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An oriental-white eye spotted on a Mandar tree branch at Satchhari National Park in Habiganj's Chunarughat. During this time (February-March), Mandar flowers bloom and around 50 species of birds gather on the trees and the oriental-white eye is one of them. This bird collects nectar from the flowers. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO COURTESY: MOUSUMI STRAJ

**BASIC BANK SCAMS**

**Finish probe in 21 cases in 75 days**

HC orders ACC  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Anti-Corruption Commission to submit within two and a half months the charge sheets in the 21 cases filed over BASIC Bank loan scam.

There are 21 corruption cases with the trial court against Iqbal Hossain Bhuiyan, managing partner of SD Survey Firm, and

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**COUP IN MYANMAR**

**Halt vicious crackdown**

UN rights chief urges junta

REUTERS

The United Nations human rights chief yesterday called on Myanmar's security forces to halt their "vicious crackdown on peaceful protesters" and urged the military to release people unlawfully detained since the February 1 coup.

Michelle Bachelet said that more than 1,700 people have been arbitrarily detained and that arrests were escalating. They included 29 journalists arrested in recent days, some charged with incitement to opposition or attending an unlawful assembly.

At least 54 people have been killed by Myanmar police and soldiers since the

coup, but the actual death toll could be much higher, she said in a statement, citing figures her office has been able to verify.

"Myanmar's military must stop murdering and jailing protesters," Bachelet said, decrying the use of live ammunition against peaceful protesters across the country where hundreds have been wounded.

Soldiers and police are reported to be conducting door-to-door searches and detaining people, some of whom disappear into custody without their family being told about their whereabouts, a practice known as enforced disappearance, she said.

Bachelet urged Myanmar officials

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**CTG CENTRAL JAIL**  
**Jail super, 4 others sued for torturing prisoner**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Five people, including Chattogram Central Jail's superintendent, were sued yesterday for torturing a prisoner with electric shocks and drug injections.

The other four were the jailer, assistant surgeon of the jail's hospital, and one civilian

The prisoner Rupam Kanti Nath has been undergoing treatment at Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) under the jail authority's custody, said the prisoner's lawyer Bhulon Lal Bhoomik.

The victim's wife Jhama Rani Debnath, 42, filed the case with the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ashfaqur Rahman accusing the jail officials and one Ratan Bhattacharya, business partner of Rupam, of torturing her husband in custody. The plaintiff did not mention any other names in the case.

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**PRAYER TIMING MARCH 5**

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-15	12-30	4-30	6-05	7-30
JAMAAT	5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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**GENERAL YAQUB RESIGNS**

General Yaqub, who had taken charge of East Pakistan from Governor Ahsan on March 1, 1971, sent his resignation by telegram on the morning of March 5, 1971. Siddiq Salik, then public relations officer in the Pakistan army at Dhaka, recounts the



events leading to Yaqub's resignation in his book Witness to Surrender.

On March 4 General Yaqub rang up General Peerzada, principal staff officer to Yahya Khan, and told him to request the president to visit Dhaka without further delay. Peerzada, after having a word with Yahya, rang back and informed Yaqub that the

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**\*Deepest Condolences to my dearest friend Azam J Chowdhury\***



I know that this is a difficult time for you and your family, and I wish I had words to make it easier.

The loss of a mother is such a great loss that cannot be filled by others. Your mother was an angel in human form.

Mothers never really die, they just keep the house up in the sky, they polish the sun by day, and light the stars that shine at night, keep the moonbeams silvery bright and in their heavenly home above, they wait to welcome those they love.

My deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, **Mrs. Bakhtunnesa Chowdhury.**

You and your family are always in our thoughts and prayers.

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