## Prison preparing

law minister skirted the question

whether Kamaruzzaman could file a review appeal. But Attorney General Mahbubey

Alam asserted that a war crimes convict had no such right, though the defence insisted they would move a review petition. "It will be illegal if

Kamaruzzaman is executed before the Supreme Court disposes of his review plea," said Khandker Mahbub Hossain, a senior defence lawyer. Shishir Manir, another defence

counsel, said they submitted an application to the prison authorities yesterday for allowing them to meet Kamaruzzaman for his instructions on the review petition.

The prison authorities fixed 10:00am today for the meeting.

At a press briefing at his Gulshan residence in the evening, the law minister said the apex court had rejected the review appeal of Abdul Quader Mollah, who was hanged on December 12 last year for war crimes.

"It [the appeal] is hereby dismissed," he quoted the short SC order on the review petition.

The minister added, "In this context, it seems to us that there is no opportunity for filing a review Jail yesterday morning. petition before the full judgment is released."

But it is a different matter altogether if the SC verdict says otherwise (on Quader Mollah's review petition), Anisul said, without explaining what he meant by "otherwise" and "a different matter".

The apex court is yet to release its full judgment on Quader Mollah's review petition. Once released, it will be clear if war crimes convicts can file for reviews. On international communities'

concern over death sentence, the minister said, "We will not compromise on the matter of capital punishment for war criminals." The attorney general said

Kamaruzzaman's execution was depended on the government.

There is no law that says the jail authorities have to get the full judgment to execute a convict, he added.

Earlier in the day, the AG told reporters at his office, "I do not agree that the prison authorities cannot do anything before getting the full verdict."

Quader Mollah was hanged 82 days after the SC sentenced him to death.

Meanwhile, Kamaruzzaman's lawyer Khandker Mahbub Hossain told a press conference at the Supreme Court Bar Association that he hoped the government would not execute his client until the disposal of his review petition.

He said Kamaruzzaman would file for a review upon getting the certified copy of the full verdict. One judge of the four-member

SC bench disagreed with the capital punishment order on charges of mass killing at Sohagpur village in Sherpur. Kamaruzzaman may get justice on this dissenting point, he According to him, the war

crimes tribunals have tried the cases in such a manner that they have become controversial at home and abroad. FAMILY MEMBERS MEET

#### KAMARUZZAMAN

Family members men Kamaruzzaman at Dhaka Central

"His physical condition is good and he is not worried about the verdict...I have not seen a strong person like him," Hasan Iqbal, eldest son of Kamaruzzaman, told The Daily Star after the meeting. Kamaruzzaman's wife

Hasan Ikram and Hasan Imam, daughter Atia Nur, brothers Naziruzzaman and Abdullah Al Mahadi, sister Mohsina Begum, and nephew Abdul Alim also met him. Asked if Kamaruzzaman would seek presidential mercy, Iqbal

Nurunnahar, sons Hasan Ahmed,

said, "He will make the decision after the disposal of the review petition, which will be submitted after receiving the full verdict." Defence lawyer Shishir Manir

just a matter of time, and it said, "The jail authorities did not call the family members. They went to see him on their own."

Normally, the prison authorities call family members before executing a convict.

the exit. The fact is this - on Friday 17th

October at 11-30 am when the Director

DMCH visiting Causuality department

the correspondent asked about Asma,

Director DMCH requested him to wait

in his office, but the correspondent

tried to entere the operation theatre

again and again. Director, DMCH

requested him no to entere in to the

operation theatre, in presence of his

The Daily Star report was based on

testimonies separately taken from four

women who had given Asma the burial

bath. Their description of Asma's

injuries, including the one in the back

of her head, was graphic and identical.

Our report focused on the injuries

reply did not address the question:

How a caesarian section patient, who

had been well enough to attempt an

escape the previous day, could die

hospital authorities suppressed the

fact in the case statement that Sumi

The reply did not explain why the

It also fell short of explaining why

an autopsy was not done on Asma's

body given that she had been tied to a

hospital bed against her will before she

their Tongi's Arizpur village home

within three hours of her death as the

DMCH promptly provided them with

Asma's body was released and the way

her attendants were provided with free

transportation to send the body back

home speak of measures which are

about DMCH employee Lala Das, the

case's complainant, who revealed that

he was forced to file the case despite his

Nor did it attach any document to

complete ignorance of the matter.

The reply did not say anything

The unusual haste with which

a vehicle for transporting the body.

Asma's family took her body to

The first point to note is that the

noticed by all of them.

other staff."

Our Reply

overnight?

was Asma's sister.

extremely unusual.

# Rejoinder, our reply

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heading 'Death shrouded in questions' & 'Asma was strong, healthy' is not fact.

On this issue the opinion of Dhaka Medical College Hospital authority is Asma go admitted in to DMCH on 10/10/2014 at 4-15 pm with 40 weeks pregnancy with history of 2 previous caesarean operation with scar pain. She underwent undergo caesarean operation on 11/10/2014 at 5-30 am, giving birth to a male child and Asma expired on 13/10/2014 at 9 pm, due to Septicaemia and Hypoxic

Encephalopathy. It is not true that there were bruises, cuts and blister on Asma's body, but the truth is - there was old healed cut marks at the front of her left fore arm, and bruises like perpuric spots developed on the parts of Asma's body, as a consequence DIC (bleeding disorder). Asma was not tortured but all life saving measures were adopted to save her life, in spite of that Asma expired. There was not cut-marks on the head of Asma. The coment of Doctor Ahmed Faruque of Capital Care Hospital published in Daily Star on 22/10/2014 is not authentic as he did not even see the patient. As the patient was very much restless disoriented, & attempting to remove the medical fittings from her body & there is chance of falling from bed. So finding no other alternative she was tied with the bed for her

cause fetal renal failure. As per openion of the Medical

safety. It is not true that a blow by

blunt object or even punches any

Board the patient developed Multiorgan failure with septicaemia and hypoxic Encephalopathy. The board adviced to transfer the patient ICU. As per advice the patient is transfered to ICU.

Patient was kept in ward No-212, air conditioned postoperative ward and lastly ICU room, which are rent free. Financial assistance is provided by the Social Welfare Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for poor patient if need arises. So questions for paying Hospital bills is base-

Correspondent in the chest towards

Hospital.

the rejoinder to prove its claim that multi-organ failure caused Asma's The reply even distorted facts to less. As the patient was very much poor defend the DMCH Director against the so the transport was arranged for carryallegation that he pushed the reporter ing Asma's dead body on request of attendant by the donation of Social

in the chest towards the exit. The reporter never entered the Welfare Department of Dhaka Medical operation theatre at DMCH. The reporter walked into the emergency's It is not true that DMCH Director resuscitation room only after the direc-Brig Gen Md Mustafizur Rahman flew

tor allowed him a minute to talk about into a rage and pushed the the incident.

We stand by our report.

'insipid job'

China paper says ahead of visit

AFP, Beijing

China's state-run media yesterday decried Barack Obama as a banal leader who has done an "insipid job", days ahead of a visit by the US president. The editorial in the Global Times,

which has close ties to China's ruling Communist Party, came as the Republicans took control of the US Senate from Obama's Democrats.

"Obama always utters 'Yes, we can,' which led to the high expectations people had for him," the Global Times wrote, referring to Obama's 2008 campaign-trail man-

"But he has done an insipid job, offering nearly nothing to his supporters.

"US society has grown tired of his banality," it added.

Although the US economy has improved gradually since the 2008 recession, the national mood is far from buoyant, with a CNN exit poll on Tuesday showing 54 percent of voters disapproved of how Obama was handling his job.

The US president will be in China from November 10 to 12 for a twoday Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, followed by a state visit.

### Georgia foreign minister resigns amid political CT1S1S

AFP, Tbilisi

Georgia's Foreign Minister Maia Panjikidze resigned yesterday amid a political crisis that has gripped the ex-Soviet republic following the prime-minister's decision to sack his pro-Western defence minister. Panjikidze and her four deputies

have resigned "to show what threats the country is facing," she told a press-conference. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Irakli

Garibashvili sacked defence minister Irakli Alasania after a raft of corruption charges were brought against high-ranking defence ministry offi-Alasania, who has pushed for the

former Soviet state to join NATO and the EU, described the charges as groundless and politically motivated" and "an attack on Georgia's Euro-Atlantic choice". The scandal risks dismantling the

country's ruling Georgian Dream

coalition as more government members have threatened to quit and politicians go into opposition. Alexi Petriashvili, the minister for European and Euro-Atlantic

Alasania, resigned in protest. Deputy Prime Minister Kakhi Kaladze said that other members of Alasania's Free Democrats party, including the justice minister, are expected to follow suit.

Integration and a close ally of

### Jolie: From silver

be considered," she told Vanity Fair in a cover story. "Because if you really want to

make an extreme change, then you have a responsibility," she added, before saying: "But I honestly don't know in what role I would be more useful -- I am conscious of what I do for a living, and that (could) make it less possible."

Asked directly if she could pursue a life in politics, diplomacy or public service, she replied: "I am open." She gave no more details.

Since 2012 Jolie has traveled on more than 40 missions around the world as a special envoy for the United Nations Refugee Agency. Last year Jolie was awarded an honorary Oscar for her humanitarian work.

Last month the star of such Hollywood films as "Tomb Raider' and "Maleficent" was made an honorary dame for her work combatting sexual violence. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II presented the award at London's Buckingham Palace. Jolie's directorial debut feature,

2011's Golden Globe-nominated "In the Land of Blood and Honey," was set against the background of the early 1990s Bosnian war. Her upcoming film, "Unbro-

ken," is about Olympian and World War II POW survivor Louis Zamperini. It will be released on December 25 in the United States.

Jolie will next direct a "sweeping epic" film about veteran Kenyan conservationist Richard Leakey's fight with ivory poachers, the studio behind the movie announced in September.

# Obama doing | High hope on solar

facility to three million more families over the next three years through Idcol," Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said while inaugurating the celebration programme at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka, reports UNB. The PM said Idcol's Solar Home

System is one of the largest and fastest growing off-grid renewable energy programmes in the world. The primary objective is to supply

clean electricity in the energy-

starved off-grid rural areas of Bangladesh and hence, supplementing the government's vision of ensuring access to electricity for all by 2021. During the last 15 years, Idcol has been playing a significant role in infrastructure development and

generation of renewable energy and

emerged as the biggest partner in

financing these sectors, she added. There is huge potential of solarbased irrigation pumps in the country, the PM said, as quoted by UNB.

run irrigation pumps in the country is 14 lakh, "For these, we've to import a huge quantity of diesel spending our valuable foreign exchange." Besides, she said, to run the 150,000 electricity-run irrigation

At present, the number of diesel-

pumps, the power grid has to bear an immense pressure. "If a portion of these pumps can be put under the solar-based irrigation system, the import of diesel will decrease significantly and the pressure on the national grid will ease."

organising a two-day fair on renewable energy at Sonargaon Hotel that through videoconferencing.

begins today.

The Idcol Green Energy Expo will accommodate 50 stalls including 47 national and three international participants, Idcol said in a statement. Idcol started financing SHSs in

January 2003 with support from the World Bank and Global Environment Facility. The initial target was to finance 50,000 SHSs by June 2008, which was achieved three years ahead of schedule and with \$2 million less than the projected cost, it Following the success of the

programme, ADB, KfW, GIZ, IDB, GPOBA, USAID, DFID and Jica extended support for rapid expansion of the programme. Idcol's SHS programme is now considered the largest off-grid renewable energy programme in the world. The company provides grants and soft loans to village people through

the customers. At present, more than 60,000 SHSs are being installed each month under the programme, according to Idcol. To make electricity facility available for all by 2021, the PM said, her government wants to enhance the

its 47 partner organisations, which

has made the system affordable for

electricity generation to 24,000 mw of which 10 percent would come from the renewable energy, according to UNB Report. Later at the event, the premier

talked to a beneficiary of solar As part of the celebration, Idcol is energy at Char Janazat of Shibchar upazila in Madaripur district

# Sudden spate of arson

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against Jamaat leader Mir Quasem Ali for his 1971 war crimes. Uncertainty looms large over the

fate of more than two million candidates of Junior School Certificate, Junior Dakhil Certificate, and Oand A-level examinations, as back-toback hartals by the party from October 30 to today have messed up the exam schedules.

Jamaat called the hartals in three phases, wasting away eight straight days -- five in shutdowns, two in weekend and one in public holiday.

In the capital, a bus was set afire on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Farmgate around 8:20pm. All the passengers managed to come out of the bus unhurt.

Another bus was torched in Azimpur area around the same time. A few crude bombs were exploded there as well.

In Khilgaon Rail-gate area, several cocktails were exploded around 8:30pm. A few gunshots were also reported from there but police denied it.

Soon after the incident, two persons with bullet wounds were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). According to hospital sources, Sanaul Haque, 22, was shot in the chest and Jafar, 45, in the leg. They both were reportedly brought from Khilgaon Rail-gate area.

Sanaul was later shifted to the National Institute of Chest Disease and Hospital as his condition deteriorated, according to DMCH sources.

Contacted around the midnight, the duty officer of Shahjahanpur Police Station said only some crude bombs were blasted but no gunshots were fired.

Like in previous hartals, educational institutions remained closed

cles, both public and private, plied Dhaka streets during the hartal hours, often causing tailbacks at different intersections. Long queues of vehicles were seen at the city's refuelling stations throughout the day.

Though some short distance inter-district buses left the capital, transport services on long-distance routes remained suspended.

A bus was set ablaze in Gazipur around 6:00pm. Activists of Jamaat and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir also set fire to a private car and a covered van in the city around 2:30pm. Joydevpur police arrested three people in connection with the incidents.

Hartal supporters vandalised a number of vehicles on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Gazipur's Bhogra.

leaders and activists of Jamaat-Shibir, including the nayeb-e-ameer of Jamaat's district unit. On a tip-off, the law enforcers

raided Hajirhat area in the city around 2:00pm and arrested Shah Md Nur Hossain when he and other Jamaat-Shibir men gathered there to carry out "subversive" activities, police

charge of Rangpur Kotwali Police Station, said Nur Hossain was an accused in different cases, some of which were linked to attacking and killing policemen in 2013, reports our correspondent.

October 30, Sunday and Monday protesting the death penalty of its ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami by a war crimes tribunal.

wife and Sabbid lying on the bed.

Irin's elder sister Nigar Sultana

Akhi said Irin had paid her a visit

around 11:00am when she looked

Akhi, who lives in the adjacent

"What will happen to my babies if

I die? I will soon leave for Panchagar

and stay with my parents in our village

home," Akhi quoted her sister as tell-

oped extra-marital relations with

shared a room with Irin when she

studied at Eden College for her mas-

Irin was introduced to Aman by

Akhi claimed Aman deserted the

woman, after being charmed by the

beauty of her sister. But lately, he

Akhi said the woman Aman devel-

Dakkhin Paikpara neighborhood,

said Irin had told her that Aman had

been threatening her with life.

#### yesterday as well.

However, a large number of vehi-

In Rangpur, police arrested nine

Abdul Qader Jilani, officer-in-

Earlier, Jamaat called hartals on

### Woman, son killed

extramarital affair," said Salauddin Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Mirpur Police Station.

The husband, Amanullah, 45,

probably strangled Irin first and then Sabbid apparently to get rid of the witness of his crime, the OC added. An officer at Pubali bank's

Elephant Road branch, Amanullah was in his Maddho Paikpara house for an hour from 5:20pm before going out with Sabbid. The building's security guard

Abul Quashem, saw Amanullah leaving with the child after Magrib prayers, the police officer said. "Earlier, sir [Amanullah] entered the house before Magrib prayers.

saw nobody entering the house after him," Quasem told The Daily Star. But he could not say when Aman came back with Sabbid.

went to Aman's flat after hearing Aman scream. "I found the lady and the son

Sultan Munsi, a neighbour, said he

Sultan. He added the couple's one-yearold son was crying sitting by Irin's

head. Aman claimed to police that he

[Sabbid] lying on the bed," said his wife.

anxious.

ing her.

ter's degree.

the woman.

started communicating with the woman again, setting off the row with Irin's uncle Yunus Hawlader said

Aman had been beating his niece for the last one and half a years. The couple tied the knot about a decade ago following a love affair. found the house locked from out-

### seek life jail for eight over mining disaster

Turkey prosecutors

AFP, Istanbul

Prosecutors have demanded life imprisonment for eight executives of a coal mine company in Turkey operating a facility where 301 workers were killed in May in the country's worst mining accident, media reported yesterday. Prosecutors in the western city of

record 301 counts of manslaughter against the suspects, who were arrested and placed in pre-trial detention in Twenty-nine other employees of the Soma Mining company have also been charged with involuntary manslaugh-

Manisa are seeking life terms on a

ter and face between two to 15 years in prison if found guilty, news agency Dogan reported. A trial is expected to begin in the coming weeks. Those facing life imprisonment include the chief executive of

Soma Mining, Can Gurkan, who is also the son of the company's owner.

### NBR forms

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the four-member committee to submit its work plans in a month on ways to identify the people who bought properties in Malaysia, United Arab Emirates and other countries by siphoned off money.

The tax administrator formed the

panel after Finance Minister AMA

Muhith last week said the NBR was set to prepare a list of individuals who had been laundering money abroad. Before Muhith, the plan was also

unveiled by NBR Chairman Md Ghulam Hussain. The decision was taken to check whether the individuals have paid an appropriate amount of taxes to the

earlier. The NBR's initiative came following reports of siphoning off funds to different countries, including Malaysia, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia and the US, through legal and illegal means to purchase proper-

state coffers, he told at a programme

According to the data of the Malaysian government, 2,874 Bangladeshis had enrolled for the Malaysia My Second Home programme as of April this year, meaning at least Tk 3,506 crore was taken

away from Bangladesh. The capital flight is also reflected in the amounts deposited in Swiss banks. Deposits by Bangladeshi citizens at various Swiss banks rose 62 percent year-onyear in 2013 to Tk 3,236 crore, according

to the data from the Swiss National Bank, the country's central bank. Insiders said the committee may work to detect those who have bought homes in Malaysia, and those who

have been laundering money abroad. Under the scheme, the NBR will examine ways to seek info from countries with which it has agreements on avoidance of double taxation. Bangladesh has such agreements with

33 countries. The tax authority may also consider revisiting existing agreements if the current deals do not provide scope for exchange of information of Bangladeshi nationals investing in

#### those countries, officials said. Injured Rana Plaza

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fering now, they said. The deadly collapse left at least 1,138 people dead and more than 2,000 injured.

According to the Rana Plaza Trust Fund managed by the International Labor Organization, 2,848 victims were identified for compensation, which needs \$40 million. The fund has recently distributed Tk 12.7 crore to side and upon entering he found his

1,496 victims. Taslima Akter, coordinator of Bangladesh Garment Workers Solidarity, said that while workers were suffering, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and the government were trying to pass donations off as compensation.

Economist Prof MM Akash, a leader of the committee formed on the directive of the HC, said they had recommended Tk 4.5 lakh for each injured worker needing long-term treatment, Tk 7.5 for each who lost one limb, Tk 11.25 lakh for each who lost two limbs, and a maximum of Tk 15 lakh for an injured person, which is equivalent to the amount to be paid to each of the deceased. He said he had submitted the rec-

ommendations to the HC but there was no response yet. Hi-tech

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of the Zia Hall BCL -- for their alleged

The university formed a four-

member committee to look into the incident, and decided not to allow any electronic devices in the subsequent admission tests.

involvement with the gang.