ACC's Refusal

Dhaka. There have been newspaper reports on how Awami League contestants of the upcoming polls have amassed huge amount of wealth in the last five years. There's enough proof to carry out an investigation but the Anti-Corruption Commission seems to think that corruption is not really a top priority issue at the moment. The ACC said on December 19 that it won't launch an inquiry into the matter, as according to the organisation, such a move may hamper the election. ACC Comissioner Mohammad Shahabuddin went on to add that the ACC shouldn't take "steps immediately after a report is published in a newspaper", as if they do so the "situation will

Case Finally Filed, Culprits Still Absconding



The country waited with bated breath for the main culprits to be caught and put behind bars. But as the days gave way to months and then a year passed by, people began to forget about the devastating fire that killed 112 garment workers in Savar. After over a year of the gruesome incident, charges have finally been pressed on December 22 against 13 people including Delwar Hossain, the managing director of Tazreen Fashions Ltd, in a case filed for killing 112 garment workers in the factory fire in 2012. The lone arrestee in the case is security-in-charge Anisur Rahman. Of the accused, owner Delwar, chairman Akter, factory manager, quality manager and production manager are on the run while others have sought bail from the High Court.

The Gopibagh Murders

Gopibagh, Dhaka. The gruesome murder of six people on December 21 in the capital's Gopibagh area was added to the list if brutal crimes. In an interesting turn of events, a case was filed against 10 to 12 unnamed persons the day after the horrifying killings took place. Lutfar Rahman Faruque, who claimed to be a 'pir' and described himself as a follower of Imam Mahdi, was one of the six people killed. Faruque's younger son Abdullah Al Faruque had earlier claimed that his father and elder brother came under attack several times at different places of the capital following disputes between religious sects. The killers, however, spared Faruque's wife Salma, four other women, two children and Faruque's relative Golam Mostafa who were inside the house at that time. Seven people have been detained on suspicion of their involvement with the murders so far.

Demand for Compensation Not Charity



Dhaka Medical College Hospital. How can they hope to survive?

Arson victims of the ongoing hartals called by the opposition are asking this question to the government, as they demanded that their families be given immediate monetary compensation for survival. Victims say that only free medicines are not enough for their families to recover from the financial blow, as they are faced with increasing debts, and are forced to face an uncertain future as they spend day after day in the hospital without adding anything to their income. The prime minister paid a visit to the Burn Unit on November 30 and directed the authorities to introduce free medication for the arson victims. Until then, most of the patients' families had to spend a lot for medicines.

53 Number of migrant workers, one of whom was a Bangladeshi, deported from Singapore in the aftermath of the December 8 riot in the city-state.

88 Number of people injured last week when part of the ceiling of Apollo theatre in London collapsed while about 720 people were in the audience watching a popular play.

19 Number of primary school students hospitalised in central China after consuming yogurt that was poisoned by a mentally ill 34-year-old woman.