



## RMG WORKERS' PAY DISPARITY

# Protest rages on

*Amid demos, clashes for four consecutive days, state minister for labour calls for calm; govt sits today with factory owners, workers*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Garment workers' protests over disparity in their new wage structure once again turned violent yesterday as they clashed with law enforcers and vandalised some factories and vehicles in Savar, Ashulia and Gazipur -- the apparel manufacturing hub of the country.

At least 72 people, including 15 policemen and two journalists, were injured in the clashes that led to long tailbacks on both sides of Dhaka-Aricha and Dhaka-Mymensingh highways.

Operation of around 170 garment factories was suspended, fearing further unrest.

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh had been deployed in the areas around 10:00am to keep the situation under control, reports our Savar correspondent.

A number of workers alleged that they had been beaten up by law enforcers during peaceful protests.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday evening, Monnujan Sufian, state minister for labour and employment, said her ministry called an emergency meeting today to discuss the situation with the members of the committee formed on Tuesday to review the wage structure for garment workers.

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Law enforcers take position on Dhaka-Aricha highway during the garment workers' protest against disparity in their new wage structure yesterday near Genda area of Savar. A garment worker was shot dead allegedly by police during the protest in the area on Tuesday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



## Bangabandhu's Homecoming Day today

UNB, Dhaka

The historic Homecoming Day of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is being observed today.

On January 10, 1972, Bangabandhu had returned to independent and sovereign Bangladesh after over

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## Murders after rape attempt

*Police say about killing of two 5yr-olds in Demra*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two men who allegedly killed two five-year-old girls on Monday had lured the children to a flat offering them lipsticks, police said, adding, the culprits wanted to rape them.

The accused confined the kids to a room and pretended that they would "keep the promise". In the meantime, they took yaba and played songs on a speaker. At one stage, the men tried to rape the victims who started screaming. At this, the culprits strangled them to death.

Police came up with these information yesterday, hours after arresting the alleged killers -- Golam Mostafa, 28, and his

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## INSURGENCY IN RAKHINE FOR AUTONOMY

# Fear grips Rohingyas on no-man's land

*Suu Kyi directs military to crush rebellion; UN concerned, urges all to protect civilians*

AGENCIES

Frequent clashes between Myanmar security forces and Buddhist rebels in Rakhine state have spread alarm among thousands of Rohingya refugees living in no-man's-land on the country's border with Bangladesh, as concerns grow over the intensified fighting.

More than 730,000 members of the Rohingya minority have fled Myanmar to escape a brutal military-led crackdown that started in 2017. Most of the Rohingyas have taken shelter in sprawling refugee camps in neighbouring Bangladesh but some have been living in limbo on the border, unwilling to enter the settlements or return home.

They are now caught on the sidelines of fighting between Myanmar troops and the Arakan Army, an armed group seeking more autonomy for

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## Man gets 7yrs for distorting PM's photos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a man to seven years' imprisonment for "distorting" photographs of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The convict is Monir Hossain, of Nagarpur upazila in Tangail. He was sued under the Information and Communication Technology Act in 2013.

Dhaka Cyber Tribunal Judge Ash-Shams Joglul Hossain passed the order after hearing 14 witnesses and going through other documents.

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# 29<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

DEATH: 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1990

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved mother Late "**Masuda Begum**" wife of Late Mr. Abul Khair, founder of Abul Khair Group (Abul Co.). Today with due respect, we remember her works, ideals and memories and pray to Almighty for His divine blessings.

We request all our relatives and well-wishers to pray for her eternal peace.

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