

# NEWS IN brief

## Man dies in furniture factory fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The charred body of a man, whose identity is yet to be confirmed, was recovered from a tin-roofed furniture factory, most of which burned down after catching fire around 8:30pm in the capital's West Kazipara yesterday.

## 5 held with hides of tiger, 5 deer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Rapid Action Battalion seized hides of a tiger and five deer and detained five people in this connection in the capital yesterday evening.  
In Jatrabari, three people were picked up while they were trying to sell the hides of the deer, said Maj Maksudul Alam, assistant director of Rab's Legal and Media Wing.  
Based on their information, Rab detained the other two with the skin of the Bengal Tiger at a residence in Kalabagan, he said. The tiger might have been shot dead as there was a hole in its skin, he added.

## 3 die as trains hit them in Dhaka, Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Three people died as trains ran them over in Dhaka and Gazipur yesterday morning.  
In the capital, a train "Parabat Express" hit Harun, 40, and an unidentified man while they were walking along the railway tracks in Kuril Biswa Road area to attend Biswa Ijtema's Akheri Munajat, leaving them dead, said police.  
In Gazipur, another unidentified man, aged around 35, was killed as another train hit him in Tongi area, said law enforcers.

## 9th RU convocation held

RU CORRESPONDENT  
The 9th convocation of Rajshahi University (RU) was held amid festivity on the campus yesterday.  
President Abdul Hamid, also the chancellor of the university, inaugurated the programme and eminent geo-scientist Prof Talat Ahmed, vice-chancellor of Jamia Miliya Islamia University, New Delhi, delivered the convocation speech.  
RU Vice-Chancellor Muhammad Mizanuddin, and Pro-VC Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan were present at the programme which around 4,771 graduates under 2006-2010 academic sessions attended.

## LGRD ministry, Shiree distribute blankets among Rangpur poor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The Rural Development and Cooperatives Division of the LGRD ministry distributed blankets, funded by UK-aid, among some extreme poor in Gangachara upazila of Rangpur yesterday, said a press release.  
UKAid donated Tk 60 lakh and the Economic Empowerment of the Poorest programme of Shiree and its partner NGOs, procured 19,000 blankets with the money.

## Tender Corrigendum Notice

The Tender notice for proposed 14-storied Building of Anjuman Mufidul Islam that was published on 04/01/2015 is hereby modified as "The last date of Purchase of Tender Document is extended up to 5PM of 25/01/2015". All other conditions of the Tender notice will remain unchanged.

## HC begins hearing appeals in BDR carnage case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A special High Court bench yesterday started hearing the death references and the appeals in the BDR carnage case, paving the way for complete adjudication of the biggest ever criminal case in the country's history in terms of the number of accused and convicts.  
Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Additional Attorney General Murad Reza read out from the first information report of the case before the three-member bench of the court.  
After concluding the day's proceedings, the bench comprising Justice Md Shawkat Hossain, Justice Md Abu Zafor Siddique and Justice Nazrul Islam Talukder fixed today for resuming the hearing.  
Earlier on Saturday, the newly appointed Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha reconstituted the HC bench to include Justice Nazrul Islam Talukder in place of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam.

On January 4, the then chief justice Md Muzammil Hossain had formed the bench, including Justice Mustafa, for hearing and disposing of the death references and the 257 appeals filed by the convicts.  
A Dhaka court on November 5, 2013 awarded death penalty to 150 soldiers of the erstwhile Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and two civilians, and sentenced 161 others to life imprisonment for their roles and involvement in the carnage.  
It also handed down rigorous imprisonment, ranging from three to 10 years, to 256 people, mostly BDR soldiers. The court acquitted the remaining 277 accused. A total of 846 people, 823 of them BDR personnel, were on trial.  
Seventy four people, including 57 army officials, were slain in the BDR mutiny on February 25-26 in 2009 at the Palkhana headquarters in Dhaka. The paramilitary force was later renamed Border Guard Bangladesh.

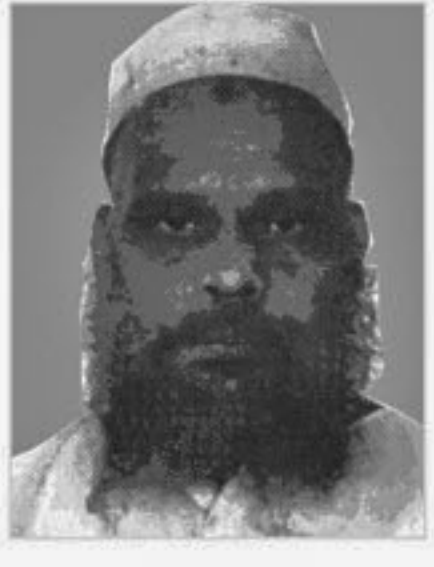


Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits Square Hospitals yesterday to see the policemen injured in a bomb attack near Matsya Bhaban in the capital on Saturday. PHOTO: BSS

# Hasan shot 2 Hindu men dead in Kishoreganj

Forcefully buried them in a mass grave instead of allowing families to cremate them; desecrated icons of their deities, says septagenarian woman at International Crimes Tribunal-1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A prosecution witness yesterday narrated how war crimes accused fugitive Syed Hasan Ali shot dead her father-in-law and a man from a neighbouring village and had the bodies buried with death threats while Razakars accompanying him desecrated pictures of Hindu deities at Araiura village of Kishoreganj during the Liberation War on October 8, 1971.  
During the attack on their house by Razakars, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani occupation army, one introduced himself as "Hasan Daroga", the razakar commander of Tarail Thana, said the septuagenarian, Rekha Rani Ghosh.  
"Razakar Hasan was wearing a khaki dress and had a white tupi (cap). He had a sharp-pointed beard. He was restless," she told International Crimes Tribunal-1.  
The Razakars caught her father-in-law Kamini Kumar



Hasan Ali

Ghosh, husband Nripendra Ranjan Ghosh and two sisters-in-law hiding inside and brought them to the open yard, added Rekha.  
"There were portraits of many goddesses in our room. Hasan Razakar ordered other Razakars to bring the portraits down (from the walls)...Razakars threw the portraits before my father-in-law and tread on those.  
"Hasan Daroga repeatedly asked my father-in-law to urinate on those portraits but he did not do it. Hasan Daroga later demanded money from my father-in-law but he refused to give any," said Rekha.  
Razakars then looted rice, money, gold ornaments and five cows, she added.  
On Hasan's instruction, five to six Razakars brought Jibon Thakur from a neighbouring Chikni village and made  
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## MRDI suggests amendment to sec-7 of RTI act

Hands over recommendations to information commissioner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The Management and Resource Development Initiative (MRDI) has recommended that the section-7 of the Right to Information Act (RTI), 2009, which prevents designated information officials from providing information to applicants, should be changed to make it more favorable for the public.  
MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman yesterday handed over its recommendations, which were finalised from a perception survey, to Chief Information Commissioner Mohammed Farooq at the latter's office in the capital, says a press release.  
The survey was conducted by the MRDI in partnership with Manusher Jonno Foundation and with technical assistance from the Information Commission.  
"Some conditions of the section-7 need to be reviewed and explained properly," opined Farooq.  
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## Country to generate more power

BSS, Dhaka  
The country's power sector will generate an additional 1,436 megawatts of electricity this year, according to the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources sources.  
At the moment, the country produces 11,265MW of power which is adequate for 68 percent of the country's population, a power ministry official told the news agency yesterday.  
He said the Awami League government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has already taken up various projects aiming to provide electricity to all citizens by 2021 at a reasonable price.  
According to a ministry source, the Ashuganj 200MW Modular Power Plant, sponsored by United Power, will begin commercial operation in February and Ashuganj 225MW in March.  
The source said the Meghnaghat 335MW Combined Cycle IPP (Independent Power Plant), sponsored by Summit Meghnaghat Power Company Limited, would begin generating power in April and Ashuganj 335MW  
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