

# Pension for pvt service holders

Government planning a law to make it mandatory for private sector

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The government plans to make a law to introduce a mandatory pension scheme in the private sector.

When enacted, the law will provide for a comprehensive pension system for the elderly people in the private sector like that in the public sector.

A proposal to this end will be tabled at the cabinet meeting on Monday, a highly placed source told The Daily Star.

However, implementation of the scheme may not start soon as the law and related regulations will take one to two years to be passed in parliament.

It will be a three-tier pension programme. Under tier one -- Citizens' Pension -- senior citizens (both men and women) belonging to the poor and vulnerable group will get a certain amount of money from the government every month.

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## THE PROPOSED PENSION SYSTEM

Mandatory contributory pension for private sector employees

Voluntary pension scheme for private sector

A state-backed minimum income guarantee for senior citizens

Those aged 60-90 to receive Tk 800 and those aged 90 and above Tk 3,000 per month



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanges greetings with a participant at a programme marking the World Autism Awareness Day at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

# Two Savar kids killed in blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Two children were killed and another was injured in a powerful blast in Savar on the outskirts of the capital yesterday afternoon.

The ill-fated kids, Mohammad Hannan Hridoy, 11, and Shuvo Rahman, 13, were madrasa students; they hailed from Mustapara village in the upazila.

Salman, 8, of the same village suffered injuries to his left leg. He returned home after treatment at a local clinic, said police.

The explosion took place around 5:30pm at a place some 100 yards from Bomka, an army training

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## CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2015



# NOMINATION CANCELLATION Mintoo appeals for redress

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after being disqualified from contesting the Dhaka North City Corporation polls, BNP leader Abdul Awal Mintoo yesterday appealed against the returning officer's (RO) decision to cancel his nomination for a procedural flaw.

Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Zillar Rahman, the appellate authority to adjudicate disputes over candidacies in the two city corporation polls in Dhaka, will hear Mintoo's appeal tomorrow and give his decision.

The RO of the DNCC elections on Wednesday declared the adviser of BNP chief Khaleda Zia ineligible for running the mayor race as he had picked an unqualified voter to support his candidacy.

Under the election law, a DNCC voter would have to propose his candidacy and another to second it.

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# BCB does not share Kamal's views: Papon

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Nazmul Hassan Papon on Thursday said that the 'Kamal episode with the ICC' has nothing to do with the BCB, which has been maintaining its own stance distinctively different from the views of the outgoing ICC president.

While talking to some reporters, Papon also said that Kamal's loggerhead with ICC top brasses would not affect his board's cordial relationship with the ICC or the other member nations.

Former ICC president AHM Mustafa Kamal, in his parting shot on Wednesday, had criticised the ICC's top brass and described the mindset of some of the ICC members as 'ugly'.

"Whatever Kamal said, he said as the ICC president and it did not represent the Bangladesh Cricket Board. And the one whom he spoke against [Narayanawami Srinivasan] was not representing India but the ICC. So this is

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# Dangerous desensitisation

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## COMMENTARY

law enforcement agencies, namely police, Rab and other agencies. Of them, 46 died in the so-called crossfire and the rest 18 in custody. In addition, 122 died in political violence, making for a total of 186 deaths in three months. This does not include deaths in road accidents, crimes and other forms of unnatural deaths.

We have known of many deaths over many years. In fact, we are running the risk of becoming desensitised about it all as if unnatural death is part of our everyday reality. And why not? According to the Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), the foremost human rights body in the country, 64 people have been killed between January and March of this year alone, more than 21 deaths per month. If this is not chilling enough, here is something that really should worry us all. All these deaths occurred at the hands of the

No explanation has been sought by the government or the parliamentary oversight bodies from these "Law Enforcement" bodies for any of these 46 "crossfire" and 18 custodial deaths. We see the Human Rights

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## MG!

"None from the law enforcement agencies or the government locked their [BNP's] Nayapaltan office. They [the BNP] themselves put their office under lock and key,"

FOOD MINISTER QAMRUL ISLAM AT A DISCUSSION IN CITY

# Somali Islamists kill 147 in Kenya university massacre

AFP, Garissa

Masked gunmen from Somalia's Shebab Islamism group yesterday massacred at least 147 Kenyan students in a day-long college campus siege, the country's deadliest attack since the 1998 US embassy bombings.

All four of the gunmen wore suicide vests packed with explosives, detonating themselves in huge blasts as the dramatic assault finally ended after some 16 hours.

Hurling grenades and firing automatic rifles, the gunmen had stormed the university in the northeastern town of Garissa at dawn as students were sleeping, shooting dead dozens before setting Muslims free and holding Christians and others



Paramedics help a student who was injured during an attack by Somalia's al-Qaeda-linked Shebab gunmen on the Moi University campus in Garissa, yesterday.

Somalia, several seriously, and there are fears the death toll may still rise.

In the final hour before darkness fell, Kenyan troops stormed a student dormitory where the gunmen were holed up as blasts and fierce gunfire rang out.

Interior Minister Joseph Nkaiserry said the four died detonating their suicide vests as soldiers burst in shooting, with Western security sources reporting that several soldiers and hostages may have died in the final blasts.

Troops then continued to search the campus for any possible insurgents until the siege was declared over late on Thursday, with the national disaster operations centre saying it had "ended

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