



WATER HEATER FOR UTMOST COMFORT

ROSA

BEYOND BEAUTY

DHAKA WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 2025

SECOND EDITION



কেন্দ্র থেকে শিখো

REGD. NO. DA 781

VOL. XXXV No. 64

CHAITRA 5, 1431 BS

www.thedailystar.net

RAMADAN 18, 1446 HIJRI

16 PAGES: TK 15.00

## Israel shatters truce, kills 413 Gazans

Issues fresh evacuation orders; 'shocked' world condemns attack

AGENCIES

Israeli airstrikes yesterday killed more than 400 people in Gaza, shattering a fragile ceasefire and drawing global condemnation.

However, the United States yesterday said that Hamas bore full blame for Israel's massive deadly airstrikes, saying the militants could have accepted a ceasefire extension proposal by US special envoy Steve Witkoff.

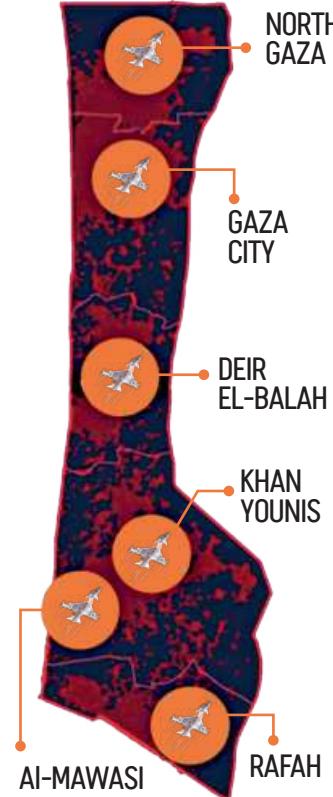
Hamas, the Palestinian group that rules Gaza, said the US "bears full responsibility for the massacres" in Gaza after the White House confirmed Israel had consulted the Trump administration before it carried out the overnight airstrikes.

The strikes, by far the deadliest since a truce took effect in January, also injured more than 550 more people, according to the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza.

War monitors said the airstrikes were the deadliest since the first months of the conflict which started in October 2023. The breach of the ceasefire, which broadly held since January, offered respite from

SEE PAGE 2 COL 2

### LOCATIONS OF ATTACKS



### ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

**48,577**  
killed since Oct 7, 2023

**17,500**  
children among the dead

**11,160**  
remain missing

US blames Hamas, says Israel 'consulted' before strikes

Israel to continue offensive 'as long as necessary'

Kremlin warns on 'spiral of escalation' in Gaza

Turkey, Iran slam 'continuation of genocide'



A Palestinian man holding the body of a child, killed in an Israeli strike, on the premises of a hospital in Gaza City yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## JULY UPRISING JU suspends 289 BCL activists, nine teachers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, JU

Jahangirnagar University has suspended 289 activists of banned Chhatra League for their alleged involvement in attacks on protesting students during the July uprising.

Nine teachers have also been suspended for allegedly abetting the violence.

JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan confirmed the decisions

SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

## Dhaka to get semi-auto signals to tackle jam

The system is likely to be installed soon at several points on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue

HELEMUL ALAM and MUNTAKIM SAAD

The government is likely to introduce a semi-automatic system of traffic lights at 22 busy intersections between Kadam Foara and Abdullahpur in the capital to reduce congestion and reliance on traffic police.

The initial plan was to introduce the system at four intersections on March 16, but it was deferred by a week due to the visit by the UN secretary-general, says

Neelima Akhter, executive director of Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA), which leads the initiative.

"Traffic management should not be left to police officers waving their hands at intersections," she says, underscoring the necessity of transitioning to an automated system.

The system will cost between Tk 10 crore and Tk 12 crore, according to officials at Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC).

SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

## ICT CASES AGAINST HASINA 'Strong evidence found to prove the charges'

Say investigators; report likely next month

SHARIFUL ISLAM and SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL

Deposed premier Sheikh Hasina will be charged with murder, abduction, enforced disappearance, and arson at the International Crimes Tribunal.

Investigators say they have found strong evidence to charge her with command responsibility for executions, burning bodies, enforced disappearance, and confinement.

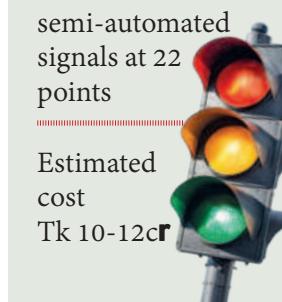
The probe report on Hasina's alleged crimes against humanity is likely to be submitted to the tribunal next month, making it the first to reach that stage since the court was reconstituted on October 14.

SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

Tk 119cr spent in 2 decades to modernise Dhaka's traffic signals

New project to install semi-automated signals at 22 points

Estimated cost Tk 10-12cr



Hundreds of workers sit on the ground in front of Shonest Apparels, demanding festival bonuses before Eid, which is less than two weeks away. The photo was taken at Mohammadpur Beribandh in the capital yesterday morning.

### BUSINESS

#### Bad loans at scam-hit banks surge

Bad loans soared to alarming levels at over a dozen banks that were mired in loan irregularities and major scams under the previous regime, as large businesses with ties to the former government defaulted heavily following the political changeover.

At the end of last year, defaulted loans in the banking sector stood at Tk 345,765 crore, with the state-run and private commercial banks holding the majority.

## ARSA chief, 10 others held, placed on remand

The armed Rohingya group leader is blamed for criminal activities in Rohingya camps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The Rab has arrested Ataullah Abu Ammar Jununi, known as the commander-in-chief of the ARSA, and ten others conducting special drives in Narayanganj and Mymensingh.

Following the arrest, Ataullah, 48, and six others were yesterday placed in the Senior Judicial Magistrate Court of Narayanganj seeking 10-day remand in two separate cases: one for illegal entry and another for criminal activities.

After the hearing, the court granted 10-day remand for interrogation, five days in each case, said Kayum Khan, Narayanganj court police inspector.

The five other arrestees are identified as Mostak Ahmed, 66; Salimullah, 27; Asmatullah, 24; Md Hasan, 43; and Moniruzzaman, 26.

Rab also arrested three women and

a child along with the six. The four were also shown arrested in the two cases and the court sent the arrestees to jail.

Based on intelligence, a team of Rab 11 conducted a drive at the Siddhiganj area of Narayanganj, and Natun Bazar area of Mymensingh on March 16 and arrested the ten, said AHM Sazzad Hossain, the commanding officer of Rab-11.

According to the first information report filed with Siddhiganj police station, the arrestees have gathered in the districts and have held secret meetings to conduct subversive activities and grievous crimes.

Rab seized Tk 21.39 lakh in cash, a knife, a sharp steel chain and four wristwatches from their possessions, said Shahinur Alam, the officer-in-charge of Siddhiganj Police Station.

Ataullah and the armed group

SEE PAGE 2 COL 5



# 7 DAYS REMAINING

## REGISTER NOW !!!

**School candidates should communicate with school regarding the registration**

Private candidates contact +8801786111100,  
Mr. Riaz Uddin, Project Coordinator, The Daily Star for registration