







BDR Massacre Verdict Today

# 2009 tragedy back in mind

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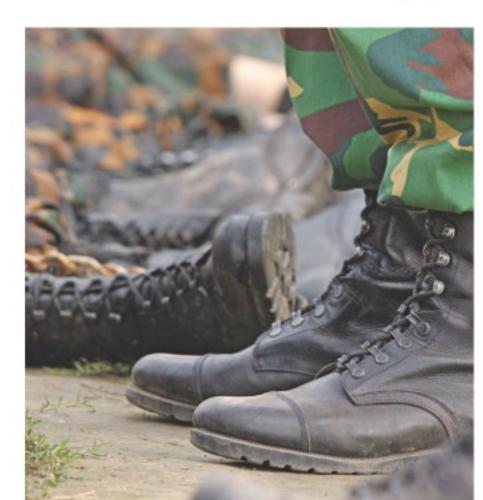
The morning took off just like any other day. A positive vibe was everywhere with a new government assuming office barely one and a half months ago.

Around 9:00am, the Satmasjid Road in Dhanmondi was buzzing with usual morning traffic. Shops were already busy handling customers; parents hurrying to schools to drop off their children and make it to their offices in time.

All of a sudden, a loud burst of gunfire in the Pilkhana headquarters of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), later named as Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), pierced through the clamour.

The gunshots baffled the neighbourhood. Initially, people thought some exercises were going on inside the BDR headquarters.

But the deep loud noise of heavy weapons continued to echo. No one could imagine that a bloody mutiny brewed up in Pilkhana which would jolt the newly



A row of bodies of army officers killed in the BDR mutiny. PHOTO: FILE

formed government.

Within hours, the area turned into a battlefield with the sound of frequent firing. Inside the BDR HQ, a group of heavily SEE PAGE 10 COL 3



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# Hoarding side of hartal

Some traders stock vegitables to hike prices further from 2nd day of 60-hour hartal

SOHEL PARVEZ

A section of traders of the capital's wholesale depots have started hoarding vegetables to make extra bucks banking on supply disruption due to the ongoing shutdown.

Yesterday, during late afternoon hours, vegetables such as brinjal, radish, cucumber, papaya and bitter gourd were seen stockpiled in sacks and bundles at some wholesale depots in Karwan Bazar.

Those who are hoarding said they wanted to

sell the vegetables at higher prices, as there were chances of supply cut for the shutdown that began from Monday.

"It is quite certain that prices will go up, as not many trucks would dare to ply the roads taking SEE PAGE 13 COL 1

## More shutdown, more suffering

2 killed in violence on first day of 60-hour hartal

STAR REPORT

Two lives were lost yesterday as the opposition alliance enforced its first day of countrywide 60-hour hartal, inviting more troubles for the economy as well as for the low-income families.

The BNP-led 18-party opposition combine enforced the shutdown, the second long hartal in a span of seven days, pressing for a non-party care SEE PAGE 8 COL 2

#### FOOD ADULTERATION BY FORMALIN

# 10-yr jail for culprits

M RAHMAN

The cabinet yesterday okayed in principle the Formalin Control Act-2013 that would allow judges to punish food adulterators with up to 10 years' imprisonment and Tk 5 lakh in fines.

Despite a ban on its import since November last year, formalin is still smuggled into the country and traders use it to preserve food and other things. Worried over formalin-tainted food items, consumers still have little confidence when they buy fruits, fish and other food items.

Cabinet Secretary M Musharaff Hossain Bhuiyan said widespread misuse of formalin, a toxic agent that preserves tissues in labs, was the reason behind the proposed law.

The act keeps provisions for district and upazila level committees to control import, production, transport, storing and use of formalin, he told reporters at the secretariat after the weekly cabinet meeting.

According to the proposed act if any person possesses formalin or any elements and equipment used in producing formalin without a licence could be convicted and SEE PAGE 13 COL 4

#### More Japanese funds for Metro

Project to start early

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The commencement and the completion of metro rail project had been brought forward, as Japan has increased fund for the venture, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) has already committed Tk 16,594 crore of the estimated Tk 21,985 crore for the project, while the government SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

Ghoshpara on Saturday.



🌑 Yes 🚃 TOTAL VOTES: 270 TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for the garment factory owners to reject the government-formed wage board's recommendation of Tk 5,300 as minimum monthly salary for workers?

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TOLL FOR HARTAL

### Refusal leads to attack on Hindus

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

At least 15 people, including six women, were injured when some BNP men stormed a Hindu village and vandalised and looted houses at Satpatki Majhipara under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

Villagers complained that they came under attack as they refused to pay an extortion demand by the BNP men.

Traumatised by the violent attack, Hindu women and children of 125 families fled the village and took refuge in Muslim neighbours' houses at a nearby village, said Jamir Uddin, officer-in-charge at Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station.

Armed with sharp local weapons, a gang of about 18 BNP men, led by local Chhatra Dal activist Shaon Islam, struck the village around 12:30pm. They ransacked about 40 houses and looted valuables from those, said witnesses.

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#### ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন

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#### ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়নে সারচার্জ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

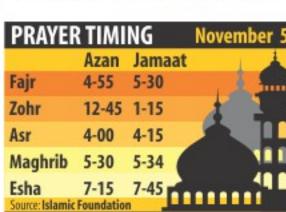
ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সম্মানিত ব্যবসায়ীগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২০১৩-১৪ অর্থবছরের সারচার্জ ব্যতীত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়নের সময়সীমা ৩০/১১/২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হলো। ০২। সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে উক্ত বর্ধিত সময়ের মধ্যে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়নের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

ডিএসসিসি/পিআরডি/৮৪/১৩-১৪ জিডি-৪১২৬

খান মোঃ রেজাউল করিম সচিব

Villagers take an injured Hindu man to hospital at Satpatki Majhipara in Lalmonirhat yesterday. Villagers claimed that armed BNP men attacked 40 homes of the Hindus and looted valuables after the Hindus refused to be extorted by them.

PHOTO: STAR





## বিজিএমইএ ও বিকেএমইএ

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বিজিএমইএ কমপ্লেক্স, ২৩/১ পাস্থপথ লিংক রোড, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫

### মতবিনিময় সভা

বিজিএমইএ এবং বিকেএমইএ'র সকল সম্মানিত সদস্যগণের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, **নিম্নতম মজুরী বোর্ড কর্তৃক মজুরী** বৃদ্ধি বিষয়ক প্রস্তাবনার প্রেক্ষিতে আজ ০৫ নভেম্বর ২০১৩ তারিখ (মঙ্গলবার) দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকায় নুরুল কাদের অডিটরিয়াম বিজিএমইএ কমপ্লেক্স, ২৩/১ পাস্থপথ লিংক রোড, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-তে এক অতীব জরুরী মতবিনিময় সভার আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। উপরোক্ত জরুরী মতবিনিময় সভায় বিজিএমইএ ও বিকেএমইএ'র সকল সম্মানিত সদস্যগণকে উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে। মহাসচিব, বিজিএমইএ

### In memory of Late Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury

Uneasy calm in

Pabna villages

9 held for attacks on Hindus

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Nine people have been arrested in simultaneous raids at

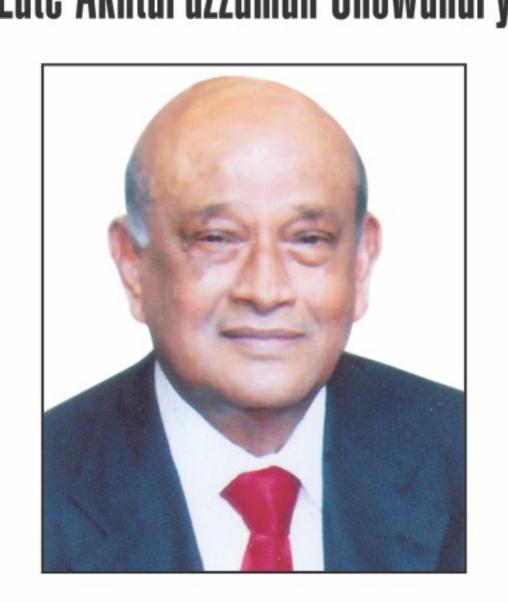
Sathia upazila in Pabna in connection with arson, vandal-

ism and looting of over 100 Hindu houses in Sahapara and

been demanding money from local Hindu trader Babul

Saha, whose refusal led to the attacks on the Hindu houses.

However, police are yet to identify the people who had



On the 1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary of **Late** Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury, Ex-M.P, Ex-Adviser and founder Chairman of Janata Insurance Co. Ltd., we pray to the Almighty Allah for salvation of departed soul and eternal peace for ever.

We would also like to express our sincere compassion to the bereaved family.

