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RANA PLAZA COMPENSATION

Yawning gap between pledges and delivery

9 months on, many victims still deprived

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many Rana Plaza victims are yet to receive the promised compensation from the government and Western retailers, nine months after the nation's worst industrial disaster.

To date, families of 777 of the 1,135 dead workers have received Tk 1-5 lakh each from the Prime Minister's Fund, while the compensation was "very insignificant" for most of the 1,800 injured workers, according to an analysis of the Centre for Policy Dialogue.

"A number of victims who were interviewed have not yet received any of their financial dues," said KG Moazzem, additional research director of CPD, who led the team of researchers for the project.

In August last year, the CPD in partnership with 14 rights organisations, professional bodies and media outlets launched a civil society initiative to monitor the progress of the commitments made by the local and international

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Families of **777** dead get compensation

Families of **137** more to get compensation in two weeks

Compensation for **221** unclear

PM's fund swells to

Tk **100 cr**; only

Tk **18.85 cr**

spent so far

TIGERS VS SL First Test starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

Amidst growing concerns of the formation of a two-tier Test system in world cricket, Bangladesh will venture into their first Test series of the year today when they take on Sri Lanka in the first of the

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Voice against Big Three gets louder

ATIQUÉ ANAM

As the ICC executive board meeting slated for January 28-29 in Dubai approaches, pressure is mounting from different quarters opposing the radical draft proposal that aims to delegate the decision-making and financial powers to the BCCI, the ECB and CA and more frighteningly, to relegate Bangladesh and Zimbabwe to the second tier of Test cricket.

The draft sparked a huge uproar in Bangladesh, with

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India honours Anisuzzaman

Picks him for Padma Bhushan award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman will be officially awarded Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award in India, by the president sometime in March or April.

The president of India will confer the honour on the Bangladeshi scholar at a gala event at the

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NAT'L BROADCASTING POLICY Independent commission to monitor media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An independent broadcast commission will oversee programmes and recommend would be broadcasters for getting licences, according to the draft National Broadcasting Policy-2014 finalised yesterday.

The commission will monitor TV and radio programmes to ensure stations' accountability, code of ethics, quality of programmes, and protect the public interest.

It will also prepare and implement a guideline for broadcasters to ensure they carry out their social responsibilities by maintaining a free flow of information whilst enjoying their freedom.

According to the draft, broadcasters will have to air government-approved programmes on issues of national interest, and programmes of the president and the prime minister alongside their own programmes.

The president of Bangladesh will appoint the chairman and members of the commission following the recommendations of a search committee comprised of journalists,

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An exception to upazila law PM didn't play advisory role for two upazilas

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has not played the role of an adviser to two upazila parishads in her parliamentary constituency in the last five years, making an exception to the upazila parishad law.

The Upazila Parishad Act, 1998, empowers Hasina to play the advisory role in the Tungipara and Kotlipara upazilas as an elected MP of Gopalganj-3 constituency.

But she has instead authorised an Awami League leader to act on her behalf.

"I have been giving necessary advices to the two upazila parishads for

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6 BNP leaders get HC bail

Khoka denied at lower court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted six months' bail to six BNP leaders, including its standing committee members MK Anwar, Moudud Ahmed, Rafiqul Islam Mia and ASM Hannan Shah, in a total of eight cases.

Two other leaders to have secured bail are BNP Vice-chairman Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin and BNP chairperson's special assistant Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas.

Anwar, Moudud, Rafiqul and Shimul got bail in two separate cases. One of the cases was filed with Motijheel Police Station for killing police official Md Shahjahan during the May 5 mayhem of Hefajat-e-Islam last year.

Another case was filed

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Devotees in tears during the akheri munajat (final prayers) of the first part of the Biswa Ijtema on the Turag in Tongi yesterday. The second part of the Muslim congregation will begin on Friday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Lakhs join prayer for peace

Akheri Munajat of first phase Biswa Ijtema held

HELEMUL ALAM and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND

The first phase of Biswa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim congregation after Hajj, concluded yesterday with the final supplication -- Akheri Munajat.

Lakhs of Muslims from home and abroad raised their hands together seeking world peace, forgiveness and blessings for mankind and the Muslim Ummah.

Indian religious scholar Maulana Jubayerul Hasan conducted the prayers at the Ijtema

held on the bank of Turag in Tongi on the outskirts of the capital.

The sea of humanity hushed during the munajat that started at 12:55 pm and ended at 1:15 pm.

People joined the prayer at the venue and on the roofs of vehicles, trains and nearby residences, on

boats, open fields and roads.

Devotees who could not reach the venue joined the prayers through cell phone and electronic media.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

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সুশাসন ও সেবা বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন-এর জন্য এবারও আইসিএবি-র প্রথম পুরস্কার পেলো ইসলামী ব্যাংক

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Those who mean the most to us
Are never really gone.
For in our thoughts and in our hearts
Their memory lives on...



M. Sirajul Islam

Freedom Fighter | Avid Philanthropist | Loving Husband, Father & Grandfather

On this day he left us all one year ago.
May ALLAH grant him peace and place him in the
heavens for eternity. We seek blessings from all.

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