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RASHIDUL HASAN

In a meeting boycotted by Raushan Ershad and those loyal to her, Jatiya Party presidium members yesterday decided to withdraw the party leaders from the Sheikh Hasina-led cabinet, according to meeting sources.

The meeting, chaired by JP Chairman HM Ershad at his Banani office around 11:30am, also decided to hold the party's national council on April 16.

However, pro-Raushan presidium members termed the meeting "illegal" and refused to accept the decision on quitting the cabinet.

"The meeting was illegal as it was convened by the illegally appointed secretary general [Ruhul Amin Hawlader] of the Jatiya Party," said JP Presidium Member Anisul Islam Mahmud, also water resources minister.

"The party chief appointed him [Hawlader] violating the

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Bangladesh batsman Nazmul Hossain leaps for joy after completing a match-winning century in their second ICC Under-19 Group A match against Scotland at the Sheikh Kamal International Stadium in Cox's Bazar yesterday. The Young Tigers' 114-run win put them through to the quarterfinals along with Namibia, who they will face in their last group match on February 2. Stories on page 14

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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is with great pleasure that we launch today a colourful, well-illustrated 224-page special supplement series befitting the auspicious silver jubilee celebrations of The Daily Star's founding year. The series, themed ON HIGH ROAD TO PROGRESS, spreads into five supplements with titles that complement the overall theme and appear in a consecutive order to draw maximum attention span.

The first part which appears today is titled *Engines of Growth*; the second *Strengthening Pillars of Economy* on February 2; the third *Services and Quality of Life* on February 3; the fourth *Climate, Women and Sustainable Development* on February 4; and the last *Way Forward* on February 5.

We hope you will find the contents lively, rich, objective, constructive and positively directional with the suggestions and recommendations made adding value to the prevailing literature on the subjects covered.

The supplements are products of experience, knowledge and youthful exuberance. In the first place, eminent academics, writers, area specialists, professionals and practitioners in various spheres of national life have enriched the publications through their insightful contributions. Secondly, a crop of creative and innovative younger men and women embellished the supplements breathing fresh air into them. We are grateful to all of them.

We also take the opportunity of expressing gratitude to our readers and patrons who have kept company with us and shown keen interest in our continuing progress.

We have tried to be reader-friendly in our style and presentation. And so we wish you a very joyful and enlightening reading.

MAHFUZ ANAM
Editor and Publisher

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BNP to make list of 1971 martyrs
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP senior leader Nazrul Islam Khan has said his party will prepare a "complete" list of the Liberation War martyrs in a bid to honour them properly.

"There are controversies and differences of opinions about the number of martyrs. The number can be 29 lakh, or 30 lakh or 31 lakh... why should we remain unsure about their numbers? It's important we prepare their complete list," the BNP standing committee member said.

He was speaking at a programme organised to protest the filing of a sedition case against BNP chief

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How they get freed on bail?
Cabinet body on law and order expresses concern over militants, criminals getting bail; slams police for recent torture on BB official
PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The cabinet committee on law and order yesterday came down heavily on cops for the torture of a Bangladesh Bank official and a city corporation staff, and advised the police high-ups to stay alert about this type of incidents.

It also expressed concern that people involved in extremism and subversive activities are getting bail and engaging in crimes again. They urged the law minister to toughen laws to prevent this, sources said.

The committee, which was holding a meeting at the home ministry with Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu in the chair, recommended stern action against terror financing.

The meeting was attended by Commerce Minister Tofail

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'STEALING MONEY' Madrasa teacher beats up 42 girl students
OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Natore*

A madrasa teacher was suspended for allegedly beating 42 female students in Bagatipara upazila yesterday noon.

Jannatul Ferdous, an assistant teacher of Perabaria Madrasa, entered the female common room and hit the students while probing an incident of a small theft, students said.

Angry students and guardians held a rally protesting the incident and submitted a memorandum to the upazila nirbahi officer in the afternoon.

They said many of the class eight and nine students were even flogged.

Later, the managing committee of the madrasa also suspended Shamsul Arefin, superintendent of the madrasa.

The assistant teacher was asked to find

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FOOD, WATERBORNE DISEASES Outbreak now more frequent
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Outbreaks of food- and water-borne diseases in the country are on the rise. Last year, there were 15 outbreaks of diseases related to food and water compared to 11 the previous year, according to a government study.

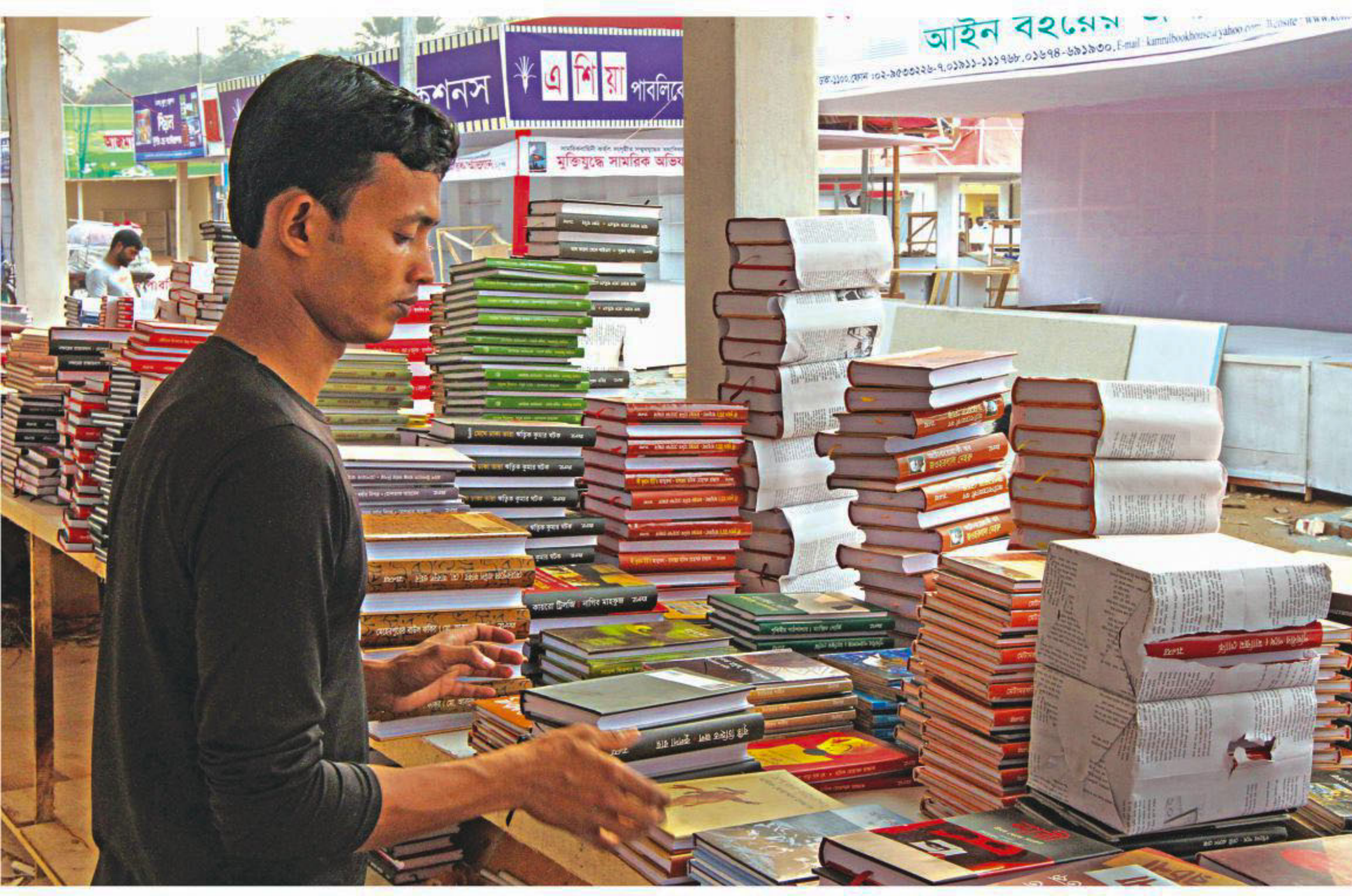
An increasing number of people are suffering and sometimes even dying from diseases like cholera, diarrhoea, anthrax and nipah encephalitis.

Rodent excrement, close proximity of domestic animals to people and lack of safe water are the main reasons behind the increase, said Mahmudur Rahman, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

He was presenting a trend of their ongoing surveillance report on food- and water-borne illnesses at the IEDCR auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Outbreaks of nipah were reported in Manikganj-Faridpur, anthrax in Sirajganj, Tangail and Meherpur, food poisoning after watermelon consumption in Kushtia and

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A man sorts books at a stall in Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital yesterday. Below, law enforcers use dogs as they check security on the Bangla Academy premises, the venue for the month-long Amar Ekushey Boi Mela that begins today.

Special security for writers, bloggers
Ekushey book fair begins today
DU CORRESPONDENT

Special security arrangements have been taken for publishers, writers and visitors at the month-long book fair set to begin today at Bangla Academy and Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital.

Security has become an issue after

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Obituary

With deep sorrow, we would like to inform you that

Mr. M. Shamsur Rahman,
the Founder Chairman and Managing Director of Treximp Group, Stylecraft Ltd, Youngones Bangladesh Ltd & Associates Ltd, who was an eminent Economist and one of the pioneers of Engineering Consultancy has passed away in Singapore in the early hours of January 31st, 2016.
Inmallahe Wainmallahe Raajium.

Mr. M. Shamsur Rahman was one of the founding fathers of the garment industry and was the Vice President of BGMEA from 1983 - 84. He was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by BGMEA in 2013 for his contribution to the RMG sector.

He was also the Joint Editor of The Economic and Business Review, a member of Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited and a member of the EC of the Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies (BAPLC).

His Namaz e Janaza will be held at the Gulshan Azad Masjid on February 1st, 2016, baad Zohr.

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Shams Almas Rahman
& Family Members**