



## VIOLENT POLITICS CONTINUES TO RAIN MISERIES FOR THE 16TH DAY

1) Shathi, a student of Eden College, being taken into the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday, the 13th day of a blockade being enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance. She and two other fellow college mates were injured after alleged pickets hurled a petrol bomb in the bus they were in near the Jatiya Sangsad. 2) Five Molotov cocktails recovered by detective police from Konagati area, east of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge. 3) Another six, along with two crude bombs, recovered by Gobindaganj police in Gaibandha. 4) A human hauler burns following an arson attack in Demra. 5) The truck veered off the road while the helper burned to death following an arson attack in Barisal's Uzirpur upazila. 6) The result of trees put across the road by blockaders in Sundarganj, Gaibandha. 7) Not even parked vehicles were spared as was the case for the potato-laden truck targeted by arsonist on Sheikhpara Darjeeling Road in Dinajpur. 8) BNP leaders wait with food outside the Gulshan office of the party Chairperson Khaleda Zia where she has been kept confined since January 3. 9) Police presence was noticeable before the BNP's Naya Paltan office. 10) Police out of the blue impose a bar on motorcycles and CNG-run auto-rickshaws, preventing them from entering the Gulshan-Baridhara areas.

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### Scarred but

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admitted at Niesh on Thursday following recommendations of DMCH doctors.  
He is worried about his wives and whether he will be able to attend the exam, confirmed his mother Jasmine Rahman.  
His father Mizanur Rahman, rushing home from Oman, said they were still hopeful about Anik attending the exam. Both wished to take him abroad for better treatment.  
Jasmine said the government, after taking responsibility of ensuring his treatment, was helping in visa processing and they might fly abroad in a day or two.  
Shyamol Kumar Sarkar, resident surgeon at Niesh, said the hospital authority formed a three-member board to look after him.

### BNP's Dudu denied bail

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the case, produced Shamsuzzaman before it on completion of a five-day remand yesterday.  
CASE AGAINST FAKHRUL  
Another Dhaka court yesterday adjourned till March 18 the hearing on charge framing against BNP acting secretary

general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and 24 others in a police assault case.  
The case was filed against them for assaulting policemen and preventing them from discharging their duties in front of Padma General Hospital in the city's Kalabagan area on December 12 of 2012.

### Country to generate

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Combined Cycle Power Plant, jointly constructed by Isolux Ingenieria SA and Samsung C&T Corporation, will produce electricity from August this year.  
Ashuganj 450MW Combined Cycle and Bibiyana-2 341MW Combined Cycle IPP

Power Plant would go for commercial operation this year, the source added.  
The official said the government has taken an initiative to provide 40 lakh new connections.  
He said the government has taken a coal-based mega power plant project which has a capacity of generating 10,000MW of electricity.

### AL, BNP both responsible

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Answering a query on a permanent solution, Rafiqul said the only solution was a transparent and impartial election.

Qamrul, however, said the crisis occurred due to the conflict between pro-liberation and anti-liberation force.  
He said the solution was for the BNP to leave Jamaat's association.

### MRDI suggests

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The recommendations include keeping some sub-sections of the article intact, re-arranging some, removing one, and modifying three along with the additional terms mentioned at the end of the sub-section 7(t).  
Knowingly or unknowingly the section is often misinterpreted and misused, said Hasibur Rahman.  
According to section-7, any information that may, if disclosed, cause a threat to the security and sovereignty of the country and its foreign policy cannot be sought.



Management and Resource Development Initiative Executive Director Hasibur Rahman hands over its recommendations, on bringing changes to section-7 of the Right to Information Act, 2009 to make it favorable for the public, to Chief Information Commissioner Mohammed Farooq at the latter's office in the capital yesterday.

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### Tiger poaching rising

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Sundarbans, the country's only natural tiger habitat with a range of 6,017 square kilometers.  
Although official data shows that some 49 tigers were killed in last 14 years, the locals of the Sundarbans claimed that the actual number of poached tigers would be much higher than the forest department data.  
They said wildlife poaching continues rampantly in the Sundarbans while the poachers frequently enter it and hunt tigers, deer and other wildlife using traps and guns.  
There are a number of wildlife poachers' groups in the nearby villages of the Sundarbans and they are poaching wildlife in both the Sundarbans east and west zones.  
The groups have a link with the international wildlife smugglers, according to local sources.  
After poaching the wildlife, including tigers from the Sundarbans, the local poachers bring them to the nearby villages and process the hides, bones and other limbs of the wildlife. Later, they sell those to the international smugglers, they added.  
The residents of Banglabazar, Uttar Rajapur, Sonatola, Bagi and Khuriakhali villages near the Sundarbans also said there are a number of active wildlife poachers' groups in their neighbourhoods and the villagers can hardly raise their voice in fear of reprisal.  
Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Sundarbans East Zone Amir Hossain Chowdhury said many plans are being implemented to protect Bengal Tigers while the Forest Department's Wildlife Circle has been strengthened, officials of the department have been trained and coordination among the forest department, Coast Guard, Rab and police has been strengthened to check wildlife poaching.  
He said officials of the forest department are conducting drives across the country to arrest poachers and they are often detaining members of wildlife smugglers and also recovering hides of tigers and deer.  
The International Tiger Forum in 2010 declared its collective political will to take all necessary actions to prevent the extinction of wild tigers and double the global tiger population by 2022.  
The forum has taken the Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP) Implementation Plan, which is a significant step for tiger conservation in the Tiger Range Countries, including Bangladesh.  
The second Stocktaking Conference of the Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP) was held in Dhaka during September 14-16 in 2014.

### Hasan shot

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to stand with Kamini six to seven feet away from the house, said Rekha.  
"All the Razakars gathered there after Hasan Daroga blew a whistle. Hasan Daroga shot dead my father-in-law and Jibon one after another," she said.  
"You can not cremate your father-in-law. You will bury him. If you do not become Muslims then your family line will be exterminated," said the witness quoting the war crimes accused.  
After recording the testimony, the tribunal adjourned proceedings until today. Hasan is facing six charges of crimes against humanity and genocide.

### Democracy

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The political process has been fragmented, leading to the early stages of a conflictual situation and providing a political fault line for the reemergence of extremism, he said.  
"The politicians have reasons to worry, when the bureaucrats and state machineries start speaking the language of politics," said the security analyst.  
Democratic and other state institutions are being subjected to systematic destruction and erosion, paving the way for a disaster with long lasting effects, he said.

### Sultan-uz Zaman Khan's

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followed by the commissioner of Khulna Division in 1970.  
After the liberation of Bangladesh, he served as the secretary of Shipping, Inland Waterways and Aviation in 1973 and as a senior official of ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia

and the Pacific) in Bangkok from 1977 to 1992.  
He was the first chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Bangladesh in the years 1993-1996.  
Family requests all relatives, friends and well-wishers to pray for his departed soul.