The Nepalese

His genius technique involves making a small incision in the patient's eye through which the cloudy cataract impairing the vision is removed. He then replaces it with an inexpensive artificial lens.

He offers this surgery to scores of poor patients all over the world, and also teaches it to countless eye surgeons in the hope of curing as many blind people as possible.

The exemplary doctor has dedicated his life to holistic eye care. He runs an eye hospital called 'Tilganga' in Kathmandu, which was established in 1994, in collaboration with late Australian ophthalmologist and philanthropist Fred Hollows.

Apart from providing world-class eye care to the people of Nepal, the hospital also manufactures state-ofthe-art lenses that are used to treat cataracts or myopia. These lenses are exported to 30 countries worldwide.

For those patients who are unable to reach the hospital, Ruit and his team regularly conduct mobile eye camps in the remote areas of Nepal and its neighbouring countries.

Their moment of triumph is when the eye patches come off a day after the operation -- the restoration of sight, along with the expression of relief and joy, is a touching moment for everyone involved.

"I am so grateful that I can make a difference in so many people's lives," Ruit, who is fondly known as the "God of Sight", said. But today, at age 59, he still believes he has so much left to do.

EC warns Nasir

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warned him about us taking [punitive] steps if any breach [of electoral code of conduct] is discovered in future," the returning officer for the elections told The Daily Star. Sources said following a complaint

by the BNP-sponsored mayor hopeful Manjur Alam, the EC on March 30 served a show-cause notice upon Nasir in connection with campaigning ahead of the election schedule. The election campaign is to start on April 9, according to EC schedule. Even though Nasir was yet to

respond to the notice, the returning officer said the EC officials during investigation found proof of a meeting held under the banner of "Amra Sondipbasi" at a community centre in presence of Nasir.

The EC also found evidence from media reports of a meeting held at The Peninsula hotel on March 31 in which several ministers discussed electoral strategy for Nasir.

The meeting was attended by Housing Minister Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister for Land Saifuzzaman Chowdhury and State Minister for CHT Affairs Bir Bahadur.

The EC sought directives from the Election Commission in Dhaka regarding such meetings.

The returning officer yesterday asked the police commissioner of Chittagong city to play a neutral role.

2 arrestees

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Detectives are also trying to learn about the criminals who are responsible for organising the crimes.

Oyasiqur Rahman Babu, 27, was attacked by three cleaver-wielding youths in the capital's Tejgaon Industrial area on March 30.

Two of the attackers were caught by people and handed over to police. The two, both madrasa students, confessed to the crime during primary interrogation, said police.

A Dhaka court sent the two suspects on an eight-day remand each on March 31.

Detectives may seek fresh remand for the two, sources said.

China prepares to launch three new submarines

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The Chinese Navy is preparing to commission three nuclear-powered attack submarines with the capability to fire supersonic anti-ship missiles, according to reports.

Earlier this week the China Central Television showed satellite images of three submarines anchored at an unidentified port.

They claimed that they were China's most advanced Type-093G attack submarines.

The submarines are said to be an upgrade of the Type-093, which entered service several years ago and advancements include a longer teardrop hull and a vertical missile launching system, according to a report by China Daily.

According to the report the new variant is engineered to reduce noise, improve speed and mobility and fire the latest YJ-18 supersonic anti-ship missile, capable of causing significant damage to aircraft carriers.

hearing arguments on the petition. The and Kamaruzzaman went to her home SC would deal with the petition first thing in the morning today. It usually convenes at 9:00am.

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Attorney General Mahbubey Alam hoped that the apex court would dismiss the review petition of the Jamaate-Islami assistant secretary general, a key organiser of the infamous Al-Badr force in greater Mymensingh.

Al-Badr, the auxiliary force of the Pakistan army, was responsible for abducting, torturing and killing freedom fighters, intellectuals and proliberation people during the Liberation War in 1971.

Kamaruzzaman's counsels, however, hoped the SC would commute his punishment.

If the apex court rejects the petition, the government could initiate the process of executing him under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, said Mahbubey while talking to The Daily Star.

The top law officer of the state said Kamaruzzaman could seek presidential mercy, if the SC dismissed his petition.

As per the jail code, a convict gets seven days' time to seek presidential mercy after the jail authority receives the death warrant and communicates it to the convict. The death row inmate is executed between 21 days and 28 days of receiving the SC order.

But the jail code would not be applicable for Kamaruzzaman, said Mahbubey Alam, adding that the penalty. mercy petition should not be granted considering the brutal crimes he had committed during the war.

International Crimes Tribunal-2, where the trial of Kamaruzzaman was held, issued the death warrant on February 19.

During the hearing yesterday, Kamaruzzaman's lawyer Khandker Mahbub Hossain urged the fourmember bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, to reduce the punishment of his client.

He said the Tribunal-2 had sentenced Kamaruzzaman to death for the mass killing at Sohagpur in Sherpur on July 25, 1971, mainly on the basis of "hearsay statements" of three prosecution witnesses.

Prosecution witnesses 11, 12 and 13, three rape victims who lost their husbands in the horrendous massacre, told the tribunal behind closed doors that Kamaruzzaman was involved in the mass killing.

Mahbub yesterday placed a book as evidence before the Appellate Division. He said the author had interviewed prosecution witness-13 and in the interview the woman told the writer that the Pakistan army, not Kamaruzzaman, had killed her husband.

men accompanied by Boga Bura, Nasa, and asked if her husband was a freedom fighter. They then gunned down her husband.

Mahbub argued that the SC had commuted Kamaruzzaman's death sentence to life term imprisonment in the charge for killing Golam Mostafa at Gridda Narayanpur village of Sherpur.

The apex court might reassess Kamaruzzaman's death penalty considering the probative value of the hearsay statements of the three witnesses, like it considered while commuting the sentence for Golam Mostafa's killing, he argued.

The counsel said only the war criminals from the military forces had been tried and punished in the Nuremburg trials, held for the war criminals of the World War II.

At this stage, Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik told the defence counsel that it was not true and that civil and military offenders were tried and punished in the Nuremburg trials.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had pardoned the original war criminals and assisted them to leave the country. Justice Manik then said

Mahbub then claimed

Bangabandhu had pardoned only the collaborators, not the criminals who committed crimes against humanity. Mahbub claimed that the whole

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said the tribunal had rightly sentenced

world was now against the death

Kamaruzzaman to death based on the statements of prosecution eyewitness 11, 12 and 13. He said they had seen Kamaruzzaman there while the massacre was going on. Mahbubey said the SC had rightly

upheld the tribunal verdict.

Kamaruzzaman, as the leader of the Al-Badr force, planned the Sohagpur massacre and took part in the killings and he could not get any mercy, he said. The attorney general also raised

questions about the authenticity of the interview in the book placed before the court. On April 1, a defence lawyer had

asked the bench for continuance on the review petition hearing because chief defence counsel Khandker Mahbub Hossain was ill.

Before the hearing began yesterday, Mahbub told the bench that a judge (Justice Manik) of the bench had questioned his physical illness on that day and had commented that he was making a mockery of the court. Justice Manik then told Mahbub

that he had seen him on TV addressing the press. Justice Manik said he even had the footage.

Without elaborating, Mahbub The witness, however, stated before replied that he too had some footage the tribunal that two Pakistan army and that he had information that a

judge did not sign a judgment even seven months after delivering a judg-

SC to deliver judgment on review today Commuters suffer

The chief justice then intervened and asked Mahbub to proceed with

his arguments on the petition. On May 9, 2013, the Tribunal-2 found Kamaruzzaman guilty in five of the seven charges brought against him and sentenced him to death in two charges, life term in two and 10 years'

imprisonment in another. Kamaruzzaman appealed to the apex court on June 6, 2013, and the SC upheld the tribunal verdict on November 3, 2014, but commuted one death sentence to life term imprisonment.

Kamaruzzaman filed the review petition on March 5.

Tabith 'unwilling'

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She believed that he would bag the DNCC mayoral post defeating Annisul Huq, Awami League's mayoral favourite.

But on April 1, the DNCC returning officer rejected his nomination paper as the BNP heavyweight had picked an unqualified voter to support his candidacy.

And on Saturday, Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Zillar Rahman rejected his appeal challenging the RO's decision.

Under the election law, a DNCC voter has to propose one's candidacy and another has to second it.

Abdur Razzaque, who supported Mintoo's nomination, was a voter of Uttara-13 under Harirampur union parishad which is outside the DNCC In this situation, Mintoo, an

adviser to the BNP chairperson, yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its directive to the Election Commission to allow him to participate in the polls.

The HC is likely to hear the petition today, Mintoo's counsel AKM Ehsanur Rahman told The Daily Star after submitting the petition.

Tabith's family sources said he has informed the BNP chief that he is not willing to contest the mayoral race as a section of BNP men suspected that his father's mistake was intended to pave the way for his son. Sources said a section of BNP

leaders are in favour of backing Mahi, son of former president and ex-BNP leader AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury if Mintoo finally fails to contest the election. But Mahi's opponents in the BNP

and the 20-party alliance are saying that Mahi is no one in the opposition combine. Caught in a dilemma, Khaleda is

discussing with the party's wellwishers and senior leaders to reach a decision, party sources said.

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the Kakrail-Shanti Nagar- Mouchak route. But to his utter dismay, all the streets were equally clogged. Finally, he got down from his car at Moghbazar and walked.

"Yet I could not reach Farmgate in time for the meeting," said Rabbi.

Romana got on a bus at Karwan Bazar around 5:00pm to go to her Uttara home. For 45-minutes she watched the

procession pass from her bus standing still on the avenue among a queue of vehicles. "I do not know if I'll get home today. I have been facing traffic jams

throughout the day," she told The Daily Star. In the morning, police had redirected vehicles on several streets for Khaleda's safe passage to the court,

By afternoon when it seemed the tailbacks might finally ease, the shipping minister's procession diminished

which created heavy traffic on streets.

all hope.

"I do not want to be sandwiched between the activities of the two parties," said Raju Ahmed, who was waiting to catch a bus for about 45 minutes at Khamarbari.

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Imtiaz Ahmed, student of Titumir College, was desperately looking for a bus to go to Sadarghat from Farmgate.

"I do not care who brought it out and why. These processions only cause public suffering for the benefit of politicians," he told The Daily Star.

Holding two heavy shopping bags in two hands, a civil servant was seen looking for a bus to go to Karwan

the staff bus thinking that I would take a local bus to get home. But all the buses are packed as they were stuck halfway through their trips because of the procession and the resulting tailback," said the government employee wishing to remain anonymous.

Storm death toll hits 33

In Rajshahi, the death toll in Saturday's nor'wester reached five. Fulmoni, 65, an indigenous woman of Bharatmaria village under Puthia upazila, was found dead yesterday.

In Chapainawabganj, Mohammad Abdullah, 20, of Chapainawabganj town, was hurt critically when a broken branch of a tree fell on him when he was entering his house during the

Rajshahi Medical College Hospital at night, reports our district correspondent.

tree fell on her, said Nazmul Nishat, officer-in-charge of Daulatpur Police Station. In Narsingdi, Alal Miah, 35, was

killed in a similar incident at Panchdona Bazar under Sadar upazila, said Abul Kashem, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Our correspondent from Gaibandha reports, a woman, Morium Begum, 42, wife of Aminul Islam of Shaghata upazila, drowned in the Bangali river as the boat carrying her and her husband sank during the storm.

100 houses and other establishments

UN welcomes

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encouraged by the opposition's decision to participate in the city council elections for Dhaka and Chittagong, scheduled for 28 April," the spokesperson of the secretary general said on Saturday.

authorities in all relevant institutions to ensure that the elections are transparent and inclusive, the spokesperson added in a statement issued in New York.

The secretary-general hopes that political parties will soon find a way to overcome their differences for the sake of the country's long-term development and stability, the statement read.

The United Nations remains fully

committed to supporting Bangladesh in that regard, it added.

Ban Ki-moon also welcomed the de-escalation of violence in Bangladesh in the past weeks, said the spokesperson.

The UN has been calling for a peace-The UN chief appealed to the ful solution to the political crisis through dialogue between two main parties since the BNP-led alliance announced nationwide blockade and hartal which resulted in the killing of nearly 100 people, mostly in arson attacks.

The secretary general tasked Assistant Secretary-General Oscar Fernández-Taranco to liaise with the government and opposition leaders for a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

3 Bangladeshis leave Yemen

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we are planning to send our ship." The ship might take seven days to reach Yemen's port Aden from its current location in Lebanon, Jamal added.

But Bangladesh Navy does not have any information about sending its ship to Aden, according to an official of the Inter Service Public Relations Directorate (ISPR).

Mohammad Ashab Uddin, Bangladesh ambassador to Kuwait, said they would be able to repatri-Sana on flights.

from Sana by a flight of Biman

soon. It will be possible after get-

Arabia," he told The Daily Star over the phone.

All the Bangladeshis are safe in Sana and Aden, the envoy said. Approximately 1,500-3,000 Bangladeshis remain in the conflict

zone of Yemen, according to the

foreign ministry officials. Two officials from the north Africans on Saturday. Bangladesh mission in Kuwait are Meanwhile, Maj Gen now staying in Djibouti and supervising the evacuation process of

Bangladeshis from Yemen. Bangladesh has officially ate Bangladesh nationals from requested the International Organisation for Migration to "We have a plan to evacuate repatriate Bangladesh nationals

around 250-300 Bangladeshis trapped in the war-torn country. Meanwhile, Pakistan and China are stepping up efforts to evacuate

ting permission from Saudi their citizens from Yemen. A Pakistani aircraft flew to the

> capital Sanaa yesterday to rescue 170 people. Flights from China, Egypt,

Invitation for Tender

01.	Name of works	Supply of Medicine & MSR Items for BIRDEM General Hospital for the year 2015-2016.				
02.	Invitation Ref. & date	BIRDEM/Pur.(L)/Group-08(Medicine & MSR Items)/2015/01 Dated: 05 April 2015.				
03.	Details of work	Group-01: Medicine Group-05: Chemicals & Reag				
		Group-02: Surgical Items	Group-06: Stationery, Crockeries & Miscellaneous Items			
		Group-03: Linen	Group-07: Hardware, Sanitary & Electric Goods			
		Group-04: Gauge- Bandage	Group-08: Cleaning Materials			
04.	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).				
05.	Source of fund	BIRDEM General Hospital.				
06.	Date of selling tender documents	Tender documents will be available from 12 April 2015 to 09 May 2015 on all working days (09.00am-01.00pm).				
07.	Price of tender document (Each Group)	Group-1, 2 & 5 = 5,000/- (five thousand) Taka only.				
		Group-3, 4 & 7 = 2,000 (two thousand) Taka only.				
		Group-6 & 8 = 1,000/- (one thousand) Taka only.				
08.	Tender closing date	11 May 2015 at 12.00 noon.				
09.	Tender opening date	11 May 2015 at 12.30pm (in presence of the tenderers or their authorised agent, if anybody available).				
10.	Name & address of the office selling tender documents	Office of the Procurement Section (Local), Room # 209/A, 1st Floor of OPD Building, BIRDEM General Hospital.				
11.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Director General, BIRDEM General Hospital.				

Political unrest hurts investment

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work freely and independently.

The CPD held the briefing to launch its analysis on the current fiscal year as well as the upcoming one. Towfigul Islam Khan, research fellow of CPD, presented a paper on the analysis titled "Navigating the Troubled Waters".

According to the think-tank, political unrest from January to mid-March of the current year has caused a gross domestic product (GDP) loss of 0.55 percent or Tk 4,900 crore, meaning that if the country's GDP stands at 6 percent at the end of the current fiscal year, it would have been 6.55 percent if there were no political unrest.

tive estimate as it has analysed only 11 major sectors, missing value addition worth Tk 4,900 crore due to this year's political instability. "If it was possible to capture all sources of loss, that would obvi-

The CPD said it is a conserva-

ously raise the estimate," said the CPD budget analysis. Informal sector was also out of this estimate, it added.

"We have assessed the loss of GDP [value addition] only, not

the loss of assets," said Prof and cold storage for perishable Mustafizur Rahman, executive

director of CPD. apparel sector has the highest loss with Tk 1,318 crore, followed by tourism sector with Tk 825 crore, shrimp and frozen food with Tk 741.4 crore, poultry sector with Tk 606 crore, wholesale and retail trading with Tk 448 crore and perishable vegetables with Tk 398 crore.

and insurance, transport, plastic, real estate and education -- have lost the remaining Tk 4,900 crore in GDP. the government provide incen-

The other five sectors -- banking

upcoming budget. "A dedicated fund can be set up to take corrective measures to help various sectors and stakeholder groups undertake the adjustments," it said, adding that the central bank could create a window to provide low-cost credit facility to vehicle owners.

It also asked the government to provide incentives towards supply chain management, particularly in building warehousing facility programme.

items, among others. In its review of the outgoing The analysis found that the fiscal year, the CPD found that the country's economy continues to

enjoy relative macroeconomic

stability in the form of low inflation,

manageable fiscal deficit, stable

exchange rate and favourable bal-

ance of payment position despite a slide in political environment. Falling oil prices in the international market are also helping the government save money ear-

marked for subsidy, it observed. There are some downside risks as well, said the think-tank. Of The CPD also suggested that those risks, shortfall of revenue by Tk 25,000 crore, slowdown in tives to the affected sectors in the remittance, falling economic growth in Europe and euro exchange rate, falling demand for apparel products in the US were some fault lines that affected Bangladesh's economic growth.

> not fall, rather the target was set high," observed Towfiqul Islam Khan. Additional Research Director Khondaker Golam Moazzem, among others, also spoke at the

"Actually, revenue income did

Note: In case of holiday or any unavoidable circumstance last date of dropping & opening will be the next working day.

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Detail specifications, terms & conditions, warranty & after sales services are enumerated in the tender schedule. BIRDEM authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Brig Gen (Retd) Dr. Md. Shahidul Hoque Mallik

BIRDEM General Hospital.

Director Hospital **BIRDEM General Hospital**

"I needed groceries, so I did not take

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nor'wester. Abdullah was rushed to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital. He died from his injuries on the way to

In Manikganj, Sandhi Begum, 55, was killed at Daulatpur upazila after a

The nor'wester also damaged over in Sherpur, adds our district correspondent.