Star faxed and emailed Bachchu at his BASIC Bank's fax number and email address, requesting his comment. But there was none till filing this report last night.

# BTCL boss

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 ex-engineer Mashrurul Hakim filed three joint petitions on Sunday, seeking anticipatory bail in the cases.  
 The HC vacation bench of Justice Md Nizamul Huq and Justice Kashef Hussain rejected the petitions.  
 ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan, who opposed the bail prayers, told The Daily Star that the investigation officers could arrest the accused following the HC order.  
 Kalimullah's lawyer Advocate ZI Khan Panna said his client could seek bail from the HC through submitting another petition.

# Frog can hear

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 hit, sending the vibrations to the inner ear, then the brain.  
 But not the wee Gardiner's frogs, which measure about a centimeter long or the size of a thumbtack.  
 Researchers thought that the creatures might be deaf, until they tested them by playing pre-recorded sounds of other frogs croaking.  
 They found that male Gardiner's frogs croaked back, as if in conversation, proving they could hear.  
 Advanced X-ray images showed that neither the

lungs or the muscles of the frogs were helping transmit sound to their inner ears.  
 Instead, scientists realised that the frog's mouth is what acts as an amplifier for the sound frequencies the frog emits.  
 The system is boosted by very small amount of thin tissue between the mouth and inner ear.  
 "The combination of a mouth cavity and bone conduction allows Gardiner's frogs to perceive sound effectively without use of a tympanic middle ear," said Renaud Boistel of

the University of Poitiers and French National Center for Scientific Research.  
 The findings in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a US journal, add to what is known about how some creatures, including frogs and turtles, evolved the ability to hear.  
 "We show that the presence of a middle ear is not a necessary condition for terrestrial hearing, despite the most versatile solution for life on land," said the study.

# DR KAMAL HOSSAIN

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 human rights organisations and professional bodies should be invited to the dialogue to give their opinions. And on the basis of their opinions, parliament should decide on how to hold the election, said Dr Kamal.  
 He said people want a peaceful atmosphere where there would be no violence or confrontation, and they would be able to exercise their franchise freely.

# Rickshaw-puller

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 All of a sudden, Ripon heard an explosion and then some people from the procession began chasing a man, who was later identified as Bishwajit Das, a tailor in the area.  
 They stabbed Bishwajit with sharp weapons. Bleeding from the wounds, he ran and took shelter inside the Intensive Dental Care.  
 Bishwajit begged for his life in vain, saying he was a Hindu and that he had not hurled any bomb, the witness told the court.  
 At one stage, with severe

injuries Bishwajit ran and fell before Ripon's rickshaw and asked Ripon to take him to a hospital. He also gave the rickshaw-puller the address of his tailoring shop nearby.  
 Ripon said he had first taken him to the shop but as he found no one there, he rushed Bishwajit to the hospital.  
 "I always move around in the area and that is why I could identify those who had stabbed Bishwajit to death."  
 The witness said all the eight, who had been pre-

sented in the court, were involved in the killing.  
 Three other witnesses, including a metropolitan magistrate, gave their statements yesterday. They were also cross-examined by the defence lawyers.  
 Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan said he had recorded confessional statements of an accused, Emdadul Haque, on December 30 last year.  
 Judge ABM Nizamul Haque of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 recorded the statements of the witnesses and fixed tomorrow for the next hearing of the case.

# Over 40 killed in wave of Iraq attacks

AFP, Baghdad  
 A wave of car bombs ripped through Shia areas of Baghdad yesterday, the deadliest attacks in nationwide violence that killed more than 40 people as Iraq grapples with surging unrest.  
 The bloodshed added to widespread concern that Iraq is edging towards a return to the all-out sectarian war that left tens of thousands dead in 2006-2007, amid a long-running political deadlock and persistent concerns of spillover from the conflict in neighbouring Syria.  
 Iraqi officials have trumpeted wide-ranging operations targeting militants in which hundreds of alleged fighters have been captured and dozens killed, despite charges of failing to address root causes of the violence.  
 Eight car bombs went off in predominantly-Shia neighbourhoods of Baghdad yesterday, killing at least 34 people and leaving more than 80 others wounded, according to security and medical officials.  
 The blasts went off at around 6:00pm, the latest in a trend of attacks timed to coincide with Baghdad residents visiting cafes and other public areas during the evening.  
 In previous months and years, deadly coordinated violence has typically been confined to the morning rush-hour when the capital is normally in gridlock.

# More than 2m flee Syria

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 Obama warned as he met key congressional leaders at the White House that Syrian President Assad must pay a price for violating an international norm by unleashing what the US has said was sarin gas on a Damascus suburb last month.  
 The use of such weapons not only resulted in "grotesque deaths" but also risked falling into the hands of terror groups or "non-state actors," Obama warned.  
 "That poses a serious national security threat to the United States and to the region," Obama said. "And as a consequence, Assad and Syria needs to be held accountable."  
 Just over an hour later, John Boehner, the Republican speaker of the House of Representatives - who has fought tooth and nail with Obama on domestic policy - emerged from the West Wing with a firm endorsement of the president's strategy.  
 "I am going to support the president's call for action," Boehner said.  
 "This is something that the United States as a country needs to do," Boehner said, adding that he believed his colleagues should also support Obama's request for authorization to use military force.  
 Moments later, another key Republican, House majority leader Eric Cantor, who is popular

with the party's conservative rank and file, also backed Obama's stance.  
 The House, as opposed to the Democratic-led Senate, was seen as the tougher sell for Obama, after he put apparently imminent military strikes on hold on Saturday and decided to seek authorization from Congress.  
 While the backing of Republican leaders for strikes does not mean that lawmakers, weary of years of US wars abroad, will back military strikes, it substantially increases the odds of a yes vote, likely as soon as next week.  
 Obama shocked Washington and the world on Saturday when he decided to seek support for military action in Syria from Congress, putting his plans on hold and effectively giving more time for civilians to flee.  
 Meanwhile, US defense officials yesterday said the US Navy redeployed warships in the Middle East for any potential strikes against Syria.  
 The destroyer USS Mahan has left the Mediterranean while a battle group of warships led by the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz is on its way to the Red Sea from the Indian Ocean, an official said.  
 Earlier, hawkish senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham emerged from an hour of talks with Obama on Monday suggesting that the White House could be mulling a wider military

campaign.  
 McCain said he had "been given some reason to believe that very serious strikes may take place as opposed to cosmetic (ones)."  
 Obama's plan could be to degrade President Bashar al-Assad's capabilities and upgrade those of vetted opposition groups, McCain suggested.  
 Meanwhile, France yesterday urged its European Union partners to unite in response to the Syria crisis, as Paris pushes for punitive military strikes against Bashar al-Assad's regime.  
 "Europe must also unite on this issue. It will do so, each with its own responsibility. France will assume its own," President Francois Hollande said during a joint press conference with German counterpart Joachim Gauck.  
 France, which backs Obama in his determination to launch a military intervention in Syria, on Monday released an intelligence report which said Assad's forces had carried out a "massive" chemical attack last month.  
 Meanwhile, Assad, in a rare interview with Western media released on Monday, warned that military strikes risked setting off a wider conflict in the Middle East.  
 "Everyone will lose control of the situation once the powder keg explodes. Chaos and extremism will spread. There is a risk of regional war," Assad said.

# DR AKBAR ALI KHAN

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 He said the Election Commission should come up with a guideline on the behaviour of the lawmakers during election.  
 But it all will be meaningless if the main opposition party boycotts the election. And the country will witness further political unrest.

# CEC for extensive scrutiny

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 comments on it after scrutinising the matter extensively," he told newsmen at the Election Commission Secretariat in the capital.  
 Asked whether the neutrality of over six lakh election officials could be ensured in that situation, the CEC said, "We have enough time to think about the issue. We will take steps as per law."  
 About the EC's election preparations, Rakibuddin said they were preparing for holding the polls within the timeframe set by the constitution. He expressed satisfaction with the progress made by the EC so far in this regard.

As per the constitution, the election is supposed to be held between October 27 this year and January 24 next year.  
 "Ninety days is sufficient for holding the election. Besides, we are always ready to hold any election at any given time," he noted.  
 Regarding the EC's election preparations, he said the updated voter list is to be printed, delimitation of parliamentary constituencies has been completed, procurement of electoral materials is underway, and training of election officials will start soon.  
 About amending the electoral code of conduct, the CEC said there is

enough time ahead to work on it.  
 Enquired about announcement of the polls schedule, he said as per the standard timeframe, the commission usually declares the schedule around 35 to 45 days ahead of the polling day.  
 He mentioned that the EC, if needed, will think about holding dialogues with political parties ahead of the election. He hoped that all the political parties would join the talks.  
 The commission also plans to set up cameras in polling centres to monitor the situation there on the polling day, he added.

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# Govt to fix DA

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 would set up a permanent pay commission for the government employees before the end of its tenure.  
 The allowance might be announced after the formation of the pay commission, said a finance ministry official. "It might be between 10 and 30 percent."  
 Turning to other issues, Muhith said the ministry was yet to receive a full report from the Grameen Bank Commission.  
 "We are in regular contacts with the commission chairman. He has been

asked to give a specific date for submission of the final report."  
 He added: "The commission has said it has already given most of its recommendations in its interim report. But the commission has not given any recommendation on the relations between the Grameen Bank and its associated organisations."  
 On the recommendations, the minister said the commission's stance was that Grameen brand belonged to Grameen Bank, and an individual could not use it and doing so was illegal.

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