



Innocent must not face torture, harassment

PM asks police personnel to be careful while on duty

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked police to remain careful while discharging duties so that innocent people are not harassed or tortured. "You need to keep in mind that no innocent person should fall victim to torture and harassment by you," she said. Addressing the inauguration of the five-day Police Week-2019 at Rajarbagh Police Lines, Hasina said it was the duty of police to protect people from any form of harassment. She said all policemen had to perform their duties with sincerity and honesty to gain people's confidence and turn the police into a pro-people force. The PM said maintaining law and order was urgently needed for improving the fate of people and building a prosperous Bangladesh. "It is our country and it is

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presents an injured policeman with a medal on the first day of the Police Week-2019 at the capital's Rajarbagh Police Lines yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

Cops place flurry of demands

PM assures them of increasing compensation for death or injury while in action

POLICE DEMANDS

- Increasing compensation to Tk 15 lakh from 5 lakh each for those killed in action
- Lifelong ration facilities for two members of each family
- Separate medical corps
- Increasing compensation to Tk 8 lakh from 1 lakh each for those injured in action

SHARIFUL ISLAM and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday responded positively to all the demands placed before her on the opening day of the Police Week yesterday.

She pledged to consider a rise in compensations -- from Tk 5 lakh to Tk 15 lakh if a policeman is killed while in action and from Tk 1 lakh to Tk 8 lakh for sustaining grievous

injuries.

The PM also assured them of meeting the demands for lifelong rations for two family members after the retirement of a policeman, and a separate medical corps for the police force, said sources.

Police personnel with ranks ranging from constable to assistant superintendent of police made the demands at the Welfare

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MILITARY CO-OP Dhaka to sign pact with KSA February 14

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia are set to sign a defence pact on February 14 to further bolster military cooperation.

Under the proposed deal, Bangladesh will deploy two battalions of troops numbering some 1,800 for defusing/removing mines along the border of war-torn Yemen.

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Cancer treatment far beyond poor's reach

They grapple with high costs of tests, medication; dearth of specialists, facilities makes things worse

WASIM BIN HABIB and MOHAMMAD AL MASUM MOLLA

When Mohammad Ershad arrived at a hospital in Dhaka four years ago with a persistent cough, he had no idea that it was symptomatic of something that could be so fatal.

A smoker for around four decades, he took treatment there and returned home to Keraniganj with signs of improvement. Doctors had advised him to give up smok-

ing but he paid no heed to it.

Ershad's cough gradually turned chronic. Eight months ago, he started feeling severe pain in his chest and was whisked off to Mitford Hospital where he was diagnosed with advanced stage lung cancer.

The father of three shared his story while waiting at the medical oncology department at the National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital (NICRH) in the capital's Mohakhali on Monday.

"My world was turned upside down

Two shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Criminals shot dead a member of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS-MN Larma) and his friend at Karigar Para village in Kaptai upazila yesterday afternoon.

The victims are Mongsanu Marma, 42, of Gongri Chara village of the same upazila, and Jahid, 30. Mongsanu, who had been involved with PCJSS, has recently joined

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JOINT PANELS FOR DUCSU POLLS Student bodies in talks with allies

SAYYED MOHMUD ULLAH

Likeminded student organisations have been reaching out to each other in the hope of forming alliances to contest the coming Ducusu election.

It seems that there would be five alliances participating in the Dhaka University Central Student Union election scheduled for March 11, activists said.

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) is likely to contest under the banner of Chhatra Sangram Parishad.

Student wings of some of the ruling Awami League's partner parties would contest under this banner, activists said.

Eventually, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree, Bangladesh Chhatra Andolan, Bangladesh Chhatra Samity, Inu and

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Lewis takes Comilla into final

SPORTS REPORTER

Comilla Victorians sealed their berth in the final of the sixth edition of the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) with a thumping eight-wicket win over defending champions

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