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THE CALL

Full text of the phone conversation between Hasina and Khaleda

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GUNFIGHT IN COX'S BAZAR

Cop firing kills 3 Jamaat men

STAR REPORT

The opposition's 60-hour hartal ended yesterday, claiming five more lives.

Three deaths, at the last moment of the countrywide shutdown, were reported from Kutubdia in Cox's Bazar while a youth was killed allegedly in police firing in Magura.

An injured Awami League man of Kishoreganj died on Monday night.

The death toll in clashes during the hartal reached 14.

Besides, an unidentified body was recovered from a canal around 3:00pm yesterday, two hours after a clash between the ruling party and opposition activists in Boalkhali upazila in Chittagong.

Nine journalists, including two in the capital, came under attacks on the last day of the hartal, enforced by the BNP-led 18-party alliance from Sunday morning to press for a non-party polls-time government.

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5 dead yesterday
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259 deaths so far
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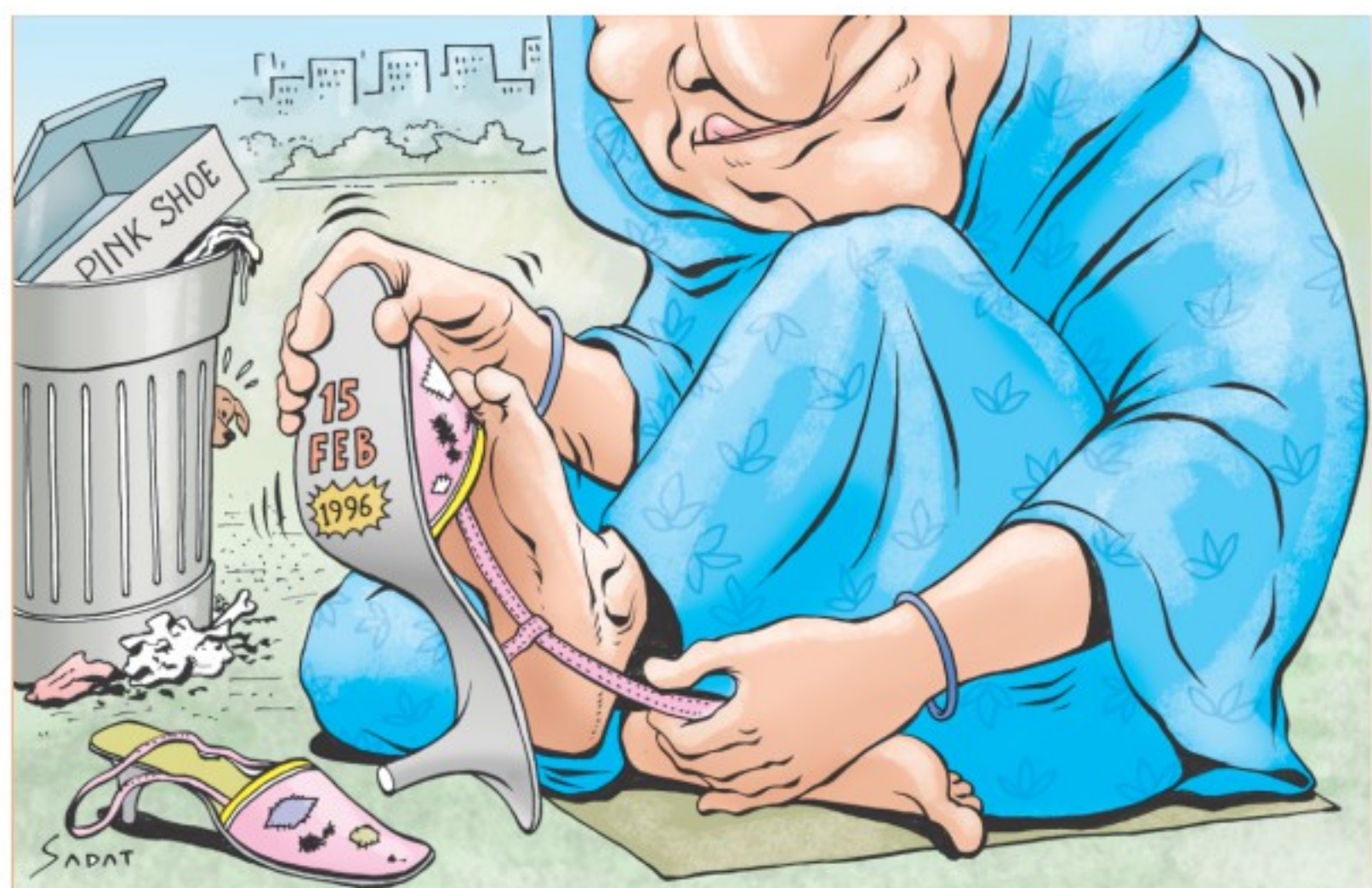
Inching back to '96?

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Around 18 years ago, the then prime minister Khaleda Zia asserted that if opposition parties boycotted the national election, the BNP would proceed with its plan to hold the polls in line with the constitution.

In October 1995, she conveyed to a group of five eminent citizens her determination to hold the parliamentary election under her government

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BDR CARNAGE CASE Verdict not likely today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The much talked about verdict in the BDR mutiny carnage case might not be pronounced today as scheduled.

Law ministry sources said the delivery of the verdict might be deferred to November 4 or 5.

The Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka will sit today as usual and then make the announcement about the new date for the verdict, added the sources.

Earlier on October 10, judge Md Akhtaruazzaman fixed today for delivery of the verdict in the case filed following the bloodbath at the Pilkhana headquarters

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3-day blockade from Monday

BNP standing committee decides

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

The BNP last night decided to go for a three-day blockade of roads, rail and waterways from Monday to force the government to concede the demand for a non-party polls-time government.

An announcement to that effect will come after BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's meeting with 18-party leaders at her Gulshan office tonight.

The BNP standing committee, highest policymaking body of the main opposition party, also decided to stage "all-out agitation" to foil any move by the Election Commission to declare election schedule.

There was, however, no formal briefing from the BNP about the meeting.

Two standing committee members told The Daily Star about the decisions taken at the meeting, which lasted for around an hour.

The BNP chief and most of her party's policymakers observed the dialogue initiative by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was "nothing but a drama to get political mileage".

"The government was behind the leak of the phone conversation

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Easier to start new business

Bangladesh goes 21-notch up in latest WB's Doing Business report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is ranked 74 for ease in starting a new business in the new Doing Business report, a leap of 21 places from last year's rank.

The report, Doing Business 2014: Understanding Regulations for Small and Medium-Size Enterprises, says Bangladesh has made notable progress in reforms that make it easier to start and run a business in the country.

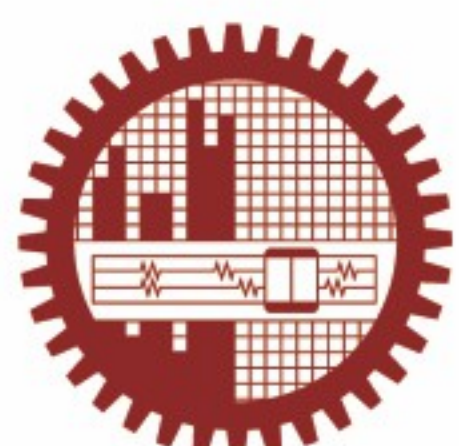
It has undertaken significant and continuous reforms in business registration, process simplification, and automation in areas such as service delivery.

This reduced the time required to obtain trading licences and complete tax and value added tax registrations, said the new World Bank report released globally yesterday.

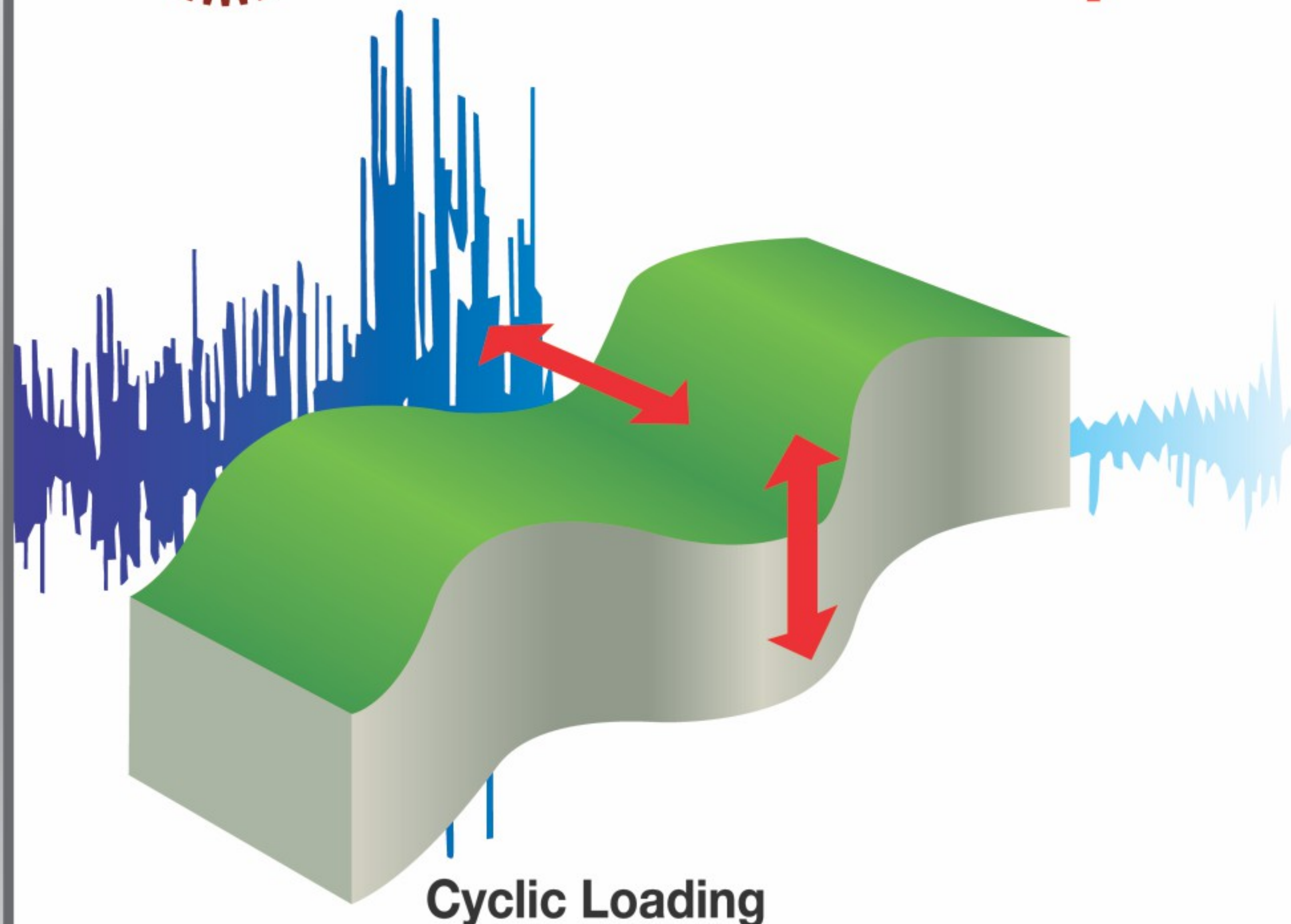
"It is encouraging to see that Bangladesh has made it easier to start a business," said Johannes Zutt, World Bank country director for Bangladesh and Nepal.

"But to realise its full growth potential, Bangladesh needs

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