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## More private universities? (12-01-16)

আগে শব্দার্থগুলো পড়ে নিন

**Adher to** ➤ লেগে থাকা, মেনে চলা

**Excessive** ➤ অত্যধিক

**lack** ➤ ঘাটতি, অভাব ( *Deficiency* )

**optimism** ➤ আশাবাদ

**errant** ➤ অপরিকল্পিতভাবে তৈরী( *Rambling* )

**Misery** ➤ দুর্দশা

**obligate** ➤ প্রয়োজন

**Charge** ➤ মূল্য

**Exorbitant** ➤ গলাকাটা, অত্যধিক

**Criteria** ➤ মানদণ্ড

**Satisfied** ➤ সন্তুষ্ট

**Stipulate** ➤ শর্ত করা

**Shortcoming** ➤ ত্রুটি

**Comply with** ➤ মেনে চলা

**Castigated** ➤ কড়া সমালোচনা করা

**Said** ➤ বর্ণিত

**More private universities?**

**Make the existing ones adhere to the law first**

**WHILE it is true that the increase in the number of private universities is in response to a never ending demand for higher education**

**opportunities, it is more important to ensure that standards at these institutions are maintained. In Bangladesh this has been a huge challenge with only 17 out of 52 private universities shifting to their own campuses, a basic condition of the Private University Act 2010. Even the University Grants Commission is not happy with the way most private universities are run; they lack qualified teachers, proper libraries and laboratories. The Government's decision to approve six new private universities, under such circumstances, is therefore, surprising.**

**Four of the six new universities will be in three other districts besides Dhaka, which ideally, would be a cause for optimism given the need for opportunities for higher studies in the districts. But if these too, operate like many of the errant private institutions who have failed to provide the facilities they are obligated to do, it will only add to the misery of the students. Most private universities charge exorbitant fees to the students which can only be justified if they have satisfied the criteria stipulated by the law of the land. Such conditions must be met by these six new universities before they become fully operational.**

**When the government itself has castigated the private universities from time to time for their shortcomings, the new universities would mean more of the same shortcomings if they do not comply with all the rules and regulations of the said university act.**

## A rent seeking policeman! (13-01-16)

rent seeking ৳ খাজনা তালশকারী

isolated ৳ বিচ্ছিন্ন

Pick Up ৳ উঠিয়ে নিয়ে যাওয়া

Chilling example ৳ হতাশাজনক দৃষ্টান্ত

Upholder ৳ পৃষ্ঠপোষক

Frightening ৳ ভয়ানক

tip of the iceberg(phrase) ৳ কোন বড় সমস্যার লক্ষণীয় ছোট অংশ (A small part, noticeable part of a problem, the total size of which is really much greater)

Suspect ৳ সন্দেহ করা, আশঙ্কা করা

Errant ৳ অমার্জিত, অসভ্য

Extorting ৳ জোর করে আদায় করা

ordinary ৳ সাধারণ

Allegation ৳ অভিযোগ

Impose ৳ চাপিয়ে দেয়া

Dire ৳ ভয়ানক

Ordeal ৳ অগ্নিপরীক্ষা

Shudder ৳ শিহরিত করে

Eyewitness ৳ প্রত্যক্ষ সাক্ষী

investigation ৳ তদন্ত

Disgrace ৳ মর্যাদাহানি করা

graver ৳ গুরুতর

**A rent seeking policeman!**

**This is not an isolated case**

**The horrific experience of an assistant director of the central bank, picked up by a sub-inspector and his cohorts and tortured inside a police vehicle, is a chilling example of what can happen when upholders of the law become lawbreakers. The victim was beaten up and threatened with a false drug case and death by 'crossfire'. What is more frightening is that this incident is only the tip of the iceberg – we suspect there may be many such stories of errant policemen extorting money from ordinary citizens.**

**Allegations of false cases being imposed on ordinary citizens and threats of dire consequences by lawless law enforcers have been frequent in recent times with only a few of them being punished for their crimes. The banker's ordeal became a news story possibly because he was a high ranking public official and the publicity of the incident in social media. We shudder to think what the fate of those who do not have the same status could be. According to the news reports, an eyewitness has related how a young man had recently been picked up by police in their van from the same area and later released after paying a TK 1,500 bribe. We urge the police authorities to carry out a quick, thorough investigation into this incident and make sure that the policeman, who has disgraced his uniform and organisation he works**

for, is punished according to the law of the land. It is graver when the keepers of the law break the law than when criminals do so.

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**Address** চিহ্নিত করা

**Endorse** অনুমোদন করা, সমর্থন করা

**Bid to counter** বিদার প্রস্তাব

**coffers** অর্থ ভান্ডার

**Plague by** আক্রান্ত হওয়া

**Fester** নষ্ট করা, পচান

**Burgeon** দ্রুত বেড়ে উঠা

**Policymakers** নীতিনির্ধারক

**revising** সংশোধন

**Revamp** নতুন করে গড়া

**multifarious** বহুবিদ

**Graft** অসাধুতা

**Dismay** আতঙ্ক

**Stumble** হুমড়ি খাওয়া

**Along** বারবার

**Robust** বলিষ্ঠ

**Freight** মালবাহী

**Bulk goods** স্তুপাকার বা ভারী মালামাল

**Affordable price** সাশ্রয়ী মূল্য

**Alleviate** কমানো, উপশম করা

**Pragmatic** প্রায়োগিক রাষ্ট্রীয়,

**Take Into Account** বিবেচনা করা

**Comprehensive** ব্যাপক

**rebirth** পুনরাবির্ভাব

## On track to take silver medal (15-01-16)

**On Track** ➤ পথে

**Shock** ➤ অভিঘাত, আঘাত

**Sceptic** ➤ সন্দেহবাদী, সংশয়বাদি

**Portray** ➤ ভাষায় বর্ণনা করা, চিত্রিত করা

**Dire strait** ➤ বেহাল অবস্থা

**Forecast** ➤ পূর্বাভাস দেওয়া, ভবিষ্যৎবাণী করা

**Post** ➤ আসন, যায়গা

**survey** ➤ জরিপ

**Slated** ➤ তালিকায় রাখা

**Tying** ➤ বন্ধন করা

**Recession** ➤ মন্দা

**Rejoice** ➤ আনন্দ করা

**Accolade** ➤ প্রশংসা

**Tremendous** ➤ অসাধারণ

**Achilles Heel** ➤ দুর্বলতা, ঞ্গটি, দুর্বল দিক

**Bureaucratic** ➤ আমলাতান্ত্রিক

**Red Tape** ➤ অফিস সংক্রান্ত বাধা, আমলাতান্ত্রিকতা, শুভঙ্করের ফাঁকি

**Cut Down** ➤ কমান

**Foster** ➤ উৎসাহিত করা, উন্নতি ককরা, লালনপালন করা

**Nagging** ➤ বিরক্তিকর

**All In All** ➤ সর্বেসর্বা

**Prioritisation** ➤ অগ্রাধিকার

**Coupled With** ➤ দুটো মিলে

**Take Off** ➤ ছাড়া, ত্যাগ করা



**On track to take silver medal**

**Bangladesh shows healthy growth**

*The news will come as somewhat of a shock to sceptics who like to portray the economy to be in dire straits. American news organisation Bloomberg has forecasted that Bangladesh will post the second highest growth rates globally. In a survey that covered 193 countries, our economy is slated to grow 6.6 percent tying with that of Vietnam. That we are managing to grow in the midst of a global recession that has acted to contract much more advanced economies than ours, for instance, oil-rich Venezuela which will probably see its economy contract by as much as 3.3 percent, there is reason to rejoice.*

*The accolades are coming in from institutions such as the World Bank which has termed the economy as very stable. Yet there are reasons not to be over-joyous. Yes, we have made tremendous gains on social and economic fronts, but the major Achilles heels are yet to be addressed ➤ infrastructure and reducing the cost of doing business; cutting down on*

**bureaucratic red tape to foster business operations. These have been nagging problems for some years now and are perhaps one of the reasons why the economy has not been able to post much higher growth rates.**

**All in all, the outlook is good, but as stated before, prioritisation of projects related to energy and communication is a must. That coupled with easier credit and simplification of rules and procedures can only aid our economy to take off and join the ranks of economic powerhouses in the region.**

## **Police recruitment(16-01-2016)**

**Recruitment** ৳ নিয়োগ

**Interference** ৳ হস্তক্ষেপ, প্রতিবন্ধক

**Enrolment** ৳ তালিকাভুক্তি

**Deleterious** ৳ ক্ষতিকর

**Distort** ৳ বিকৃত করা, মিথ্যা বিবরণ দেয়া

**Absorb** ৳ শুষে নেওয়া

**Predicament** ৳ দুর্ভাগ্য/ বিপপজ্জনক অবস্থা, বিধেয়

**Regrettably** ৳ অনুশোচনীয়, আফসোস

**Yield** ৳ উৎপাদ

**Push** ৳ ধাক্কা, প্রচেষ্টা

**Unabated** ৳ অখণ্ড, অপ্রতিহত

**Needless** ৳ অপ্রয়োজনীয়

**Illogical** ৳ অযৌক্তিক

**Mechanism** ৳ নতুন কৌশল বা পদ্ধতি

**Moot point** ৳ অমিমাংসিত বিষয়

**Interference** ৳ হস্তক্ষেপ

**Bad eggs** ৳ খারাপ লোক, দুশ্চরিত্র

**Perpetuate** ৳ চিরস্থায়ী করা, স্থায়িত্ব দেয়া

**Inefficiency** ৳ অদক্ষতা

**induct** ৳ বসানো, অধিষ্ঠিত করা

**In The Meanwhile** ৳ ইতিমধ্যে



**Police recruitment**

**End political interference**

**According to a report carried in this paper on Thursday, the police high command is pondering changing its current recruitment procedures for enrolment at the level of constables, the lowest level of entry in the police force. The reason -- political interference. While this is an acknowledgement of the reality in Bangladesh. we commend the police headquarters for realising the deleterious consequences of the system being distorted to meet the inappropriate demands of the politically powerful to absorb their candidates in the police force, and putting a better system in its place. It is sad reality that the police bosses are not**

alone in facing such a predicament. Regrettably, most of the state institutions have to yield to political push, and the recommendations, we are given to understand, do come free. Police recruitment has been a money making device for the politically linked. Sadly, it continues unabated. Needless to say, when recruitment procedures are distorted and corrupted, quality is sacrificed, and when that occurs in an establishment like the police, the consequences are only too evident for the police headquarters not to take notice. We think it is a good idea that the police planners are thinking of standardising the tests, of whatever the type that may be, because, having separate tests at district level, for what is national level employment, seems quite illogical. The new mechanism hopefully, will ensure a single standard for the entire country. However, the moot point is that whatever recruitment procedure is adopted, unless political interference is stopped, bad eggs and unqualified people will continue to be inducted in the force, perpetuating inefficiency. In the meanwhile the people will continue to suffer.

## The Daily star Editorial 17-01-16

Woefully ৳ শোচনীয়ভাবে

Inadequate ৳ অপরিপূর্ণ

Rethinking ৳ পুনর্বিবেচনা

Benchmark ৳ মাত্রা তুলনা করা, উচ্চতার চিহ্ন (a level of quality that can be used as a standard when comparing other things)

Apparently ৳ আপাতদৃষ্টিতে

Pathetic ৳ হৃদয়স্পর্শী, মর্মস্পর্শী

Insensitive ৳ অনুভূতিহীন, অসংবেদী

Catering ৳ খাবার পরিবেশন করা

Excruciating ৳ যন্ত্রণাদায়ক

Equipment ৳ সরঞ্জাম

Requisite ৳ প্রয়োজনীয়

Urbanise ৳ নগরায়ন

Intake ৳ যা খাওয়ানো বা যোগান দেওয়া হয়েছে, যেরা জমি

Abuse ৳ অপব্যবহার

Contamination ৳ দূষণ

Lethargy ৳ নিষ্ক্রিয়তা, ঝিমুনি

obesity ৳ স্থূলতা, মেদবৃদ্ধি

Cognizance ৳ অনুভূতি, জ্ঞান

Emphasis on ৳ জোর দেওয়া

Detection ৳ সনাক্তকরণ

Fatalities ৳ মারাত্মক অবস্থা, নিয়তিগত অবস্থা

## The Daily star Editorial 18-01-16

**Reckless** ৳ বেপরোয়া

**Go On** ৳ এগন

**Budding** ৳ বিকাশমান

**Apparently** ৳ আপাতদৃষ্টিতে

**Cry out** ৳ চিৎকার করা

**strict punishment** ৳ উপযুক্ত শাস্তি

**offer** ৳ প্রদান করা

**Deepest** ৳ গভীরতম

**Unrecoverable** ৳ অপুনরুদ্ধারযোগ্য

**Sheer** ৳ নিছক

**unfit** ৳ অনুপযুক্ত

**Valid** ৳ বৈধ

**Bother** ৳ মাথা ঘামান

**policymaker** ৳ নীতিনির্ধারক

**Recognise** ৳ চিনতে পারা, স্বীকৃতি দেওয়া

**Sustainable** ৳ টেকসই

**Umpteen** ৳ বহু, অনেক

**Adopted** ৳ গৃহীত

**Crash** ৳ সংঘর্ষ ঘটা

**Strengthening** ৳ জোর দেওয়া

**Condolence** ৳ দুঃ ৳ খপ্রকাশ, শোক প্রকাশ

## The Daily star Editorial 19-01-16

**Aghast** ৳ ভীত

**Pile Up** ৳ স্তুপাকার করা, যানবাহন সংঘর্ষ (*informal to undergo a serious vehicular collision.*)

**Eye witness** ৳ প্রত্যক্ষদর্শী

**Visibility** ৳ দৃষ্টিপাত, দৃষ্টিগোচরতা।

**Thick Fog** ৳ ঘন কুয়াশা

**Illumination** ৳ আলোকসজ্জা

**Shocking** ৳ বেদনাদায়ক, জগন্য

**Smooth** ৳ মসৃণ, সুষম

**Functioning** ৳ কার্যকরী

**Least** ৳ সামান্য

**concerned** ৳ উদ্বিগ্ন

**Warrant** ৳ আশ্বাস দেওয়া, নিশ্চিত কথা দেওয়া

**Precaution** ৳ সতর্কতা

**Catastrophic** ৳ সর্বনাশা

**Suspended** ৳ স্থগিত

**Vehicular** ৳ যানবাহন

**Toll Booth** ৳ চৌকি, যেখানে চালকগণ উপশুল্ক প্রদান করে। (a special gate or line of gates on a road where drivers have to stop and pay a toll)

**Forewarn** ৳ পূর্বেই সতর্ক করা

**Providence** ৳ দূরদর্শিতা

**Tailored** ৳ সূচিজীবী, দর্জিকর্তৃক তৈরী করা।

**Utilising** ৳ ব্যবহার

**Disposal** ৳ নিষ্পত্তি

**Utter** ৳ উচ্চারণ করা, চরম।

**Negligence** ৳ অবহেলা

## **The Daily star Editorial** ৳ **20-01-16**

**Gross** ৳ পূর্ণ, মোট, স্থূল

**Intersection** ৳ যেখানে দুইয়ের অধিক রাস্তা একত্রিত হয়েছে (the place where two or more roads join or cross each other)

**Reckless** ৳ বেপরোয়া

**Unabated** ৳ অখণ্ড, অপ্রতিহত

**Blatant** ৳ ভয়ানক

**Violating** ৳ লঙ্ঘন

**Drop Off** ৳ খসে পড়া, নামানো

**Latter** ৳ আধুনিক, পরবর্তী

**Heed** ৳ মনোযোগ

**Pedestrian** ৳ পথচারী

**Oblivious** ৳ অন্যমনস্ক

**Non-Compliance** ৳ অসম্মতি

**disturbingly** ৳ বিরজিকরভাবে

**Phenomena** ৳ ঘটনা, বিষয়

**Flagrant** ৳ ঘোর

**Menace** ৳ ভীতিপ্রদর্শন

**plague with** ৳ আক্রান্ত হওয়া

**Impunity** ৳ অব্যাহতি

**scot-free** ৳ কোন রূপ শাস্তি ছাড়াই পার পাওয়া।

**Exacerbate** ৳ বর্ধিত করা

**Woes** ৳ দুঃখ

**Epidemic** ৳ মহামারী

**Reverse** ৳ বিপরীত

**Trend** ৳ প্রবণতা

**Abuse** ৳ অপব্যবহার

## Cost overruns and missed deadlines(21-01-16)

**Overrun** ৳ বেড়ে যাওয়া, পদদলিত করা।

**deadline** ৳ নির্দিষ্ট সময়সীমা।

**Completion** ৳ সম্পূর্ণতা, সমাপ্তি।

**Extension** ৳ বৃদ্ধি, সম্প্রসারণ।

**Equivalent** ৳ সমতুল্য, সম

**Lease** ৳ ইজারা

**Authorised** ৳ অনুমোদিত

**Offing** ৳ নিকট বা অদূর ভবিষ্যত, গভীর সমুদ্রের যে অংশ তীর থেকে দেখা যায়।

**Needless** ৳ অপ্রয়োজনীয়, অনাবশ্যক

**Horrendous** ৳ ভয়ঙ্কর

**Look At** ৳ চাওয়া

**Layout** ৳ নকশা, পরিকল্পনা।

**Flawed** ৳ ভ্রান্ত, ত্রুটিপূর্ণ

**Point Out** ৳ ইঙ্গিত করা

**Obvious** ৳ সুস্পষ্ট

**Ramp** ৳ বাহিয়া নামা, প্রতারণা, তর্জনগর্জন।

**Conceived** ৳ ভাবা, কল্পনা করা।

**Astonish** ৳ আশ্চর্যান্বিত করা

**Prior to** ৳ পূর্বে

**Relevant** ৳ প্রাসঙ্গিক, সংশ্লিষ্ট

**Precisely** ৳ অবিকল, সঠিকভাবে।

**Utility** ৳ উপযোগ, কার্যকর

**Laid** ৳ অধিশায়িত, স্থাপন করা।

**Inordinate** ৳ অপরিমিত, অত্যধিক।

**Delay** ৳ বিলম্ব

**Execution** ৳ সম্পাদনা, প্রাণদণ্ড

**Taxpayer** ৳ করদাতা

**Cost overruns and missed deadlines**

**City residents pay the price**

*The initial cost of the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover was Tk 7.73 billion and original completion of the project was December 2014. Not only did it miss the first deadline but got an extension till December 2015 and now it has been given a new lease till July 2017! The cost of the extension is equivalent to Tk 446 crore which has been authorised by the National Economic Council (Ecneec) since there are “a few structural changes” in the offing. Needless to say, the residents of Moghbazar and Mouchak in particular, have been counting the cost of living with dust and horrendous traffic jams for the past couple of years. What we would like to ask is why we are looking at structural changes so late in the day and why the present layout needs to be changed now. Has it anything to do*

with having a flawed layout to begin with? Why must the prime minister have to step in to point out the obvious that the ramp of the flyover should be extended beyond the FDC level crossing? Should the obvious not have been clear to the traffic and engineering planners when the project was conceived? Again, we find it astonishing that no proper mapping of the route was done prior to construction. Had that been done by the relevant authority, we would know precisely which utility company had laid their pipes and cables underground, and the project would not have to face inordinate delays to rectify routes. At the end of the day, we find that cost overruns and delayed project executions have become a common feature of public projects. The taxpayers money could be better spent with better planning.

## Police or politician? (২২-০৮-১৩)

**Blatant** ৳ ভয়ানক

**partisanship** ৳ পক্ষাবলম্বন

**Regrettable** ৳ অনুশোচনীয়, দুঃখজনক

**Flabbergast** ৳ হতবুদ্ধি করা, স্তম্ভিত করা।

**Decidedly** ৳ সন্দেহাতীতভাবে

**Consecutive** ৳ পরপর, ধারাবাহিক

**Gathering** ৳ জমায়েত, জনসমাবেশ

**Quipping** ৳ সরস জবাব দেওয়া, তামাশা

**Befit** ৳ মানানসই হওয়া

**Maintain** ৳ বজায় রাখা

**Sort of** ৳ ধরন, রকম

**Extent** ৳ ব্যাপ্তি

**Politicisation** ৳ রাজনৈতিকীকরণ

**Reinforce** ৳ শক্তিশালী করা

**Perception** ৳ উপলব্ধি, বোধশক্তি

**Elated** ৳ গর্বিত

**Remark** ৳ মন্তব্য

**Wind** ৳ বায়ু

**Partisan** ৳ পক্ষভুক্ত

**Spokesperson** ৳ মুখপাত্র

**Thereby** ৳ তাহার ফলে

**Neutrality** ৳ নিরপেক্ষতা

**Police or politician?**

**Such blatant partisanship is regrettable**

**We are flabbergasted by the comments made by officer-in-charge of Hatibandha Police Station, of a decidedly political nature, at two consecutive programmes at which 1100 former BNP and JP activists formally joined the AL at Gaddimiri union. The OC welcomed the former activists to the party and commented that they took the right step in joining the AL. We wonder, is the OC, as a civil servant and law enforcer, the right person to “welcome” anyone to the AL? Is it within**

his term of reference to attend and address a political gathering, quipping in a manner that befits only a politician? The OC, when asked if he, as a law enforcer, could make such political speeches, defended himself by saying that his speech was aimed at maintaining law and order, and not at politics. Needless to say, the logic of the OC is lost on us. This sort of blatant partisanship on the part of law enforcers highlights the extent of politicisation of public institutions and reinforces the public perception that law enforcers serve the narrow interests of the party in power, rather than that of the people. The AL should not feel elated in any way by the OC's remarks. It must remember that this same OC might become as blatantly anti-AL as he is anti-BNP now, if and when the wind changes. It is unfortunate that successive governments have turned the police, in particular, into a partisan tool. Rather than discourage partisan behaviour, we are disturbed to see the ruling party allowing law enforcers to act as party spokespersons, thereby putting the professional neutrality of the force into question. The politicisation of the police reflects poorly on democratic governance, and should be stopped.

## Rajuk's demolition drive in the city(23-01-16)

**Demolition** ৳ ধ্বংস, উচ্ছেদ

**drive** ৳ পরিচালনা

**Launched** ৳ চালু

**Simultaneous** ৳ যুগপত, এককালীন

**Reclaim** ৳ সংশোধন, পুনরুদ্ধার করা

**Laud** ৳ গুণকীর্তন করা, প্রসংসা করা

**Designated** ৳ মনোনীত করা হয়েছে,

**Commuter** ৳ নিত্যযাত্রী, প্রায় প্রতিদিন যে যাত্রা করে।

**Basement** ৳ বুনিয়াদ, ভবনের সর্বনিম্ন তল।

**Vendor** ৳ বিক্রেতা

**Preoccupation** ৳ পুনর্দখল

**Repetitive** ৳ পুনরাবৃত্তিমূলক, পুনঃসংঘটন।

**occasional** ৳ অনিয়মিত, আকস্মিক

**Go By** ৳ গত হওয়া

**Owner** ৳ মালিক

**Plying** ৳ অটলভাবে কাজ করা

**Obvious** ৳ সুস্পষ্ট

**Hype** ৳ প্রতারণা, ছলনা

**Property** ৳ সম্পত্তি

**Finced** ৳ জরিমানা

**Heftily** ৳ প্রবলভাবে

**Floating** ৳ নির্দলীয়, ভাসমান

**Rajuk's demolition drive in the city**

## Ensure cleared spaces remain cleared

Rajuk has launched simultaneous drives in various parts of the city to reclaim footpaths, parking spaces that were being used for other purposes. While we laud the freeing up of spaces designated for use of commuters on foot and parking lots in basements, we can not but have our doubts. Such drives are nothing new in the city. The fact of the matter is that once the drives are over, we see a return of illegal structures and the reoccupation of footpaths by vendors and it is back to business as usual. The whole matter has become repetitive and it will take more than the occasional drive by the city authorities to make the changes stick. Going by what has been printed in this paper, we find that some owners of shops who had bought space in a parking lot from the owner in Dhanmondi area have been plying their business for nearly 20 years. These businessmen have alleged that they pay taxes to the city corporation. How could this happen? And why action was not taken when the shops were being constructed in an illegal area? It is obvious that the much hyped and declared drives to free up public or private spaces will not bring the desired results unless rules on paper are enforced throughout the year, every day of the year. Property owners must be fined heftily for wrongful use of parking spaces and floating vendors simply cannot be allowed to set up shop wherever they feel like.

## Suspicious blaze at Kalyanpur slum(24-01-16)

**Suspicious** ৳ সন্দেহজনক

**Blaze** ৳ অগ্নিকাণ্ড, আলোকচ্ছটা

**Slum** ৳ বস্তি,

**Utter** ৳ বলা, উচ্চারণ করা, পরম, চরম( *extreme*).

**Disregard** ৳ উপেক্ষা করা, ( *Ignore, despise*)

**Shanties** ৳ কুটির(*bothy, shelly*)

**Circumstance** ৳ পরিস্থিতি

**Condemn** ৳ নিন্দা করা(*denounce, blaspheme*)

**Fire Brigade** ৳ দমকল

**Tackle** ৳ আকড়াইয়া ধরা, দ্বন্দ্ব করা, জাহাজের দড়িদড়া

**Slum Dweller** ৳ বস্তিবাসী

**Belonged** ৳ অন্তর্ভুক্ত, অধিকারভুক্ত হওয়া

**Eviction** ৳ উচ্ছেদ(*Demolish*)

**Initiative** ৳ উদ্যোগ

**Unlawful** ৳ বেআইনী

**Occupation** ৳ দখল

**Humane** ৳ দয়ালু

**Muscle power** ৳ পেশী শক্তি

**Obstruct** ৳ রোধ করা(*Hinder, prevent*)

**suspend** ৳ স্থগিত করা

**latter** ৳ পরবর্তী

**Barred** ৳ নিষিদ্ধ

**Harassing** ৳ হয়রানি, (Grinding)

**Threatening** ৳ হুমকি, (impudence)

**Allegation** ৳ অভিযোগ (Grievance)

**Emanate** ৳ নির্গত হওয়া

**Investigation** ৳ তদন্ত

**Launched** ৳ চালু

**Immediately** ৳ অবিলম্বে

**Foul Play** ৳ অসাধুতা

**Run** ৳ চালানো

**Come Up With** ৳ চিন্তা করা

**Suspicious blaze at Kalyanpur slum**

**Utter disregard for humanity**

*The fire that was allowed to burn down the shanties and shops at the Kalyanpur slum shows utter disregard for human lives. The circumstances of the fire raises question and we condemn, in the strongest possible terms, those who tried to stop the fire brigade vehicles from reaching the spot to tackle the fire. According to a number of slum dwellers, they belonged to the ruling party.*

*The eviction drive to free a piece of government land was suspended after the High Court ordered the authorities to stop the eviction for three months during which the latter was barred from harassing and threatening the residents without specific allegations. Then came the fire which, according to news reports, many local residents believe was lit by ruling party men who would benefit most from several projects when the land is freed.*

*We support the government's initiative to recover land from unlawful occupation. But there must be a proper and humane way to do this. How are the residents of the slum going to survive the winter without a place to live? Could the authorities not wait till the winter was over? Where will they go from a place they have called home for so many years? Where does the muscle power to obstruct an emergency vehicle emanate from? More importantly, how could a market and a slum be constructed on government land in the first place?*

*An investigation should be launched immediately to find out if there was any foul play behind the Kalyanpur fire. And in the long run, the government should come up with more humane ways to free up land from illegal occupation.*

## **A strike protesting accountability?(25-01-16)**

**Strike** ৳ ধর্মঘট

**Protesting** ৳ প্রতিবাদী

**accountability** ৳ দায়িত্ব, বুকি

**Physician** ৳ চিকিৎসক

**Negligence** ৳ অবহেলা

**Contradiction** ৳ অসঙ্গতি

**Hippocratic oath** ৳ রোগীদের পূর্ণাঙ্গ সাহায্য ও চিকিৎসার ক্ষেত্রে পূর্ণাঙ্গ মান প্রদান করার ব্যাপারে ডাক্তারগণ কর্তৃক প্রতিজ্ঞা। *(a promise made by people when they become doctors to do everything possible to help their patients and to have high moral standards in their work)*

**Bound By** ৳ বাধ্য

**Practitioner** ৳ ডাক্তার বা উকিল, ব্যবসায়ী

**Intimidate** ৳ ভয় দেখান (*Threaten*)

**Unlikely** ৳ অসম্ভাব

**Errant** ৳ নিষ্ঠুর, অসভ্য, রক্ষণ

**Alleged** ৳ অভিযোগ

**Punitive** ৳ শাস্তিমূলক

**Immeasurable** ৳ প্রচুর

**Seeking** ৳ সচেষ্ট, অনুসন্ধানকারী।

**Dispose Of** ৳ মিমাংসা করা, (*make up*)

**Dispose** ৳ মীমাংসা করা

**Allegation** ৳ অভিযোগ

**Spearhead** ৳ নেতৃত্বদানকারী, অগ্রবাহিনী

**Demand** ৳ চাহিদা, দাবি।

**Investigate** ৳ অনুসন্ধান করা।

**Proposal** ৳ প্রস্তাব

**Merit discussion** ৳ যোগ্য বা ফলপ্রসূ আলোচনা।

**Sword** ৳ তলোয়ার

**Expertise** ৳ অভিজ্ঞতা

**Hostage** ৳ ক্রীতদাস, প্রতিভূ

**In a Bid** ৳ প্রচেষ্টা (*in an attempt*)

**agenda** ৳ বিষয়সূচি, সভায় আলোচ্য বিষয়সূচী।

**A strike protesting accountability?**

**Patients must come first**

*The recent physicians' strike at private hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres of Chittagong, in protest of cases filed against their colleagues for medical negligence, is in contradiction to the noble Hippocratic oath that all doctors are bound by. In one of the cases filed, the doctor mistakenly left the bandage inside the body of a patient during surgery. Such occurrences may be unusual but it is true that hundreds of patients have suffered or died due to medical negligence. Most patients do not file cases against medical practitioners, intimidated by the high cost of doing so and the fact that it is unlikely that the errant doctor will be punished. Now that cases have been filed against some of them for alleged negligence, doctors have gone for a punitive strike that has caused immeasurable suffering to patients seeking treatment. Cases of negligence by any professional have traditionally been disposed of at court and through a judicial process. Why shouldn't this*

*be the same for allegations of medical negligence? The striking doctors, spearheaded by Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Chittagong, have demanded a specialists' panel to investigate the allegations before any case can be filed. Such a proposal may merit discussion but not under the sword of a strike.*

*Over the decades, our medical professionals have acquired greater expertise in their fields to the great benefit of the people. It is therefore all the more unfortunate that instead of trying to improve standards of healthcare by making sure incidences of negligence do not occur, doctors have chosen to hold patients hostage in a bid to force their agenda. This is not what we expect from members of this noble profession.*

## **The Daily star Editorial** 🇬🇧 **26-01-16**

**Minor** 🇬🇧 অপ্রাপ্তবয়স্ক, লঘুতর, ক্ষুদ্র

**Abuse** 🇬🇧 অপব্যবহার

**Fore** 🇬🇧 সম্মুখ

**Malaises** 🇬🇧 সংকট

**Malaise** 🇬🇧 অস্বাচ্ছন্দ্য বোধ, উদ্বেগ

**Afflict** 🇬🇧 পীড়া দেওয়া, ব্যাথা দেওয়া

**Stepmother** 🇬🇧 বিমাতা, সতমা

**Sedative** 🇬🇧 প্রশান্তিদায়ক

**Outraged** 🇬🇧 অপমান করা, অত্যাচার।

**Culprit** 🇬🇧 অভিযুক্ত ব্যক্তি

**Trauma** 🇬🇧 মানসিক আঘাত

**Certainly** 🇬🇧 অবশ্যই

**Immediacy** 🇬🇧 সরলতা, তাৎক্ষণিকতা।

**Shouting** 🇬🇧 চিৎকার করা, গলাবাজি করা

**Hoarse** 🇬🇧 কর্কশ

**Crucial** 🇬🇧 কঠোর

**Mediaeval** 🇬🇧 মধ্যযুগীয়

**Rob** 🇬🇧 হরণ করা

**Take Out** 🇬🇧 নিষ্কাশিত করা

**Prohibit** 🇬🇧 নিষিদ্ধ করা।

**Deplorable** 🇬🇧 শোচনীয়

**Campaign** 🇬🇧 অভিযান

**Enforcement** 🇬🇧 বলপ্রয়োগ

**Adequate** 🇬🇧 পর্যাপ্ত, যথেষ্ট

**Conspire** 🇬🇧 চক্রান্ত করা

## Most teachers ignorant of the creative education method(27-01-16)

**Ignorant** ৳ আনাড়ী, অনবগত, অজ্ঞ (*unawre, inexperienced*)

**Creative** ৳ সৃজনশীল

**Adoption** ৳ গ্রহণ, অবলম্বন।

**Undoubtedly** ৳ নিঃসন্দেহে

**Overhaul** ৳ ঢেলে সাজানো, পুনর্গঠন (*Reshape, recast*)

**Comprehension** ৳ ধী, বোধশক্তি

**Based on** ৳ ভিত্তিতে

**Survey** ৳ জরিপ(*metering*)

**Take Part** ৳ অংশগ্রহণ করা

**Entail** ৳ ফলস্বরূপ ঘটা, অর্থ বুঝানো। (*imply*)

**Rely On** ৳ নির্ভর করা

**Directive** ৳ নির্দেশ

**Implementation** ৳ বাস্তবায়ন, রূপায়ণ

**Ground level** ৳ প্রাথমিক স্তর

**Nullify** ৳ বাতিল করা, রদ করা। (*Negation*)

**Enrolment** ৳ তালিকাভুক্তি, নিয়োগ।

**Retain** ৳ ধরে রাখা(*Hold, keep up*)

**Wholeheartedly** ৳ মনপ্রাণ

**Adopted** ৳ গৃহীত

**Money making** ৳ অর্থ উপার্জন।

**Rote** ৳ আবৃত্তি, না বুঝে মুখস্ত করা।

**Thrive** ৳ উন্নতিলাভ করা, সাফল্যলাভ করা। (*prosper*)

**Detrimental** ৳ ক্ষতিকারক (*Harmful, exaggerated*)

**Intellectual** ৳ বুদ্ধিদীপ্ত

**Proactive** ৳ প্ররোচক(*instigator*)

**Extensive** ৳ ব্যাপক

**Most teachers ignorant of the creative education method**

**Why have authorities not enforced its adoption?**

**Undoubtedly, our education needs major overhaul, especially when it comes to changing the way children are taught. The age-old system of memorising material without true comprehension does nothing to develop a child's creativity. Which is why five years ago the 'creative education method' was introduced to primary schools so that students would have to read and understand the textbook and be able to answer questions, based on their comprehension. But a recent survey by Research for Advancement of Complete Education (RACE), has found that more than half of the 100 primary school teachers who took part in the research do not know what such a method entails. Even more alarming is that half of the teachers surveyed rely on guidebooks to**

prepare lessons while 92 percent of the students in the sample prepare for tests using such guidebooks.

There is, therefore, a major gap between the directive given by the education ministry and its implementation at the ground level. The sample study may reflect the same situation in most public primary schools. This nullifies the significant success the government has achieved in terms of high enrolment rates and pass rates. The real issue is to make sure that students are able to retain and comprehend what they are being taught in school and this is only possible if the said creative education method is wholeheartedly adopted by teachers.

## No letup in road crash(28-01-16)

**letup** ৳ কমে আসা, হ্রাস পাওয়া।

**Rein** ৳ নিয়ন্ত্রিত করা

**reckless** ৳ বেপরোয়া

**Umpteen** ৳ বহু

**Campaign** ৳ অভিযান

**Outcry** ৳ কঠোর প্রতিবাদ, হৈচৈ

**Gravest** ৳ গভীর

**Welfare** ৳ কল্যাণ

**Across** ৳ জুড়ে

**Irresponsible** ৳ দায়িত্বহীন,

**Overtaking** ৳ নাগাল ধরা, ধড়াইয়া ধরা।

**Plying** ৳ অটলভাবে কাজ করা

**Unfit** ৳ অনুপযুক্ত

**Crash** ৳ সংঘর্ষ

**Across** ৳ জুড়ে

**Questionable** ৳ সন্দেহজনক

**High up** ৳ উপরস্থ ব্যক্তি।

**Law breaking** ৳ আইন লঙ্ঘনকারী

**Indulgence** ৳ প্রশ্রয়

**Impunity** ৳ অব্যাহতি

**Expose** ৳ খুলা, প্রকাশ করা, দৃষ্টিগোচর করানো।

**Constant** ৳ ধ্রুব, অবিরত

**Investigative** ৳ তদন্তকারী

**Recommendation** ৳ সুপারিশ

**Remain** ৳ থাকা

**Unheard** ৳ অশ্রুত,

**Implemented** ৳ বাস্তবায়িত

**Hardly** ৳ কদাচিৎ

**Promulgation** ৳ ঘোষণা, প্রচার

**Stringent** ৳ কঠোর,

**Slack** ৳ নিষ্ক্রিয়, নিরুদ্যম

**No letup in road crash**

**Rein in reckless drivers**

*Although there have been umpteen campaigns and reports from road safety activists and media and regular public outcry to make our roads safer there is no brake on road crash incidents. On Tuesday, in four separate crashes 10 people were killed on the highways.*

*Road crash has become one of the gravest risks for public safety in the country causing a large number of deaths every year. According to the statistics of Passengers' Welfare Association, last year, at least 8,642 people were killed and 21,855 others injured in road crashes across the country. Irresponsible driving, overloading, dangerous overtaking, plying of unfit vehicles, lack of traffic police and questionable enforcement methods by the traffic police lie at the heart of the high accident rate. On top of these, protection from the high ups gives the law-breaking drivers further indulgence and impunity, exposing people to constant danger.*

*Sometimes investigative committees are formed after road crashes but in most cases their reports do not get public and their recommendations remain unheard and even less, implemented. The drivers are also hardly punished. The road safety activists have urged for promulgation of stringent punishment for reckless driving but the government seems to be slack on this issue. On the other hand, the in-service drivers need to be trained on safe driving skills. The number of trained drivers is also very low compared to the existing number of vehicles. The government and private organisations should invest more in these training programmes which would produce new drivers with greater knowledge of road safety and road rules.*

*Education has become corrupted by money-making motives, allowing non-creative methods like rote learning and complete dependence on guidebooks to thrive. This is detrimental to the intellectual development of students. The education ministry must be more proactive in enforcing the adoption of the creative method by all teachers through extensive training.*

## **Institutional corruption at Rajuk(29-01-16)**

**Institutional** ☞ প্রতিষ্ঠানিক

**Corruption** ☞ দুর্নীতি, (adulteration, contamination, debasement, defilement, dirtying, soiling, tainting)

**Complaint** ☞ অভিযোগ

**Can of worms** ☞ জটিল অবস্থা, (a situation that causes a lot of problems for you when you start to deal with it)

**Graft** ☞ অসাধুতা, দুর্নীতি

**Appall** ☞ ভয় দেখানো, আতঙ্কিত করা, হুমকি দেওয়া (dismay, terrify, daunt, frighten, affright, scare, depress)

**Evidence** ☞ প্রমাণ

**Allotment** ☞ আবণ্টন, অংশ, ভাগ

**Grease the palm** ☞ অবৈধ অর্থ প্রদান

**Tip of the iceberg(phrase)** ৳ কোন বড় সমস্যার লক্ষণীয় ছোট অংশ (A small part, noticeable part of a problem, the total size of which is really much greater)

**Den** ৳ গর্ত

**Apparently** ৳ আপাতদৃষ্টিতে

**Allegation** ৳ অভিযোগ

**Ten a Penny** ৳ খুব সাধারণ

**Deviate** ৳ বিপথগামী হওয়া, বিপথে যাওয়া।

**Govern** ৳ শাসন করা

**Expansion** ৳ সম্প্রসারণ

**Chaotic** ৳ বিশৃঙ্খল

**Unscrupulous** ৳ বিবেকহীন

**Behest** ৳ আদেশ

**Imperative** ৳ অনুজ্ঞাসূচক

**Aggrieve** ৳ ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত

**Look Into** ৳ অনুসন্ধান করা

**Negligence** ৳ অবহেলা

**Institutional corruption at Rajuk**

**Act on public complaints**

*The recently held public hearing by Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha (Rajuk) has opened up a can of worms on the systemic graft that exists in the institution. We are appalled to hear one retired government officer produce evidence that even after two decades the gentleman has not received allotment for his plot. Not only did he not get the letter to which he is entitled automatically, the gentleman, a retired additional secretary to the government, was informed that it would take him a few decades to get the plot in the normal manner and an additional Tk 60,000 to grease the palm for his file to reach the relevant desk. This is just the tip of the iceberg in the den of corruption that is Rajuk. There are many who have been waiting for their plots in Rajuk's various housing projects, and without bribe; nothing gets done apparently. Allegations are ten a penny on RAJUK approving illegal housing plans, deviating from the master plan that is supposed to govern the expansion of Dhaka city. It has led to a chaotic situation in many residential areas where unscrupulous house owners managed to construct commercial buildings on plots that are designated for non-commercial use.*

*We welcome the public hearing that was organised at the behest of ACC, the Ministry of Housing and the Home Ministry, and this should become a regular affair. It is imperative that aggrieved parties are able to voice their complaints and their problems looked into. Rajuk's negligence and rent seeking attitude has to be addressed if we wish to see Dhaka city grow in a planned manner.*

## The Daily star Editorial 30-01-16

**Polluter** ৳ দূষণকারী,

**Encroachment** ৳ আক্রমণ, অনধিকার প্রবেশ (*Intrusion*)

**Go On** ৳ এগনো, সামনে বাড়া,

**Impunity** ৳ অব্যাহতি, মুক্তি

**Tannery** ৳ চামড়া পাকা করার কারখানা

**Discharge** ৳ নির্গমন,

**Toxin** ৳ বিষ

**Untreated** ৳ অপরিশোধিত

**Hoot** ৳

**Stricture** ৳ বন্ধন, সমালোচনা, কঠোর নিয়মানুবর্তিতা

**Set Up** ৳ স্থাপন করা।

**Lifeline** ৳ সমস্যা সমাধানের উৎস (*A source of salvation in a crisis*)

**Outcome** ৳ ফলাফল

**Disaster** ৳ দুর্ভোগ

**Survey** ৳ জরিপ

**Outlet** ৳ নালী, নির্গমনপথ

**Disgorging** ৳ নির্গত করা, উগরাইয়া ফেলা

**Filth** ৳ ময়লা, নোংরা।

**Take into account** ৳ বিবেচনা করা।

**Handful** ৳ অল্প সংখ্যা, অল্প পরিমাণ।

**Palpable** ৳ প্রতীয়মান, অনুভবযোগ্য

**Decisively** ৳ সন্দেহহীন

**Fiasco** ৳ ভরাডুবি, চরম ব্যর্থতা

**Vaunted** ৳ দস্ত করা।

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**Farce** ৳ হাস্যকর দৃশ্য, প্রহসন

**Relocation** ৳ স্থানান্তর

**Destruction** ৳ ধ্বংস

**Tannery** ৳ চামড়া পাকা করার কারখানা

**Eventual** ৳ চূড়ান্ত, চরম, শেষ, পরিণামস্বরূপ।

**Decay** ৳ ক্ষয়, পতন।

**Turn Into** ৳ পরিণত হওয়া

**deadline** ৳ নির্দিষ্ট সময়সীমা।

**Flout** ৳ বিদ্রুপ।

**on the card** ৳ সম্ভবত ঘটবে

**Mockery** ৳ বিদ্রুপ

**Witness** ৳ সাক্ষী

**Drama** ৳ নাটক

**Ultimatum** ৳ চরমপত্র

**Stipulate** ৳ চুক্তির শর্ত করা, উপপত্রিক।

**Obvious** ৳ সুস্পষ্ট

**Preparatory** ৳ প্রস্তুতিমূলক

**Meanwhile** ৳ এদিকে, ইতিমধ্যে

**Restoring** ৳ পুনরুদ্ধার

**Pristine** ৳ আদিম, পূর্বকালীন

**Charade** ৳ হেঁয়ালি

**Comprehensive** ৳ ব্যাপক

**Negotiable** ৳ বিনিমেয়

**Timeframe** ৳ সময়সীমার

**Month** ৳ **February 2016**

**Ekushey Book Fair(01-02-16)**

**Fairs** ৳ মেলা

**Foolproof** ৳ অব্যর্থ, (Infallible)

**Appreciate** ৳ তারিফ করা, প্রশংসা করা,

**Premises** ৳ ভূমি, পূর্বানুমান।

**Adequate** ৳ পর্যাপ্ত

**Untoward** ৳ অবাঞ্চিত, অবাধ্য।

**Inception** ৳ শুরু, সূত্রপাত।

**Hacked to death** ৳ জখম করে হত্যা করা।

**Brutally** ৳ নৃশংসভাবে

**Imperative** ৳ অনুজ্ঞাসূচক, আবশ্যিক।

**Leave No Stone Unturned** ৳ চেষ্টার ত্রুটি না করা, আশ্রয় চেষ্টা করা।

**Intrinsically** ৳ স্বাভাবিকভাবে।

**Glorious** ৳ প্রসিদ্ধ, মহিমান্বিত।

**Crowd** ৳ ভিড়

**Homework** ৳ প্রস্তুতিপর্বের কাজ

**Take Into Account** ৳ বিবেচনা করা

**Characteristics** ৳ বৈশিষ্ট্য

**Demeanour** ৳ হাবভাব, চালচলন, আচরণ।

**Entrance** ৳ প্রবেশপথ

**Queue** ৳ সারি

**Volunteer** ৳ স্বেচ্ছাসেবক

**Buffer** ৳ নিরোধ ব্যক্তি।

**Tense** ৳ উত্তজনায় কঠিন।

**Last But Not Least** ৳ যদিও সর্বশেষ কিন্তু কম গুরুত্বপূর্ণ নয়

**Call Up** ৳ সনির্বন্ধ অনুরোধ করা।

**Vigilant** ৳ সতর্ক

**Monger** ৳ বিক্রেতা

## Ekushey Book Fair

### Ensure foolproof security

We appreciate the move by Bangla Academy to provide security to the Amar Ekushey Grontho Melathrough a number of measures including the setting up of two Rab camps, multiple checkpoints and watchtowers and banning of hawkers from entering the fair premises. We hope that these steps prove to be adequate to prevent any untoward incident during the fair which, since its inception in 1984, has grown into the largest book fair of the country and engages the community throughout the month of February. Sadly, this is also where writer-blogger Avijit Roy was hacked to death last year and Professor Humayun Azad brutally attacked in 2004.

It is, therefore, imperative that this year the authorities leave no stone unturned to provide safety and security to the public who have the right to participate freely in an event that is so intrinsically linked to our glorious language movement.

The key to assuring a safe and comfortable environment for large crowds like in the book fair is the planning for their management. We hope that the law enforcement authorities have done their homework by taking into account all elements of such a large event especially the significance of the fair, characteristics of the facility, size and demeanour of the crowd, methods of entrance, communications, crowd control and queuing. Volunteers can also serve as an effective buffer between uniformed security and the public in tense situations.

Last but not least, we call upon the public to stay vigilant about any trouble monger.

## Elimination of child labour(02-02-16)

Elimination ৳ বর্জন(Exclusion, Boycott)

Strategy ৳ কৌশল

Realigned ৳ পুনর্নির্মাণ করা

Comfort ৳ স্বস্তনা, স্বস্তি।

Hazardous ৳ বিপজ্জনক

Welding ৳ ঢালাই, হাতুড়ি দ্বারা কাজ করা

Grievous ৳ যন্ত্রণাদায়ক

Torture ৳ যন্ত্রণা, নির্যাতন।

Evident ৳ প্রতীয়মান, স্পষ্ট

Resisting ৳ প্রতিরোধক

Ambiance ৳ পরিবেশ

Grind ৳ কণ্ণপীড়াদায়ক শব্দ,

Morsel ৳ গ্রাস, খাদ্যের টুকরো।

Incumbent ৳ , আরোপিত, শায়িত্ব

Prevalance ৳ সাফল্য

Incorporate ৳ সংঘবদ্ধ করা, দেহহীন

Elimination of child labour

Our strategy needs be realigned

While we can take comfort from the fact that we have been able to reduce the number of child workers by two million in the last 10 years, a large number of children are still employed in hazardous work. These include glass factories, welding shops, garbage collection points, tanneries and ship breaking yards. A large number of children also work in households as domestic help with little or no pay. To make it even more grievous, these children do not enjoy any free time. Many face torture and abuse. It is now evident that it will take a few more years to completely eliminate child labour. There are some social and economic conditions that are resisting the removal of such practice. Most of the children employed in economic activities come from poor backgrounds, because of which their families have to send them to work to earn a living. As a result, when the children should be enjoying the pleasurable ambiance of the schoolroom and playground, some children have to grind hard just for a morsel of food.

It is indeed incumbent upon us to remove the causative factors that allow the prevalence of child labour in our workforce. Parents should be encouraged to send their children to school. Also, the strategy to eliminate child labour needs be realigned to incorporate the ground realities. The curricula at the secondary level should have technical and vocational training so that the poor families see the reason for investing in the education of their children. We also suggest a strict enforcement of laws against child labour.

## Insulted for doing his job?(03-02-16)

**Insult** ৳ অপমান, অসম্মান (affront, offend, slight)

**Arrogance** ৳ দাস্তিকতা (Conceit, pride, egoism)

**Tolerate** ৳ সহ্য করা (Endure, pass through)

**Refuse** ৳ প্রত্যাখ্যাত (Reject, Renounce, forswear)

**Circumstance** ৳ পরিস্থিতি

**Municipality** ৳ পৌরসভা

**Display** ৳ প্রদর্শন

**Infuriate** ৳ ক্ষিপ্ত (anger, distraught, incense)

**Cohorts** ৳ দল, বাহিনী

**Bidding** ৳ আদেশ

**Removal** ৳ অপসারণ

**Escort** ৳ সহচর

**Shameful** ৳ লজ্জাজনক

**Representative** ৳ প্রতিনিধি

**Disregard** ৳ উপেক্ষা (Neglect, Contempt)

**Audacity** ৳ স্পর্ধা (Courage, mettle)

**High Hand** ৳ কঠোর হওয়া

**Enhance** ৳ উন্নত করা

**Mockery** ৳ বিদ্রূপ

**Goon** ৳ বোকা, নিরবোধ, মূর্খ।

**Expected** ৳ প্রত্যাশিত

**Flouting** ৳ বিরূপ করা

**Accountable** ৳ দায়ী

**Ethically** ৳ নীতিগত

**Insulted for doing his job?**

**Such arrogance must not be tolerated**

**Auno in Faridpur has risked his job by doing his duty as a representative of the government. He refused to allow a father to enter the examination hall where his son was taking the SSC tests. Under normal circumstances, that is exactly what a UNO is supposed to do -- maintain order and fairness of such significant examinations. But the parent was the mayor of the municipality who displayed an attitude that was just the opposite of the UNO's. The mayor's infuriated cohorts, at their boss's bidding no doubt, locked up the UNO and demanded his removal. The officer had to be escorted out of the upazilla under Rab escort.**

**It is shameful that a public representative of such a high post as a mayor should completely disregard the rules and have the audacity to punish another official who actually stuck to his principles. Such highhanded behaviour does little to enhance the image of the mayor. These actions also make a mockery of those citizens who have voted for their candidate only to see him behave like a local goon.**

**It is expected that the government will take such flouting of the law very seriously and hold the mayor accountable. If a man who is arepresentative of the government is insulted by another public official of higher authority for doing his job ethically, where is the rule of law?**

## **Rampant tree felling in national park(04-02-16)**

**Rampant** ৳ প্রচণ্ড, বাধাহীন, অনিয়ন্ত্রিত ( *Reinless, unopposed* )

**Felling** ৳ পতন ঘটান,

**Evict** ৳ উচ্ছেদ করা ( *demolish, root out* )

**Sawmill** ৳ করাতকল

**Outrage** ৳ অপমান করা, অত্যাচার করা, ( *Insult, blaspheme* )

**Unbridled** ৳ অবাধ, ( *unbounded, reinless* )

**Plunder** ৳ অপহরণ, লুঠ করা

**Reserved** ৳ সংরক্ষিত

**Sproute** ৳ অঙ্কুরিত হওয়া, গজানো, ( *Germinate, Evolve* )

**Extinction** ৳ বিলোপ্তি

**Impunity** ৳ অব্যাহতি, মুক্তি

**Unmindful** ৳ নিষ্ঠুর, অর্থহীন।

**Adversely** ৳ বিরূপভাবে।

**Dramatically** ৳ নাটকীয়ভাবে

**Wonder** ৳ আশ্চর্য

**Unscrupulous** ৳ বিবেকহীন

**Timber** ৳ কাঠ

**Stern** ৳ কঠোর, নিতম্ব

**Ring Hollow** ৳ সংশয় দূর করেনা এমন।

**Denude** ৳ নগ্ন করা, উন্মুক্ত করা।

**Rampant tree felling in national park**

**Evict illegal sawmills**

*We are outraged at the news of unbridled tree plundering in the reserved area of Kadirgrah National Park in Mymensingh. And it is happening before the eyes of forest officials! There are over 50 sawmills that have sprouted around the forest area where the illegally collected trees are being processed.*

*In 2010, the government declared 80.5 acres of land of Kadirgrah and Palgaon areas as a National Park to save gazari trees, wild life and birds from extinction. But a section of local people have been destroying gazari and other valuable trees of the forest with impunity. This unmindful act has also been adversely affecting the wildlife of the Park which has been declining dramatically.*

*We wonder what the forest officials are doing there. It is alleged that some unscrupulous officials and employees of the forest department are involved in the illegal timber business. According to a local beat official the district administration has also been informed about these illegal sawmills several times but they are yet to take any action against them. The government should look into the issue seriously and take stern action against the corrupt forest officials. The local administration should immediately conduct an eviction drive and clear the forest area off illegal sawmills and furniture shops. Saying we are committed to protecting the environment rings hollow when we allow our forests to be denuded in this way.*

**Patronize** ৳ রক্ষা করা

## **The Daily Star at 25(05-02-16)**

**Redolent** ৳ সুগন্ধ, স্বাণ, আভাস।

**Patronize** ৳ রক্ষা করা

**Essence** ৳ সারমর্ম, ভাব, নির্যাস।

**Coincide** ৳ মিলিত হওয়া

**Restoration** ৳ পুনরুদ্ধার

**Attendant** ৳ সঙ্গী, পরিচারক।

**Ancillary** ৳ সহায়ক

**Relented** ৳ কোমল হওয়া, নরম হওয়া।

**Unadulterated** ৳ নিখাদ, নির্ভেজাল।

**Participatory** ৳ অংশগ্রহণমূলক

**Unyielding** ৳ অনমনীয়, দৃঢ়।

**Violent** ৳ হিংসাত্মক

**Relentless** ৳ নিষ্করণ, অবিরাম, নিরন্তর।

**Justly** ৳ যথাযথরূপে

**Claim** ৳ দাবি

**Demonstrate** ৳ প্রদর্শন করা

**Consistent** ৳ সংগতিপূর্ণ

**Abridgement** ৳ সীমাবদ্ধতা

**Extrajudicial** ৳ বিচারালয়ের অধিকারভুক্ত নয় এমন

**Fearlessly** ৳ নির্ভয়ে

**Culprit** ৳ অভিযুক্ত ব্যক্তি

**Groundwork** ৳ বনিয়াদ, ভিত্তি।

**Lay By** ৳ পৃথক্ করিয়া রাখা

**Distinguished** ৳ বিশিষ্ট, স্বতন্ত্র, খানদানি।

**Fame** ৳ খ্যাতি

**Favour** ৳ আনুকূল্য

**Fitting** ৳ মানানসই, যথাযথ, জুতসই

**Recall** ৳ পুনরায় ফিরে আনা, প্রত্যাহার

**Ventured** ৳ ঝুঁকি লওয়া, সাহস করা।

**Imbibe** ৳ হজম করা, মন দ্বারা গ্রহণ করা (*Apperceive*)

**Uphold** ৳ তুলে ধরা।

**Motto** ৳ নীতিবাক্য, (*Watchword, slogan*)

**Ably** ৳ দক্ষতার সহিত

**Nascent** ৳ জায়মান, বর্ধমান (*Rising, vegetative*)

**Departed** ৳ অন্তর্হিত, প্রয়াত

**Gratitude** ৳ কৃতজ্ঞতা

**Ambit** ৳ পরিধি, সীমা

**Patron** ৳ পৃষ্ঠপোষক, (*benefactor, well-doer*)

**Harsh** ৳ বাঁকা, কর্কশ

**Unstinted** ৳ অকৃপণ

**Feedback** ৳ প্রতিক্রিয়া

**Eternally** ৳ শাস্বতভাবে

**Vibrant** ৳ স্পন্দনশীল

**Assert** ৳ জাহির করা

**Integrity** ৳ সততা

**Compromise** ৳ আপস

**Inherent** ৳ সহজাত

**Hazard** ৳ বিপত্তি

**Seldom** ৳ কদাচিৎ

**Grace** ৳ অনুগ্রহ

**Sustained** ৳ টেকসই

**Shortcomings** ৳ ন্যূনতা, ত্রুটি, ভুল-ভ্রান্তি

**The Daily Star at 25**

*What seemed the other day has been 25 years! We have lived through very interesting times, and time flies when redolent with interesting events. And since then we have been witness to developments in the country in various fields. And we hope that we have been able to carry these*

*developments to the readers in their correct perspectives, both in essence and substance.*

*We take pride in the fact that our birth coincided with the restoration of democracy in the country. And it is democracy and its attendant ancillaries that have been the main focus of this newspaper. We have never relented in calling for an unadulterated participatory democracy whose central focus should be the people, and we can take singular pride in our role as an unyielding critic of violent politics and hartal and boycott of Parliament.*

*As we look back into the years that we have left behind, we draw satisfaction from the fact that our relentless support for freedom of press and freedom of speech has contributed, in whatever small measure, to the state of free media that we have today in Bangladesh. And we can justly claim that our role in the last 25 years demonstrates that a vibrant independent media is possible here.*

*We have been consistent critic of abridgement of the rule of law and human rights caused by extrajudicial actions of the state agencies, and have fearlessly called for the punishment of the culprits, whoever that might be.*

*And for all this the groundwork was laid by four very distinguished persons of the country who, in their own right, had achieved fame even before joining The Daily Star. As we complete a quarter of a century of "Journalism without Fear or Favour", it is only fitting that we recall the contributions of the four founding members of The Daily Star who ventured literally into the unknown with a group of young journalists with the single minded vision of giving journalism in Bangladesh a new face, imbibed with the idea of upholding the motto – YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW.*

*Mr. S M Ali, the founding Editor, gave us the intellectual leadership with the current editor by his side, while Mr. Azimur Rahman provided the overall guidance as the chairman; Mr. A S Mahmud gave the managerial guidance with Mr. Tawfiq Aziz Khan ably managing the daily affairs of the nascent newspaper. All of them are now departed, and to each and every one of them we owe a huge debt of gratitude.*

*Over the years, we have expanded the ambit of our responsibility to society through honouring various personalities and institutions who have contributed to the development of the country. We have also recognised the contribution of the youth to society by honouring young leaders and young achievers in schools and college certificate exams.*

*And if we have been able to achieve all that, it has been possible only because of the support and trust of our readers, patrons, and well-wishers. Without your feedback and criticism, sometimes very harsh, we would not have been able to live up to the high standards that we had set for ourselves. We have treaded a long distance and the journey has been pleasurable and rewarding, knowing that we had the unstinted support of our readers, and for that we are eternally grateful to all of you.*

*We will leave it to the readers to judge whether we have lived up to your expectations and whether we have acquitted ourselves well in fulfilling our responsibility to the people and the country. But we would like to assert that when it came to fairness, integrity, objectivity and honesty in treating and covering an event, we did not compromise on any. However,*

it has not been an easy ride for us. Journalism is not without its inherent hazards anywhere in the world since hard truths are seldom accepted with grace. But in spite of that we have not compromised on the issue of freedom of speech, on the issue of minority rights, and on the values that motivated and sustained the Liberation War which continue to guide us. As we look to the future, we look with great hope, that in our journey into the next decade and further, we will be able to remove our shortcomings, whatever they may be, and uphold the true spirit of journalism reflected in our motto in serving the people and the country.

## Alarming rise in child killings(06-02-16)

**Merely** কেবল, একমাত্র, কেবল।

**Abduct** কে অপহরণ করা

**Animosities** শত্রুতা, বিদ্বেষ।

**Dispute** বিতর্ক

**Steady** অবিচলিত, অটল।

**Degradation** অবনতি, ক্ষয়, পতন।

**Cold Blood** ঠাণ্ডা মাথায়

**Ransom** মুক্তিপণ

**Point Out** ইঙ্গিত করা

**Promulgate** প্রচার করা

**Ordinance** অধ্যাদেশ

**Emerge** উত্থান করা, স্পষ্ট হয়ে উঠা।

**Tackle** সমাধান করার চেষ্টা করা।

**Malady** রোগ, ব্যাধি।

**Disseminate** প্রচার করা

**Reprehensible** নিন্দনীয়

**Sermon** নৈতিক বক্তৃতা, ধর্মীয় উপদেশ, খোতবা

**Scourge** কোন কঠিন সমস্যার উৎস, মহামারী।

**Alarming rise in child killings**

**Not merely a law enforcement issue**

As per a news report in a leading Bangla daily, some 1,085 children have been murdered in the country over the last four years. Experts and social scientists agree that criminals are being employed to abduct and if necessary kill these children to settle personal animosities and disputes over property ownership, as children are the easiest targets. With the steady degradation of social and moral values, we find children falling victim to the most serious of crimes, i.e. murder. We witness with horror the murdering of children in cold blood even when these children are taken for ransom and the ransom is paid, as in the case of 11-year-old boy Abdullah found murdered in Keraniganj recently.

Legal experts point out that although 'Child Act 2013' was promulgated, neither have the ordinances been set nor is there any application of the law. The police merely react to situations as they emerge. This is not only a law enforcement issue; rather it requires a far more comprehensive approach that will bring together political parties, society at large and

*the police to tackle a malady that is both criminal and social in nature. The media need to be involved to disseminate information that it is morally reprehensible to target children; religious figures like the Imams should be giving sermons to the faithful on the issue and there is a role for civil society organisations to spread the message to both rural and urban audiences. Only together can we fight this scourge that is now threatening our children.*

## **Increasing violence by the police(07-02-16)**

**Violence** ৳ জুলুম, হিংস্রতা, (oppression, cruelty)

**Immediate** ৳ আশু, অবিলম্ব, শিগ্রই

**Intervention** ৳ মধ্যস্থতা

**Vendor** ৳ বিক্রেতা

**Murky** ৳ রহস্যময়, অস্পষ্ট

**Subsequently** ৳ পরবর্তীকালে

**Conscience** ৳ বিবেক

**Stove** ৳ চুলা

**Informant** ৳ সংবাদদাতা

**Accompanied** ৳ অনুযঙ্গী

**Reportedly** ৳ জনশ্রুতি অনুযায়ী

**Baton** ৳ রুল, পুলিশের লাঠি।

**Desperately** ৳ নিদারুণভাবে

**Audacity** ৳ স্পর্ধা, সাহস।

**Eroding** ৳ ক্ষয় করা

**Capricious** ৳ খামখেয়ালী

**Overdue** ৳ বিলম্বিত

**Brutality** ৳ বর্বরতা

**Susceptible** ৳ সমর্থ

**Reiterate** ৳ পুনরাবৃত্তি করা

**Trickle** ৳ চুয়ানো, ধীরে ধীরে নির্গমন।

**Increasing violence by the police**

**Immediate intervention necessary**

*The tragic death of Babul Matabbar, a tea vendor, who suffered severe burns in a murky incident involving the police and died subsequently, moves the conscience of the nation, but unsurprisingly, not the administration.*

*At around 9 ৳ 30 pm on Wednesday, the 45-year-old fell on a kerosene stove after being pushed allegedly by a police informant accompanied by some policemen who came to pick him up from his roadside stall in Mirpur. While his wife tried to save him, she was reportedly beaten with a baton. And when his son was desperately trying to get his father to a hospital, the posse of policemen simply left.*

*Such acts of mindless violence by the law enforcement agencies are becoming disturbingly common, hurting the country's moral standing in the world. The National Human Rights Commission chairman, after the*

incident, commented that the audacity of the police had crossed all limits.

Incidents like this may lead to citizens' distrust of the enforcers of the law, eroding a fundamental social contract. The government must realise how capricious and violent their law-enforcement system is becoming day by day. Changing it will be hard; but change is long overdue. Police brutality has complex origins, but quite a lot of them may be susceptible to structural reform, which we have reiterated time and again.

! "Suspending" officials and forming committees to "probe the matter" is hardly enough at this stage. Transparency and accountability trickle down from the top and that's where we look today for intervention.

## Did we hear you right Mr. IGP?(08-02-16)

**Misread** ৳ ভুল ব্যাখ্যা করা, ভুল পাঠ করা

**Cop** ৳ পুলিশ

**Errant** ৳ অমার্জিত, অসভ্য, নিষ্ঠুর।

**Albeit** ৳ যদ্যপি, যদিও

**Handful** ৳ অল্প সংখ্যা (Capful)থাবা

**Defile** ৳ নোংরা করা, অপবিত্র করা, গিরিসঙ্কট (Begrime, contaminate)

**Sap** ৳ প্রাণরস, শুষ্ক নেওয়া।

**Outfit** ৳ দল

**Culpable** ৳ নিন্দনীয় (Condemnable, reprehensible)

**Absolve** ৳ মুক্তিদান করা (Rescue from sin)

**Breach** ৳ লঙ্ঘন (Fasting, fracture, contravention)

**Norm** ৳ আদর্শ

**Cognizable** ৳ জ্ঞাতব্য, বোধগম্য।

**Malfunction** ৳ ঠিকঠাক

**Recruitment** ৳ সংগ্রহ

**Leash** ৳ শিকল, বাধা (Tether, chain)

**Bad apple** ৳ খারাপ বা মন্দ লোক।

**Indulge** ৳ চরিতার্থ করা, অনুগ্রহ করা (Deign, gratify)

**Urge** ৳ কামনা, তাড়ন, (A strong desire)

**Proactive** ৳ প্ররোচক

**Stance** ৳ ঢঙ, ভঙ্গি, অবস্থান, মতামত

Did we hear you right Mr. IGP?

We had hoped not

We thought we had misread the comments of the inspector general of police, but double-checking a remark of his carried in this newspaper yesterday, we don't think we did. The IGP's statement, reportedly at a seminar in Sylhet on Saturday, that if a cop commits a crime, it's his responsibility and that an individual's offence is not the responsibility of the police department, is quite shocking. Though he added that if departmental investigation proves the accused's guilt he will not

hesitate to dismiss the offender, his previous statement leaves us confused.

A policeman is part of a force and his job is to provide safety and security to the people. The statement in question will send the wrong signal to its members, in particular to those errant ones, albeit a handful only, whose activities have defiled the image of the police as a whole and caused public confidence in them to sap.

Ensuring discipline in an organisation is a function of command of the heads of every department of that outfit. And we accept that while the organisation may not be held collectively culpable for the action of any of its members, it certainly cannot absolve itself of the responsibility for each and every action of theirs. Breach in the norm of behaviour, or actions that amounts to a cognizable offense, by members of police is perhaps a malfunction of the system either in terms of training, motivation or recruitment. And if the organisation chooses to wash its hands off the matter it will do so at the risk of giving leash to the bad apples of the organisation to indulge in more such crimes we have witnessed in the recent past. We urge the IGP to take a more proactive stance on discipline of his force.

## Hunger despite food self-sufficiency(09-02-16)

**Hunger** ৳ ক্ষুধা, খাদ্য চাহিদা

**Sufficiency** ৳ পর্যাপ্ততা, সক্ষমতা(Competence, solvency)

**Address** ৳ চিহ্নিত করা।

**Gross** ৳ স্থূল, মোটা, সম্পূর্ণ।

**Contradiction** ৳ অসঙ্গতি

**Reveal** ৳ প্রকাশ করা

**Underweight** ৳ স্বাভাবিক ওজনের চেয়ে কম

**Shocking** ৳ নিতান্ত, বেদনাদায়ক

**Revelation** ৳ উদ্ঘাটন, প্রকাশ (disclosure)

**Anomaly** ৳ ব্যত্যয়, অসঙ্গতি, অস্বাভাবিক (Incongruity, inappropriateness)

**Glaring** ৳ জ্বলন্ত, জ্বলজ্বলে(Ardent, glowing)

**Malnutrition** ৳ অপুষ্টি

**Regardless** ৳ নির্বিশেষে, অগ্রাহ্য করে।

**Contamination** ৳ দূষণ

**Worth** ৳ মূল্য

**Reproductive** ৳ জন্মদায়ক

**Equipping** ৳ প্রস্তুত করা

**Concerted** ৳ সমন্বিত

**Intensive** ৳ তীব্র

**Endeavour** ৳ উপক্রম, প্রচেষ্টা, উদ্যম

**Undernourished** ৳ অপুষ্টি

**Vulnerable** ৳ অরক্ষিত, Insecure,

**Vendor** ৳ বিক্রেতা

**Diet** ৳ আহার, খাদ্য

**Hunger despite food self-sufficiency**

**Address the causes**

*It is a gross contradiction that although we have achieved self sufficiency in food, 60 million of our people do not get to eat enough to maintain a healthy life. This disturbing reality has been revealed by World Food Programme (WFP). That is not all. More than 50 percent of pre-school children and one third of females of reproductive age are underweight according to FAO and Unicef research.*

*Such shocking revelations indicate a huge gap between food supply and food distribution. While income inequality is a major reason for this anomaly the studies have found other reasons. Gender discrimination seems to be a glaring factor; the Unicef research has found that even among the most wealthy, girls of reproductive age are underweight, thus this group suffers malnutrition regardless of financial background. Lack of knowledge about nutrition and contamination of street food, also contribute to poor nutrition.*

*We thank the Embassy of the Netherlands for funding three projects worth 150 crore taka to address food insecurity and improve nutrition and health. Most importantly, it will also target women farmers, giving them access to quality seeds, other inputs, nutrition education, along with training on sexual and reproductive rights, leadership and business development. While we need all the help we can get in terms of improving our knowledge base on nutrition and equipping our farmers, especially women farmers (who contribute hugely to food production), with resources and training, there must be concerted efforts from the government, to address food insecurity. This may require intensive endeavours, with special emphasis on women and children who are the most undernourished, to make sure that food reaches vulnerable groups, that better hygiene standards are enforced on street food vendors and the public is educated about nutritious diets.*

## **Rein in on ad-hoc school fees(10-02-16)**

**Rein** ৳ নিয়ন্ত্রিত করা (Restrain)

**Ad-hoc** ৳ কোন বিশেষ উদ্দেশ্যে বা প্রয়োজনে গঠন

**Deserve** ৳ প্রাপ্য, যোগ্য (worth, fit)

**Stance** ৳ ঢঙ, ভঙ্গি, অবস্থান, মতামত

**Arbitrarily** ৳ ইচ্ছামত

**Deem** ৳ বিবেচনা করা (Take into consideration, look on)

**Reprehensible** ৳ নিন্দনীয় (Culpable condemnable)

**Brunt** ৳ ধকল, ধাক্কা

**Glimmer** ৳ আভাস

**Concerned** ৳ উদ্ভিগ্ন

**Deadline** ৳ নির্দিষ্ট সময়সীমা

**Outraged** ৳ অপমানিত, অত্যাচারিত

**Demand** ৳ চাহিদা

**Rationalisation** ৳ যুক্তিভিত্তিক প্রক্রিয়া

**Indignation** ৳ খিকার, ঘৃণামিশ্রিত ক্রোধ

**Understandable** ৳ বোধগম্য

**Investigation** ৳ তদন্ত

**Uniformity** ৳ অভিন্নতা, মিল, অসঙ্গতি

**Amicable** ৳ বন্ধুত্বপূর্ণ

**Necessitate** ৳ অবশ্যম্ভাবী করা, অপরিহার্য করা, বাধ্য করা

**Backtrack** ৳ প্রত্যাক্ষান করা, ছেড়ে দেওয়া

**Rein in on ad-hoc school fees**

**Education minister deserves praise**

*We would like to appreciate the stance taken by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid with regards to the freestyle manner in which some schools have collected additional tuition and registration fees from SSC examinees. That some private educational institutions feel it within their powers to arbitrarily charge whatever fees they deem fit from their students, whenever they feel like it, is totally reprehensible. Parents and guardians have had to face the brunt of this behaviour for years and finally we see a glimmer of hope that the concerned ministry and its minister have decided enough is enough. The deadline issued on February 3 by the ministry to return extra monies collected by schools runs out today.*

*Outraged parents have demanded a rationalisation of fees and their indignation is understandable. An investigation by the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education has found several schools which have raised tuition anywhere from 11 per cent to 100 per cent. The point here is that there is no uniformity and no authority governing the tuition fee structure in our private schools and colleges.*

*We agree with the ministry that there has to be conformity in the raise in tuition fees across the board for all schools, keeping in mind that there is now a new government pay scale in effect. It is in everyone's interests to find an amicable solution. A failure to reach one would necessitate legal action and we hope that the ministry will act and not backtrack from promises made for such steps against errant institutions.*

## **Online harassment of children(11-02-16)**

**Harassment** ৳ হয়রানি (Vexation, embarrassment)

**Parental** ৳ পিতামাতার

**Survey** ৳ জরিপ (metering audit)

**Access** ৳ প্রবেশ, সুবিধা

**Bullying** ৳ পীড়ন করা,

**Teenager** ৳ কিশোর

**Poetry** ৳ অঙ্কিত করা, ভাষায় বর্ণনা করা।

**Hip** ৳ প্রগতিবাদী, কেতাদুরস্ত

**Trendy** ৳ সমকালীন (Contemporary)

**Proper** ৳ সঠিক

**Gracious** ৳ কৃপাময়, করুণাময় **Pathetic, merciful)**

**Unwitting** ৳ অনিচ্ছাকৃত, অসতর্ক, অনভিপ্রেত (*incognizance, unaware*)

**Uninitiated** ৳ অদীক্ষিত, অনভিজ্ঞ

**Inevitably** ৳ অবধারিতরূপে, অপরিহার্যভাবে।

**Cope With** ৳ মেনে নেওয়া

**Prey** ৳ লুঠ, শিকার বলি

**Respondent** ৳ উত্তরদাতা, সাড়া দানকারী

**Deploy** ৳ স্থাপন করা, প্রসারিত করা।

**Array** ৳ শ্রেণীবিন্যাস, সুবিন্যস্ত করা

**Overlook** ৳ তত্ত্বাবধান করা

**Role** ৳ ভূমিকা

**At The end of the day** ৳ সর্বশেষে,

**Oversee** ৳ তত্ত্বাবধান করা

**Underage** ৳ কম বয়স

**Certain** ৳ নির্দিষ্ট

**Frank** ৳ অকপট, স্পষ্ট, খোলাখুলি (*Outspoken, straightforward*)

**Online harassment of children**

**Parental guidance a must**

*A global study on online behaviour by children aged between 12 - 18 has been made public by the global mobile phone company Telenor recently. The survey found that nearly half (49 per cent) of children having access to the internet in Bangladesh have faced bullying, during interaction online, particularly on social media. It is natural for teenagers to portray themselves as hip and trendy, but often this leads them to behave in a manner that is neither proper nor gracious.*

*An unwitting child, uninitiated in online safety will inevitably fall prey to such behaviour. Six out of 10 Bangladeshi respondents stated that they can handle themselves when faced with a negative situation, which still leaves 40 percent who do not know how to cope with such a situation. As a service provider, Telenor, like any other telecom company, has plans to deploy an array of tools to make online experience as safe as possible. But one simply cannot overlook the fact that parents and school authorities have a major role to play here.*

*At the end of the day, it is the responsibility of parents and teachers to oversee that those underage children do not have access to certain sites which are inappropriate for that age group. And it is not only about blocking access, it is about having frank discussions about why certain areas should be avoided. Children need to understand the difference between safe and unsafe and only when that message is properly explained will online safety be truly effective.*

## **A rickshaw-puller's plight 12-02-16**

**Plight** ৳ সঙ্কটাপন্ন দশা, অঙ্গীকার (*A dire situation*)

**Leash** ৳ শিকল, বন্ধন।

**Horrifying** ৳ আতঙ্কিত করা

**Cop** ৳ পুলিশ

**Extortion** ৳ জোর পূর্বক আদায়, অন্যায়ে দাবী

**Fore** ৳ সম্মুখ

**Unethical** ৳ অনৈতিক

**Slum** ৳ বস্তি

**Latter** ৳ পরবর্তী, আধুনিক

**Resist** ৳ প্রতিহত করা, বাধা দেয়া ( *Cumber* )

**Assault** ৳ হামলা (*attack, onfall*)

**Toe** ৳ পায়ের অঙ্গুলী

**Dweller** ৳ অধিবাসী

**Reprehensible** ৳ নিন্দনীয় (*Culpable condemnable*)

**Resort** ৳ অবলম্বন

**Cruelty** ৳ নির্ধূরতা

**Entrusted** ৳ ন্যস্ত, নিহিত

**Frustrate** ৳ হতাশ হওয়া (*Disappointed, melancholy*)

**Abatement** ৳ উপশম, হ্রাস (*Alleviation, Reducing*)

**Appeal** ৳ আবেদন

**Perpetrator** ৳ অপরাধী

**Undertake** ৳ দায়িত্বগ্রহণ করা

**Status quo** ৳ বর্তমান অবস্থা

**Meanwhile** ৳ এদিকে, ইতিমধ্যে, ইত্যবসরে

**Impoverished** ৳ নি ৳ স্ব, দরিদ্র (*Poor, Bankrupt*)

**Breadwinner** ৳ পরিবারের জীবিকার্জক

**Incapacitated** ৳ অক্ষম করা

**Brutality** ৳ বর্বরতা

**Compensation** ৳ ক্ষতিপূরণ (*Indemnification*)

**Livelihood** ৳ জীবিকা

**A rickshaw-puller's plight**

**Put a leash on police violence**

*The horrifying news of a rickshaw puller shot by cops during an alleged extortion drive has, once again, brought to the fore the unethical and illegal practices of our law enforcement agencies. On Sunday evening, Shomrat Shahjahan Shaju and three others from his slum were targeted by four policemen allegedly for extortion purposes. When they reached for Shaju's mobile phone and money, the latter resisted, resulting in him being verbally and physically assaulted, and finally shot at by the police, in a locked room, as reported by the media. Even though Shaju managed to free his left foot in time as one of the cops shot at him, he still suffered severe injuries, losing his big toe.*

*To begin with, that the police would go after rickshaw pullers and slum dwellers to extort their hard-earned money is reprehensible. But to resort to such extreme violence to get their hands on a poor man's mobile phone and Tk 100 demonstrates a level of cruelty that in no way can be acceptable in a force entrusted with the protection of the people.*

*We are frustrated to note that such acts against innocent citizens show no signs of abatement. Our repeated appeals to the administration to*

take stern action against the perpetrators and undertake long structural reforms of the whole institution seem to be falling on deaf ears, with no noticeable action by the institution to change the status quo.

Meanwhile, what is to happen to the impoverished family whose only breadwinner is now incapacitated? It is high time we institute an independent mechanism through which victims of police brutality can not only seek justice, but also compensation for the losses to their lives and livelihoods.

## Low quality fuel at high price!(13-02-16)

Fuel ৳ জ্বালানি

Sheer ৳ নিছক (Mere, undiluted)

Disregard ৳ উপেক্ষা, অবজ্ঞা (Neglect, Disdain)

Fallen ৳ পতিত

Sharply ৳ রুচুভাবে, প্রবলভাবে (Strongly)

Stubborn ৳ একগুঁয়ে, অদম্য (Headstrong, obtrusive)

Oddly ৳ অদ্ভুতভাবে

Molecule ৳ অণু

Usages ৳ রীতিনীতি

Efficiency ৳ কার্যকারিতা, দক্ষতা

Rampant ৳ প্রচণ্ড, অনিয়ন্ত্রিত

Adulteration ৳ ভেজাল

Impinge ৳ চড়াও হওয়া (Light into)

Unscrupulous ৳ বিবেকহীন, নির্লজ্জ (bare-faced, immodest)

Refineries ৳ শোধনাগার

Condensation ৳ ঘনীভূতকরণ, জমাট বাধা

Byproduct ৳ উপজাত

Obtained ৳ প্রাপ্ত

Extraction ৳ নিষ্কাশন

Corrupt ৳ দুর্নীতিগ্রস্ত

Exploit ৳ কাজে লাগান (take advantage of, utilize)

Reconsidering ৳ পুনর্বিচার করা

Malpractice ৳ কদাচার, অন্যায় আচরণ, অন্যায় পদ্ধতি (misconduct)

Expedite ৳ সুবিধায়ুক্ত করা, ত্বরান্বিত করা।

Low quality fuel at high price!

Sheer disregard for customers' interest

Though the global oil prices have fallen sharply over the past seven months, Bangladesh government continues to charge stubbornly high price for fuels. Most oddly, the quality of fuel is below the BSTI standards that results in further loss of production capacity and environmental pollution.

According to a report published in Prothom Alo, octane and petrol available in our local market contains lesser percentage of octane molecules than the BSTI standard. For example, there should be 95

percent octane molecules in octane but our local octane contains less than 90 percent. Usage of substandard fuel badly affects the overall production efficiency. According to Bus and Truck Owners Association, they cannot introduce high performance engines due to low quality diesel. Substandard fuel also creates high pollution. The diesel we use contains 20 times more sulfur, a major air pollutant, than the diesel used in India.

Rampant adulteration of the fuels occurs at various stages of the supply chain that impinges on the quality of fuel products. A section of unscrupulous refineries mix condensate, byproducts obtained in gas extraction process, with the fuel. In the local market 1 litre of condensate costs Tk 42 while 1 litre petrol costs Tk 96. According to experts, corrupt fuel suppliers exploit this price gap. They have suggested reconsidering the pricing system of fuels to stop this malpractice. The government should seriously consider this proposal. It should also expedite the plan to establish a direct pipeline connecting Chittagong and Dhaka to control corruption in fuel supply system.

## Major highways near completion(14-02-16)

**Completion** ৳ সম্পূর্ণতা, সমাপ্তি অবস্থা

**Overrun** ৳ বিস্তৃত হওয়া, পদদলিত করা (Expand, amplify)

**Carriageway** ৳ রাস্তার যে অংশ দিয়া যানবাহন চলাচল করে

**Whilst** ৳ যতক্ষণ না

**Plagued by** ৳ আক্রান্ত হওয়া

**Deadlines** ৳ সময়সীমা

**Escalation** ৳ ধাপে ধাপে বৃদ্ধি পাওয়া।

**Stupendous** ৳ বিস্ময়কর, বিপুল, বৃহদাকার ( Colossal, enormous)

**Estimate** ৳ হিসাব, গণনা।

**Disheartening** ৳ হৃদয়ভঙ্গ করা, মনোবল ভঙ্গ করা, নিরুৎসাহিত করা ( Depress, discourse)

**Infrastructure** ৳ অবকাঠামো

**Constant** ৳ ধ্রুব, নিত্য, নিয়মিত।

**Delay** ৳ বিলম্ব

**Implementation** ৳ রূপায়ণ, প্রয়োগ

**Earthwork** ৳ বাঁধ, মাটি দ্বারা তৈরী কাঠামো।

**Contractor** ৳ ঠিকাদার, ( leaseholder, undertaker)

**Coordination** ৳ সমন্বয়

**Facilitate** ৳ সহজতর করা

**Ultimately** ৳ পরিণামে

**Squander** ৳ উড়ানো, খরচ করা (Waste)

**Revise** ৳ সংশোধন করা, পুনরালোচন

**Upward** ৳ উর্ধ্বগামী, ক্রমোন্নত

**Major highways near completion**

*But why the time and cost overrun?*

*It is good to know that work on two major highways, i.e. Dhaka-Chittagong and Dhaka-Mymensingh, being converted to dual-carriageways is near completion. Whilst that is the good news, both projects have been plagued by repeated failure to meet deadlines for completion and the cost escalation has been stupendous. The highway connecting Dhaka to the port city of Chittagong is arriving three years late and project cost has risen nearly 2.5 times to Tk 3,800 crore. And the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway has taken two years more and final project cost is double the original estimate of Tk 904 crore.*

*We find it disheartening to see that this has become very much the norm in practically all major infrastructure projects in the country. There has been constant delay in implementation due to lack of proper planning. Why couldn't sourcing of various construction materials be done with proper contracts management prior to the start of such major projects? Running out of soil for earthwork, crisis in procuring stones for roadwork and so on, point to a contractor which is either not up to the task of managing such projects or there is a lack of coordination between the contractor and the department looking after highways.*

*The benefits of these two expanded highways are obvious. It will allow for faster movement of goods and people and facilitate trade and tourism. Yet, at the end of the day, it is ultimately the tax payers' money that is squandered when such essential infrastructure projects continually miss deadlines and project costs are revised upward.*

## Power plants near Sundarbans(15-02-16)

**Independent** ৳ স্বাধীন, স্বতন্ত্র

**Impact** ৳ প্রভাব (Influence, collide)

**Adding** ৳ যোগ

**Adversely** ৳ বিরূপভাবে, প্রতিকূল (Hostile, unfavorable)

**Ecology** ৳ বাস্তুবিদ্যা, বাস্তুসংস্থান(The branch of biology dealing with the relationships of organisms with their environment and with each other)

**Concur** ৳ একমত হওয়া (Agree, Go with)

**Eminent** ৳ বিশিষ্ট (Prominent, famous)

**Adjacent** ৳ সন্নিহিত, সংযুক্ত (Adjoining, abutting)

**Abeyance** ৳ স্থগিতাবস্থা, অপ্রয়োগ

**Assessment** ৳ মূল্যায়ন

**Consistently** ৳ ধারাবাহিকভাবে

**Urge** ৳ কামনা, আকাঙ্ক্ষা (A strong desire)

**Heritage** ৳ ঐতিহ্য

**Abroad** ৳ বিদেশে

**Concern** ৳ উদ্বেগ

**Arguing** ৳ তর্ক করা

**Flawed** ৳ ভ্রান্ত

**Downplay** ৳ গুরুত্ব না দেয়া

**Severity** ৳ নির্দয়তা, কঠিনতা (Seriousness)

**Notably** ৳ লক্ষণীয়ভাবে

**Carry Out** ৳ সম্পন্ন করা

**Reject** ৳ প্রত্যাখ্যান করা (Refuse, Abdicate)

**Relevant** ৳ প্রাসঙ্গিক

**Conservation** ৳ সংরক্ষণ

**Invest** ৳ ঢালা, বিনিয়োগ করা

**Posed** ৳ জাহির করা, প্রশ্ন তোলা

**Limitation** ৳ সীমাবদ্ধতা

**determine** ৳ নির্ধারণ করা।

**Region** ৳ অঞ্চল

**Power plants near Sundarbans**

**Independent impact study is in order**

**We are all for adding to the current level of power generation, but without adversely affecting the ecology. We, therefore, concur with the recommendation of the National Committee to Protect Sundarbans, a citizen platform of 101 eminent activists and scholars, that the development activities of Rampal power plant and the adjacent private Orion power plant should be held in abeyance until a new environment impact assessment (EIA) is conducted by a UN-led independent team. The committee, which has consistently highlighted the dangers of constructing a coal power plant only 14 km away from the largest**

mangrove forest in the world, has also urged Unesco to recognise the Sundarbans on the list of its World Heritage in Danger.

Environmental experts, both in the country and abroad, have raised serious concerns about the EIA approved by the Department of Environment on August 5 2013, arguing that the assessment was flawed, unscientific, and downplayed the severity of the environmental cost of the project. Notably, the EIA was carried out by a government-owned institution rather than a non-partisan body, which may well give rise to questions. It is telling that the EIA was also rejected by various relevant national and international bodies; The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Bangladesh has also called for an independent scientific EIA. Last year, three French banks and two Norwegian refused to invest in the Rampal power plant for the risks it posed to the critical ecological area and highlighted the limitations with the current EIA.

Environmentalists' demands that the coal power plant be relocated to a different, less environmentally sensitive location have, thus far, fallen on deaf ears. The least the government can do is facilitate an independent EIA to objectively determine whether it's safe to carry on development activities in this region.

## Barbarism against children continues(16-02-16)

**Barbarism** ৳ বর্বরতা (Beastliness)

**Now** ৳ এখন, অবস্থা

**Vulnerable** ৳ অরক্ষিত (Defenceless)

**Trend** ৳ প্রবণতা

**Horrific** ৳ ভয়ঙ্কর

**Attest** ৳ প্রত্যয়ন করা, সাক্ষ্য দেয়া

**Terrifying** ৳ আতঙ্কজনক

**Mercilessly** ৳ নির্দয়ভাবে

**Grownup** ৳ সাবালক, বয়স্ক।

**Haunt** ৳ হানা দেয়, আধার

**Assaulter** ৳ হামলাকারী

**Reprehensible** ৳ নিন্দনীয়

**Ruthless** ৳ নির্মম

**Malaise** ৳ অস্বাচ্ছন্দ্য বোধ

**Eliminate** ৳ বাদ দেয়া, পরিত্যাগ করা

**Inhumanly** ৳ অমানবিকভাবে

**Extract** ৳ নির্যাস, জোরপূর্বক আদায় করা।

**Confession** ৳ স্বীকারোক্তি

**Theft** ৳ চুরি

**Despicable** ৳ ঘৃণ্য

**Degeneration** ৳ পতন

**Extremely** ৳ অভ্যন্ত

**Toxic** ৳ বিষাক্ত

**Fabric** ৳ গঠন

**Circumvent** ৳ পরিবেষ্টন করা, ফাঁদে ফেলা

**Shaming** ৳ লজ্জিত করান

**Barbarism against children continues**

**Society must rise against this now**

**Barbaric treatment of children, the most vulnerable group in society, has become a dangerous trend these days; the horrific beating of two young boys for being suspected of stealing a mobile, attests to this. The terrifying murders of Rajon and Rakib, both children mercilessly tortured to death by grownups, continue to haunt us. The fact that two of the assaulters of this case, were members of security and law enforcement agencies, makes this all the more reprehensible for if the protectors of law become ruthless torturers of children, what hope have we that this malaise will be eliminated?**

**The two children were picked up and inhumanly beaten in order to extract a confession to the theft. A video footage, uploaded in social media, that shows the two members of security forces taking part in the beating, helped to make the incident public. We can only wonder how many other children are victims of such violence everyday and have to suffer in silence.**

**This despicable trend displays degeneration in moral values and a rise in brutalisation that is extremely toxic to the very fabric of society. It is therefore crucial that the legal system must circumvent all elements that may put such cases in the backburner. The society moreover, must rise against this evil that threatens the lives of our children. Mass awareness regarding child rights and public shaming of these acts of brutality, have to be initiated and carried out all over the country.**

## **ATM fraud alarming( 17-02-16)**

**ATM** ৳ Automated Teller Machine

**Fraud** ৳ জালিয়াতি (deceit, trickery, hoky-poky, imposture)

**Probe** ৳ অনুসন্ধান ও পরিষ্কা করা

**Ring** ৳ বাজান, চক্র, বৃত্ত (Group, cycle)

**Skim off** ৳ আলাদা করা (to separate (the best part of something from the regular part)

**Track Down** ৳ খুঁজে বের করা

**Foreigner** ৳ বিদেশি (Alien, Stranger)

**Client** ৳ মক্কেল, ক্রেতা (buyer, customer)

**Fraudulent** ৳ প্রতারণাপূর্ণ

**Withdrawal** ৳ প্রত্যাহার (Revocation, Removal)

**Transaction** ৳ লেনদেন

**Debit** ৳ Debit cards draw money directly from your checking account when you make the purchase.

**Credit** ৳ A credit card is a payment card issued to users (cardholders) as a method of payment. It allows the cardholder to pay for goods and services based on the holder's promise to pay for them.

**Install** ৳ স্থাপন করা, বসানো

**Countermeasure** ৳ প্রতিব্যবস্থা

**Subject to** ৳ অবস্থার শিকার

**Convenience** ৳ সুবিধা

**Afford** ৳ সামর্থ্য

**Lapses** ৳ ভ্রষ্টতা, ত্রুটি বিচ্যুতি, অক্ষমতা ( Defects, Disability)

**Circulation** ৳ প্রচলন

**Precisely** ৳ অবিকল, সঠিকভাবে

**Respond** ৳ সাড়া দেওয়া

**Swiftly** ৳ দ্রুতগতিতে

**Scam** ৳ কেলেকারীতে

**Stipulate** ৳ চুক্তির শর্ত করা

**Timeframe** ৳ সময়সীমার

**ATM fraud alarming**

**Install safety measures**

According to information released by affected banks and the probe committee of the central bank, a cyber crime ring has successfully collected information of 200 card holders and skimmed off Tk 2.5 million from four booths over the last one week. Tracking down the criminals, which include foreigners, is the job of law enforcers, but we are more concerned with why banks have not taken measures to protect their clients from such fraudulent practices. This is more so since most account holders in the urban centres now use ATM facilities to make withdrawals and with about 15 to 20 crore transactions per day using debit and credit cards, it is high time banks install countermeasures to protect against such financial crimes. As per a directive of the Bangladesh Bank (BB), all banks are subject to installing anti-skimming devices in their ATM booths over the next one month.

The use of smart cards (debit & credit) is now a way of life for urban citizens. Given the ease of use and convenience, we simply cannot afford to have any lapses in security. There are some 8.5 million such cards in circulation and some banks have already introduced microchip based cards which acts to protect card holders from precisely this sort of cyber crime. As the technology is there to protect against skimming, there is no excuse not to use it. Now that a circular has been issued by the BB, it is up to the banking sector to respond swiftly to protect their clients from financial scams within the stipulated timeframe.

## **New counter terror unit(18-02-16)**

**Counter** ৳ পাল্টা, বিরুদ্ধে (At variance)

**Terror** ৳ সন্ত্রাস ( Intense dread, fright, fear)

**Force** ৳ বল, শক্তি (Strength, Cohort, Battalion, Band)

**Multiplier** ৳ বহুগুণক

**Dedicate** 𑍇 সমর্পণ করা, উৎসর্গ করা ( *Devote* )

**Combat** 𑍇 বিরোধিতা করা, সংগ্রাম করা ( *Fight, Resist* )

**Terrorism** 𑍇 সন্ত্রাসবাদ

**Extremism** 𑍇 চরমপন্থা

**Phenomena** 𑍇 ঘটনা, ব্যাপার, বিষয়

**Competence** 𑍇 কর্মদক্ষতা

**Diluted** 𑍇 মিশ্রিত হওয়া,

**Allot** 𑍇 বাঁটা, নির্দিষ্ট করা, বণ্টন করা।

**Emphasis** 𑍇 জোর দেওয়া,

**Manpower** 𑍇 কাজ করার শক্তি, মনুষ্য শক্তি

**Grapple** 𑍇 কুস্তি করা, সংগ্রাম করা।

**Strategy** 𑍇 কৌশল

**Hamstring** 𑍇 কোন কিছু করার সামর্থ্য

**Direction** 𑍇 অভিমুখ, দিক, নির্দেশনা

**Pool** 𑍇 পুকুর, একত্রিকরণ, মিলন

**Dissipate** 𑍇 ছড়িয়ে দেয়া, ক্ষয় করা

**Fritter Away** 𑍇 নষ্ট করা

**Duplicate** 𑍇 প্রতিলিপি, নকল

**Nodal** 𑍇 সংযোগস্থল, জোট

**Coordinate** 𑍇 তুল্য, মিলিত করা, সমশ্রেণীভুক্ত করা

**Harmonise** 𑍇 মিল করা, একতান করা

**Asset** 𑍇 সম্পদ

**Transnational** 𑍇 বহুজাতিক

**Deal with** 𑍇 *To take action with respect*

**Overdue** 𑍇 বিলম্বিত

**New counter terror unit**

**A force multiplier**

*The need for a specialised unit dedicated entirely to combating terrorism and extremism had been long felt and has been long overdue. We are sure, given the special focus of the newly raised unit, it would be able to address the two phenomena with more effectiveness and competence, now that its attention and resources will not be diluted by allotting resources to combating other crimes and law an order issues. And keeping with similar forces in other countries, the emphasis will be on technology rather than only manpower.*

*The unit has been raised at a time when the planners are still grappling with formulating an effective counter extremism strategy; thus it should be kept in mind that the new unit should not be hamstrung by lack of appropriate terms of reference and proper direction, tasking and employment.*

*We feel that there is also need for the security planners to consider pooling all counter and anti extremism terrorism resources, which the various security agencies in the country have on their establishment, to*

make the best use of trained and specialized technical manpower so that resources are not dissipated or frittered away on duplicate tasks.

There is need also to for a nodal agency responsible for combating extremism and terrorism. This is essential to coordinate both intelligence and anti-terror efforts. And a good intelligence activity must start with good tasking by a nodal agency to harmonise the intelligence asset in the country. We would hope that the newly established counter terror and transnational crime unit will add greatly to the state's capacity to deal with extremism and terrorism.

## The slaughter of children(19-02-16)

**Slaughter** ৳ বধ, হত্যা

**Harshest** ৳ কঠোর (Severe, Crucial, Stern)

**Covere** ৳ আচ্ছাদন করা, ঢাকা দেওয়া (Shield, Abet)

**Steady** ৳ অবিচলিত, দৃঢ়, অটল (Persistent, unmoved)

**Speechless** ৳ নির্বাক, বাকশক্তিহীন (Voiceless, Tacit)

**Buried** ৳ কবর দেয়া

**Investigating** ৳ অনুসন্ধানী, তদন্তকারী

**Suspicion** ৳ সন্দেহ (Doubt, impeachment)

**Rival** ৳ প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বী (Opponent, Adversary)

**Beyond** ৳ ছাড়াইয়া, বাহিরে

**Comprehension** ৳ ধী, বোধশক্তি (Intellectuality, Perceptibility)

**Sunk** ৳ নিমগ্ন (Absorbed, Drowned)

**Horrendous** ৳ ভয়ঙ্কর (Gruesome, Horrific)

**Mere** ৳ নিছক

**Kidnaping** ৳ তুলে নিয়ে যাওয়া

**Ransom** ৳ মুক্তিপণ

**Degeneration** ৳ পতন, ক্ষয়

**Criminally** ৳ ফৌজদারি বিধি অনুযায়ী

**Incline** ৳ প্রবর্তিত করা, নিয়ে আসা

**Carry Out** ৳ সম্পন্ন করা

**Heinous** ৳ জঘন্য

**Impunity** ৳ অব্যাহতি

**Shatter** ৳ ধ্বংস করা, চূর্ণ বিচূর্ণ করা, (Smash, Crumble up)

**Condolence** ৳ দুঃ ৳ খপ্রকাশ

**Bereaved** ৳ প্রিয়জন হারানোর বেদনা (Bereft)

**Amplify** ৳ পর্যাণ্ডভাবে

**Hand down** ৳ দেয়া

**Perpetrator** ৳ অপরাধী

**Diabolic** ৳ নারকীয়

**Brutality** ৳ বর্বরতা

**Put An End** ৳ বন্ধ করা

**The slaughter of children**

## **Killers must receive the harshest punishment**

*We have been covering the steady rise of murder of children nationwide over these past few weeks, but what has happened in Habiganj leaves us speechless. Four children aged 7 to 10 were murdered and buried in a field. The bodies were discovered by chance by a labourer. Although the police are investigating the matter and suspicion lies with two rival groups over the control of the area, it is beyond comprehension how low we have sunk as a people that we commit the most horrendous acts on helpless children.*

*The killing of children has become something of a trend and this latest incident was not about mere kidnapping for ransom which points to a severe moral degeneration in society. There is also a general idea that in many cases such crimes go unpunished which has encouraged the criminally inclined to carry out their heinous acts with impunity. The lives of the families have been shattered and we really have no words of condolences for the bereaved ones left behind.*

*What is amply clear is that the strongest of punishments must be handed down to those responsible for planning and carrying out these murders. It takes people with no soul to spill the blood of innocents. We must send a clear message to such perpetrators that such diabolic acts will result in the most severe of punishments. We must also examine the factors behind this rise in brutality against children and find all possible solutions to put an end to it.*

## **Maddening noise pollution (20-02-16)**

**Maddening** ৳ উন্মাদ করা, (Exciting, provoking)

**Induced** ৳ প্রবৃত্ত

**Induced** ৳ প্ররোচক

**Pervasive** ৳ পরিব্যাপক, ব্যাপ্তি (Extending, Range)

**Occupational** ৳ পেশাগত, ব্যক্তিগত (Vocational)

**Unnoticed** ৳ অলক্ষিত, না দেখা (Unsighted, Unseen)

**Gradual** ৳ ধীরে ধীরে, ক্রমাগত

**Enhance** ৳ উন্নত করা, বৃদ্ধি করা (Amplify, promote)

**Autism** ৳ বহির্বিমুখিতা, আত্মমগ্নতা রোগ (medical ৳ a condition or disorder that begins in childhood and that causes problems in forming relationships and in communicating with other people)

**Blowing** ৳ প্রবাহ

**Pique** ৳ বিরূপতা, মান

**Norm** ৳ আদর্শ

**Permissible** ৳ অনুমোদনযোগ্য

**Intensity** ৳ প্রখরতা

**Bevies** ৳ পক্ষীর ঝাঁক, দল, মহিলাদের দল

**Behavioural** ৳ আচরণগত

**Exposure** ৳ প্রকাশ

**Complex** ৳ জটিল

**Subtle** ৳ সূক্ষ্ম

**Aggressiveness** ৳ আক্রমণাত্মক

**Unfriendliness** ৳ অশ্লেহ, প্রতিকূলতা

**Disengage** ৳ সরে আসা, আলাদা করা

**Attribute** ৳ গুণ, চিহ্ন, লক্ষণ

**Overcrowded** ৳ জনাকীর্ণ

**Impair** ৳ দুর্বল করা, ক্ষতিসাধন করা।

**Motivation** ৳ প্রেরণা

**Honk** ৳ ভেঁপু

**Penalised** ৳ দণ্ডিত

**Combat** ৳ বিরোধিতা করা, সংগ্রাম করা ( *Fight, Resist* )

**Plague** ৳ মহামারি

**Adverse** ৳ প্রতিকূল

**Excessive** ৳ অত্যধিক

**Instinctive** ৳ স্বভাবজাত, সহজাত

**Quiet** ৳ শান্ত

**Maddening noise pollution**

**Laws alone not enough**

*Noise-induced hearing loss is one of the most pervasive occupational health problems in the city but usually goes unnoticed because it is gradual, according to an expert. Sound pollution increases blood pressure and enhances the rate of autism among children, affecting their normal development, he said at a recently held seminar.*

*It is alarming but should not come as a surprise in a city where practices like blowing the horn out of pique rather than warning someone of danger has become the norm, adding to the higher-than-permissible intensity of sound.*

*Bevies of research show that social and behavioural effects of noise exposure are complex, subtle, and indirect, giving rise to aggressiveness, unfriendliness and disengagement—attributes beginning to define the residents of this overcrowded and unplanned city. Noise pollution also impairs performance at school and at work, decreasing motivation and increasing errors.*

*Considering the impacts on public health, the Noise Pollution Control Guideline 2006 must be strictly followed and unnecessary honking banned and heavily penalised. But laws alone are not enough to combat this new plague, educating people on the adverse effects of sound pollution, for instance, excessive use of mobile phones, is equally important to meet our instinctive need for quiet and peace.*

## **Remembering Ekushey's true spirit(21-02-16)**

**Remembering** ৳ মনে করা, স্মরণ (*Bearing in mind*)

**Spirit** ৳ চেতনা, উদ্দীপনা (*Cognition, Enthusiasm*)

**Preserve** ৳ বাঁচাইয়া রাখা, সংরক্ষিত করা (*Protect, Maintain*)

**Pride** ৳ গর্ব, অহংকার, দম্ভ (*Arrogance, Boast, Bounce*)

**Passion** ৳ প্রচণ্ড আবেগ (*Strong emotion*)

**Unique** ৳ অনন্য, অদ্বিতীয়, তুলনাহীন (*Beyond Compare*)

**Precious** ৳ বহুমূল্য (*Valuable*)

**Pioneering** ৳ অগ্রগামী, অগ্রণী (*Precursorive, preceding*)

**Invoke** ৳ ডাকা, আহ্বান করা (*Call, summon, Bid*)

**Inexplicable** ৳ ব্যাখ্যাশীল, অবজ্ঞব্য (*Indescribable*)

**Bond** ৳ বন্ধন, সম্পর্ক, ঋণপত্র

**Ritualist** ৳ আচারানুষ্ঠানিক

**Observance** ৳ রীতি, ক্রিয়া (*Practice, Custom*)

**Commemoration** ৳ স্মৃতিরক্ষা, উদযাপন

**Assertion** ৳ কথন, দাবি, বিবৃতি (*Statement, Claim, Demand*)

**Oppression** ৳ নিপীড়ন, অত্যাচার (*Torture, Repression*)

**Discrimination** ৳ বৈষম্য

**Appeal** ৳ আবেদন, আকর্ষণ

**Resonate** ৳ প্রতিধ্বনি সৃষ্টি করা

**Ethnicities** ৳ জাতি

**Uphold** ৳ তুলে ধরা

**Dignity** ৳ মর্যাদা (*Honor, Prestige*)

**Verge** ৳ কিনারা, প্রান্তে

**Extinction** ৳ বিলুপ্তি, (*Destruction, Finishing*)

**Indigenous** ৳ দেশজ, দেশীয়

**Pledge** ৳ অঙ্গীকার

**Accord** ৳ মিল, সঙ্গতি, ঐকতান (*Harmony, Compatibility*)

**Ethnic** ৳ জাতিগত

**Essence** ৳ সারমর্ম (*Extract, Gist*)

**Acknowledge** ৳ স্বীকার করা

**Symbolises** ৳ প্রতীক

**Secular** ৳ ধর্মনিরপেক্ষ

**Pluralist** ৳ নানাত্ববাদী, বহুত্ববাদী

**Obligation** ৳ দায়, দায়িত্ব (*Duty, Responsibility, Liability*)

**Embodies** ৳ যুক্ত করা, বাস্ত্বরূপ দান করা

**Remembering Ekushey's true spirit**

**All mother tongues must be preserved**

**TODAY is a day filled with pride and passion, for Bangalis in particular, being the flag bearers of a unique movement in which precious lives were sacrificed to uphold the honour of a mother tongue. The uniqueness of the Language Movement has been recognised by the world over, with February 21 being declared as the International Mother Language Day. As the pioneering movement that led to our ultimate independence, Ekushey invokes the emotional attachment we have for our mother tongue, which provides us with our most basic identity and creates that inexplicable bond with our motherland. The observance of Ekushey is**

therefore not just a ritualistic commemoration but an assertion of our right to speak our language and our right to be free from oppression and discrimination. This is why Ekushey has such universal appeal and will resonate with people of all ethnicities.

And this is why as a nation, the foundation of which was created by our Language Martyrs and Heroes, we must uphold the spirit of their sacrifice and struggle by not only preserving the dignity of Bangla, the language of the majority, but all other languages of this land, some of which are on the verge of extinction.

It is unfortunate that we have not been able to ensure that children from indigenous communities receive primary education in their mother tongue, even though we pledged to do so 19 years ago through the signing of the CHT Peace Accord.

When we recognise the importance of mother tongues of all ethnic groups in our country, we are in essence, acknowledging their rights as equal citizens. As Ekushey symbolises our secular, pluralistic values as a nation, such acknowledgement is a moral obligation and embodies the true spirit that defines this day.

## Child domestic worker set on fire(22-02-16)

**Domestic** ৳ গার্হস্থ্য, পারিবারিক

**Set On fire** ৳ জ্বলে উঠার কারণ।

**Protection** ৳ রক্ষা (Save, Defence)

**Set Alight** ৳ প্রজ্বলিত করা

**Warehouse** ৳ গুদাম

**Horror** ৳ ভয়

**Disgust** ৳ বিতৃষ্ণা, ঘৃণা (Phobia, Hate)

**Couple** ৳ দম্পতি

**Collusion** ৳ নির্লজ্জতা, ধুষ্টতা

**Mistress** ৳ গৃহিণী, স্ত্রী

**Abetted** ৳ সাহায্য করা

**Deprave** ৳ দূষিত করা (Deflower, Desecrate)

**Mindset** ৳ মনোভাব

**Manifest** ৳ উদ্ভাসিত করা, স্পষ্ট করা

**Sadistic** ৳ অন্যকে নির্যাতন করে আনন্দ অনুভব করা

**Vulnerable** ৳ অরক্ষিত

**Violence** ৳ হিংস্রতা, নির্যাতন, জুলুম (Ferocity, Cruelty, Oppression)

**Inflict** ৳ মারা, শাস্তি প্রদান করা

**Draft** ৳ খসড়া

**Guaranteed** ৳ নিশ্চিত

**Implement** ৳ বাস্তবায়ন

**Hazardous** ৳ বিপজ্জনক

**Sheer** ৳ নিছক, কেবল (Mere)

**Fed** ৳ প্রতিপালিত করা, খাওয়ানো

**Provision** ৳ বিধান, নিয়ম, ব্যবস্থা (Rule, Regulation, Law)

**Whereby** ৳ যদ্বারা

**Absence** ৳ অনুপস্থিতি

**Abuse** ৳ অপব্যবহার

**Rescue** ৳ উদ্ধার, মুক্তি (Release, Recovery)

**Horrific** ৳ ভয়ঙ্কর

**Severe** ৳ তীব্র

**Publicly** ৳ প্রকাশ্যে

**Shamed** ৳ লজ্জিত করান

**Stringent** ৳ কঠোর

**Child domestic worker set on fire**

**Law and society must provide protection**

*The news of 12-year-old Purnima, being set alight by her employer and then left in a warehouse without any medical treatment, fills us with horror and disgust. That the couple who did this to her worked in collusion to carry on such torture on a child is all the more shocking. The mistress of the house regularly beat her and her husband did nothing to stop her. Rather, he abetted in the torture.*

*Such a depraved mindset has been manifested in many other cases that have been reported where the husband, wife and even children have participated in sadistic acts against domestic workers. The younger they are, the more vulnerable they become to the violence inflicted by their employers. Despite a draft policy being approved by the government that includes giving basic rights to domestic workers as guaranteed under the labour law, we are yet to see it being implemented. In the case of child domestic workers, their work often falls in the 'hazardous jobs' category and therefore should not be allowed in the first place. Unfortunately sheer poverty and the idea that their child will at least be fed three square meals force parents to send him/her to work in households.*

*We must therefore have clear legal provisions whereby a child worker can report abuse and be rescued before it is too late. While horrific cases like that of Purnima, who has severe burns all over her body, make the news, there are thousands of other children working in households who are regularly being tortured by their employers. Such behaviour must be publicly shamed and punished through a stringent legal process.*

## **Overloaded vehicles on bridges(23-02-16)**

**Overloaded** ৳ অত্যধিক বোঝাই করা

**Disaster** ৳ দুর্যোগ (Inversion, Turnover)

**Collapse** ৳ পতন, ভেঙে পড়া (Fall, Downfall, Droop)

**Sorry state** ৳ শোচনীয় অবস্থা (Dire State)

**Temporary** ৳ অস্থায়ী (Transient)

**Lately** ৳ ইদানীং

**Plethora** ৳ আধিক্য (Abundance, Excess)

**Sloppy** ৳ যত্নহীন, উদাসীন, পঙ্কিল

**Maintenance** ৳ রক্ষণ, পালন (Protection, Custody)

**Deviation** ৳ ভ্রুটি বিচ্যুতি, পথভ্রষ্টতা

**Exceptional** ৳ ব্যতিক্রমী

**Stress** ৳ চাপ দেয়া, জোর করা, পীড়ন (Insist, force)

**Complicated** ৳ জটিল

**Take Into Consideration** ৳ বিবেচনা করা

**Geology** ৳ ভূতত্ত্ব

**Miscalculated** ৳ ভুল হিসাব করা

**Tragic** ৳ দুঃখজনক

**Massive** ৳ গুরুভার

**Expensive** ৳ দামী

**Arresting** ৳ আশ্চর্যজনক, বিস্ময়কর, অদ্ভূত

**Premature** ৳ অকাল (Unseasonable, Ill-timed)

**Destruction** ৳ ধ্বংস, ক্ষয়

**Conducted** ৳ পরিচালিত

**Provision** ৳ বিধান, নিয়ম, ব্যবস্থা (Rule, Regulation, Law)

**Repair** ৳ মেরামত (Refit, Mending)

**Monitoring** ৳ পর্যবেক্ষণ

**First And Foremost** ৳ সবচেয়ে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ

**Relevant** ৳ প্রাসঙ্গিক

**Overloaded vehicles on bridges**

**Disasters waiting to happen**

*The collapse of the Bailey bridge, under the weight of an overloaded truck, over the Kansama Canal in Bandarban speaks volumes about the sorry state of the bridge management system of the country. What can we expect a temporary bridge with a load capacity of only five tonnes to do except collapse when vehicles with heavier loads drive on it?*

*Lately, we have seen a plethora of reports of small bridges failing due to various reasons indifferent parts of the country. In this particular case, however, the primary cause seems not to be sloppy maintenance or deviation from design standards but exceptional stress or overload, something that can be avoided with enforcement of laws.*

*Each bridge presents complicated factors that must be taken into consideration, such as the geology of the surrounding area, the amount of traffic, weather and construction materials. When any of these factors are miscalculated, the result can be tragic, as in the case in Bandarban. Building bridges are among the most massive and expensive engineering projects and not arresting conditions that lead to their premature destruction is an unacceptable waste of taxpayers' money. A survey of all the bridges of the country should be conducted and provisions made for their repair and maintenance. Monitoring devices should be installed to record stresses on bridges.*

*But first and foremost, signs clearly stating the maximum weight a vehicle can carry should be posted near every bridge and owners and drivers of vehicles violating the instructions must face the full force of relevant laws.*

## Another avoidable death24-02-16

**Avoidable** ৳ পরিহার্য, এড়ানো সম্ভব এমন।

**Saddened** ৳ মন ৳ ক্ষুণ্ণ, দুঃখিত (*Grieved, Disappointed*)

**Untimely** ৳ অসময়ে (*Prematurely, Early*)

**Police-Requisitioned** ৳ পুলিশ সংবলিত

**U-Turn** ৳ পিছনে মোড় নেয়া

**Apparently** ৳ আপাতদৃষ্টিতে

**Occupant** ৳ দখলকারী

**Literally** ৳ আক্ষরিক, সরাসরি

**Run Over** ৳ চাপা দেওয়া

**Pathetic** ৳ মর্মস্পর্শী, (*Impressive, Apealing*)

**Errant** ৳ অসভ্য, বর্বর

**Upholders** ৳ পৃষ্ঠপোষক

**Incessant** ৳ নিরবচ্ছিন্ন, বিরামহীন, অবিরত

**Escort** ৳ সহচর

**Gridlock** ৳ জট

**Destination** ৳ গন্তব্য

**Bring To Book** ৳ শাস্তি দেওয়া

**Wilful** ৳ ইচ্ছাকৃত

**Flouting** ৳ বিদ্রোপ, অবজ্ঞা

**Follow** ৳ অনুসরণ করা

**Violate** ৳ লঙ্ঘন করা

**Another avoidable death**

**Stop using the wrong side of the road**

*We are saddened by the untimely death of a young man riding a motorcycle which was hit by a police-requisitioned vehicle in the Kakoli area of the capital on February 23. The police vehicle, driving on the wrong side of the road, was making a u-turn and apparently hit the motorcycle to avoid a speeding covered van, which happened to be travelling on the right side of the road. It is not enough that the minibus hit the motorcycle and knocked over the occupants, it literally ran over the victim in a bid to get away. And yes, the incident at Kakoli is not the first of its kind.*

*Our heart goes out to the young man of 25 who has had to pay with his life in an accident that could have been avoided. It is even more pathetic to see that the errant vehicle belonged to the police who are supposed to be upholders of the law. Driving on the wrong side of the road has become routine on the streets of Dhaka, with official vehicles, escorted or otherwise, using the wrong side to beat the incessant traffic gridlock to get to their destinations.*

*We want that the vehicle driver be brought to book for the accident and wilful flouting of rules. The police must stop errant drivers from operating their vehicles in an illegal manner. But the police can hardly expect people to follow traffic rules if they are seen to violate the rules themselves.*

## Unfriendly workplaces for PWDs(25-02-16)

**Unfriendly** ৳ প্রতিকূল, অবন্ধুজনোচিত, অনানুগ্রহীয়, (*Adversity, Unfavorable*)

**Overcome** ৳ অতিক্রম করা, জয় করা (*Exceed, Win*)

**Barrier** ৳ বাধা, অন্তরায় (*Obstacle, Hindrance*)

**Ample** ৳ প্রশস্ত, প্রচুর, পর্যাপ্ত (*Spacious, Plenty, Adequate*)

**Disability** ৳ বিকলাঙ্গতা, (*Crippledom, Weakness*)

**Equipped** ৳ সজ্জিত, প্রস্তুত (*Furnished, Prepared*)

**Accommodate** ৳ উপযোগী করা, মেনে নেওয়া (*Adapt, Compromise*)

**Dedicate** ৳ সমর্পণ করা, উৎসর্গ করা।

**Adequate** ৳ পর্যাপ্ত

**Ramp** ৳ এক স্তর থেকে অন্য স্তরে যাওয়ার ক্রমশ ঢালু হওয়া পথ, ডাকাতি, প্রতারণা, ঠকানো (*A road that connects a freeway to a surface street or another freeway, Trick, Cheat*)

**Hinder** ৳ পশ্চাদ্বর্তী, বিঘ্ন ঘটানো।

**Mindset** ৳ মনোভাব

**Barring** ৳ বাধা, ব্যতীত

**Decent** ৳ শোভন, বেশ ভালই, উপযুক্ত (*Suitable, Polished*)

**Quota** ৳ ভাগ, প্রপ্য বা প্রদেয় নির্ধারিত অংশ

**Remain** ৳ থাকা

**Unfulfilled** ৳ অপূর্ণ

**Idle** ৳ অলস

**Exacerbate** ৳ বর্ধিত করা, তিক্ত করা, বিরক্ত করা।

**Woe** ৳ দুঃ ৳ খ

**Comfortable** ৳ আরামদায়ক

**Facilitate** ৳ সহজতর করা

**Regard** ৳ বিবেচনা

**Burden** ৳ বোঝা

**Potential** ৳ সম্ভাব্য

**Unfriendly workplaces for PWDs**

**Employers should overcome mental barriers**

*There are ample researches and reports that clearly show that people with disabilities (PWDs) are not inefficient, rather our workplaces are poorly equipped to accommodate physically challenged people. Generally, PWDs are dedicated to their work and waste very little time in their workplace.*

*Lack of adequate transport, ramps, lifts and PWD friendly communication facilities hinders PWDs' access to workplaces. Most importantly, it is the mindset of the employers that is barring PWDs from getting decent jobs. Even the 10 percent quota reserved for PWDs remains unfulfilled. Being unemployed, most of them have to sit idle at home that only exacerbates their woes. If a PWD gets a decent job it contributes to the well-being of the family as well as to the economy. So*

*we should consider it not only as a social responsibility but also an economic opportunity.*

*PWDs should be given the work they are comfortable with. The workplace should be constructed following the global standards to facilitate their access. There are many PWD friendly software and technologies, most of them are free, that need to be installed in the workplaces. Both the government and non-government bodies have to invest more in this regard. We should provide proper training to PWDs so that they can compete in the job market. The employers need to be made aware of the fact that PWDs are not a burden but a potential source of skilled workforce.*

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**Police(Verb)** ৳ মার্জিত করা, পরিস্কার করা(Cleanse, Scour)

**Eviction** ৳ উচ্ছেদ (Displacement, Eradication)

**Drive** ৳ পরিচালনা করা, (Operate, Carry on)

**Occupation** ৳ দখল (Grab, Control)

**Measure** ৳ পরিমাপ, উপায়

**Go Out** ৳ শেষ হওয়া, ত্যাগ করা, ছেড়ে যাওয়া

**Launch** ৳ আরম্ভ করা, চালু করা।

**Laudable** ৳ প্রশংসনীয় (Start, Commence, Originate)

**Initiative** ৳ উদ্যোগ

**Vendor** ৳ বিক্রেতা

**Quite** ৳ পুরোপুরি

**Envision** ৳ কল্পনা করা

**Well-made** ৳ সুসংস্কৃত (Properly constructed or manufactured)

**Pavement** ৳ ফুটপাথ, ফাকা রাস্তা

**Pedestrian** ৳ পথচারী

**Eke Out** ৳ অর্জন করা, লাভ করা।

**Merchandise** ৳ পণ্যদ্রব্য (Commodities, Goods)

**Cooperate** ৳ সহযোগিতা করা

**Circumstance** ৳ পরিস্থিতি

**Express** ৳ প্রকাশ করা।

**Grievance** ৳ অভিযোগ, ক্ষোভ ( Complaint, Discontent)

**well-Intention** ৳ সদিচ্ছা

**Productive** ৳ উৎপাদনক্ষম, কার্যক্ষম

**Rehabilitation** ৳ পুনর্বাসন,

**Freeing Footpaths**

**Who will police the police?**

1) That a few members of the police force are standing in the way of the eviction drives by Dhaka South City Corporation, according to Mayor Sayeed Khokon, to free footpaths of illegal occupation in Gulshan area, seems a measure of how things have gone out of hand.

2)The mayor had launched the laudable initiative in December last year with the objective of clearing out street vendors in that area in 30 days.

3)That quite didn't work out the way it was envisioned, with footpaths being re-occupied by vendors the same day they were evicted because of a few policemen, according to the mayor.

4)The well-made pavement free for pedestrians to walk on is a distant memory in this city.

5) According to several reports, more than 70 percent of the footpaths are occupied by different kinds of vendors who eke out a living by selling all sorts merchandise.

6)How can the eviction drives of the city corporations be successful if the police do not cooperate? Under what circumstances a mayor has to express his grievances at a programme held at the National Press Club?

**How can the mayors be effective if they are not given enough power and support to do their job?**

**7)At the same time it is well to remember that eviction drives, no matter how well-intentioned, will not be productive withoutmaking arrangements for the rehabilitation of the hawkers.**

## **No place for people with disabilities?(27-02-16)**

**Eye Opener** 𑍎 বিস্ময়করভাবে কোন কিছু শিক্ষা দেয়া বা দেখানো।

**Poignant** 𑍎 গ্লানিকর, মর্মভেদী (*Distressful, moving*)

**Appeared** 𑍎 হাজির করা, দৃষ্টিগোচর হওয়া, সম্মুখে আনা (*To come or be in sight*)

**Conscience** 𑍎 বিবেক

**Impel** 𑍎 সক্রিয় করা, অনুপ্রাণিত করা (*Activate, Inspire, Encourage*)

**Concrete** 𑍎 বাস্তব, অনুভবনীয় (*Tangible, Physical*)

**Inclusive** 𑍎 সমেত, অন্তর্ভুক্তিকর

**Frustration** 𑍎 হতাশা, নিরাশা (*Disappointment, Dejection*)

**Consistent** 𑍎 সংগতিপূর্ণ, দৃঢ়

**Dealt** 𑍎 মোকাবিলা

**Countless** 𑍎 অগণিত, অসংখ্য (*Immense, Unlimited*)

**Deny** 𑍎 অস্বীকার করা, অগ্রাহ্য করা (*Ignore, Override*)

**Dignified** 𑍎 মহৎ

**Constructive** 𑍎 গঠনমূলক

**Discriminate** 𑍎 পক্ষপাতমূলক, বৈষম্য মূলক আচরণ

**Vain** 𑍎 নিরর্থক, ব্যর্থ (*Unsuccessful, Fruitless*)

**Arguably** 𑍎 তর্কসাপেক্ষ (*debatably, defensibly*)

**Worse** 𑍎 আরও খারাপ

**Affirmative** 𑍎 সম্মতিসূচক, ইতিবাচক (*Validation*)

**Concerned** 𑍎 উদ্বিগ্ন, জড়িত

**Stakeholder** 𑍎 ব্যবসায়ী, শেয়ারের মালিক

**Comprehensive** 𑍎 ব্যাপক, বিস্তীর্ণ

**Impediment** 𑍎 অন্তরায়

**Populace** 𑍎 জনসাধারণ

**No place for people with disabilities?**

**Mahafuzar's story should be an eye-opener**

**The poignant story of Mahafuzar Rahman which appeared in this paper on Feb 25, oughtto move the conscience of the state, and impel it to take concrete steps to make state institutions more inclusive of physically challenged persons. The 35-year-old from Lalmonirhat, who has no use of his right hand since birth, has returned all his academic certificates to the government, to express his frustration over not getting any government jobs despite consistent efforts to make himself a productive member of the country.**

**In spite of the challenges dealt to him by fate, Mahafuzar secured first division in both SSC and HSC exams, and graduated with a Master's**

degree from Rangpur Carmichael College with a second class. Even with these qualifications, he could not get a job as a primary school teacher. Mahafuzar is one of countless talented and educated physically challenged persons in this country who are denied the right to a dignified and constructive life, discriminated against at every stage, by state and private institutions, and society at large. It is unfortunate that the 10 percent quota for people with disabilities continue to remain unfulfilled, while citizens like Mahafuzar struggle in vain to access government jobs. The situation is arguably worse in the private sector, with employers failing to take affirmative action to include more of them in the workforce and treating people with disabilities as burdens rather than as resources.

The call for a disabled-friendly workplace needs to be taken seriously by all concerned stakeholders, and a comprehensive national action plan must be put in place to address the institutional impediments that deny a considerable section of our populace the freedom to live and work as they please.

## Tragedy strikes family( 28-02-16)

**Tragedy** ৳ দুঃখজনক ঘটনা,

**Strike** ৳ আঘাত করা, বিন্দ করা, ধর্মঘট (Hit Beat, kill)

**Along With** ৳ সহ, সাথে

**Accumulation** ৳ আহরণ, সংগ্রহ, সঞ্চয়

**Convalesce** ৳ ক্রমে সুস্থ হওয়া

**Leak** ৳ ফুটো, ছিদ্র (Aperture, Hole)

**Trigger** ৳ সূত্রপাত

**Explosion** ৳ বিস্ফোরণ

**Inquiry** ৳ তদন্ত

**Wake Up** ৳ জেগে ওঠা

**Landlord** ৳ বাড়িওয়ালা

**Vigilant** ৳ সতর্ক, (Cautious)

**Maintenance** ৳ রক্ষণ (Protection, Defense)

**Perforation** ৳ ছিদ্রাবলী

**Utility** ৳ উপযোগ (Usefulness, Effectiveness)

**Adopt** ৳ গ্রহণ করা, অবলম্বন করা

**Stove** ৳ চুলা

**Ventilation** ৳ বায়ুচলাচল (Airspace)

**Turn Off** ৳ বন্ধ করা।

**Disseminating** ৳ প্রচার করা (Proclaim, Disclose)

**Tragedy strikes family**

**Check gas connections regularly**

We find it difficult to express our sorrow for the family of Shalin bin Nawaz who, along with his wife, are fighting for their lives due to the fire caused by gas accumulation in the kitchen at their apartment on February 26. Mr. Nawaz's two sons have died while a third is convalescing in Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The couple are in a critical medical

condition. According to reports fire department officials have stated that there was a possibility of a gas leak which led to an accumulation of gas in the kitchen that triggered the explosion.

We will have to wait for the official inquiry to be concluded on what caused the explosion. However, this should serve as a wakeup call for every apartment resident to regularly check gas connections and for landlords to be more vigilant about maintenance. Authorities have a duty to perform monthly checks on gas lines for perforations in the line, because at the end of the day, utility authorities have a duty to make sure their lines are safe at the customer level. There is of course also a question of raising public awareness regarding the safety measures that should be adopted while using gas stoves such as making sure there is some form of ventilation in kitchens and remembering to turn off the stove after use. For this the electronic media need to be involved in disseminating information on how to maintain safety with gas connections.

## Month ☞ March 2016

## Tenant identification information( 06-03-16)

**Tenant** ☞ ভাড়াটিয়া (Renter, Leaseholder)

**Identification** ☞ সনাক্তকরণ (Marking off)

**Curb** ☞ দমন করা (Subdue, Restraint)

**Appreciate** ☞ তারিফ করা, প্রশংসা করা।

**Concern** ☞ উদ্বেগ

**Cognizance** ☞ জ্ঞান, পরিচয়জ্ঞাপক চিহ্ন, স্বীকার

**Apprehension** ☞ আশঙ্কা

**Dweller** ☞ অধিবাসী

**Fiat** ☞ আদেশ, রায় (Order, verdict)

**Raise** ☞ বৃদ্ধি

**Pertinent** ☞ প্রাসঙ্গিক (Relevant, Affined)

**Unwanted** ☞ অবাঞ্ছিত, অযাচিত (Spare, Unnecessary)

**Intrusive** ☞ অনধিকারমূলক

**Oblige** ☞ বাধ্য করা

**Last But Not Least** ☞ যদিও সর্বশেষ কিন্তু কম গুরুত্বপূর্ণ নয়

**Logistic** ☞ সফলতা অর্জনের জন্য কোন কঠিন কাজ যত্নসহকারে করা

**Ascertain** ☞ অবধারণ করা, নিশ্চিত করা।

**Veracity** ☞ সত্যতা, (Truthfulness)

**Tenant identification information**

**Will that really curb crimes?**

**The Dhaka Metropolitan Police has asked all those living within the metropolitan area to provide 'identification information' to them by March 15. While we appreciate the concern of the DMP about the security of people, we wonder whether it has taken into cognizance the apprehensions of the city dwellers regarding other risks inherent in the**

exercise, and also whether it would actually help in curbing crimes, which is the purpose of the DMP for asking for the data. The fiat raises several pertinent questions.

How will the police stations ensure safety of the documents and the loads of information contained in those? And what is the need for another 'central database' when that is available in the form of our national identity card? Why the duplication of effort? And more database mean more chances of those falling in unwanted hands, and misuse.

What raises concern also is the fact that some of the information asked for in the police form are seen as too intrusive. For example, one's telephone number is a personal matter and one is not obliged to share it with everyone, particularly telephone numbers of female members of one's family.

Last but not the least, has the DMP considered the huge logistics required, not to speak of the time, to verify the information that will come to their hand? Without ascertaining the veracity of each and every data in the form, it will be worth little. And to hold the landlord responsible for the acts of the tenant is a rank bad idea.

## Vulnerability of minority communities(07-03-16)

**Vulnerability** ৳ দুর্বলতা ( the state or condition of being weak or poorly defended)

**Minority** ৳ সংখ্যালঘু

**Treat** ৳ আচরণ করা, ব্যবহার করা

**Reprehensible** ৳ নিন্দনীয় (Blameworthy)

**Affect** ৳ প্রভাবিত করা, (Influence, alter)

**Evident** ৳ প্রতীয়মান (Palpable)

**Persecution** ৳ নিপীড়ন(Repression)

**Appearing** ৳ প্রকাশমান

**Order state** ৳ সুশৃঙ্খল অবস্থা

**Prevail** ৳ প্রবল বা প্রচলিত হওয়া।

**Marginalised** ৳ প্রান্তিক,

**Exploit** ৳ কাজে লাগান (Utilize)

**Deliberately** ৳ ভেবেচিন্তে, জেনেশুনে (Knowingly, Purposely)

**Galling** ৳ পীড়াদায়ক, অপ্ৰীতিকর ( Unpleasant, Grievous)

**Perpetrator** ৳ অপরাধী

**Allegedly** ৳ অভিযোগ অনুসারে (According to someone's allegation)

**Reluctant** ৳ অনিচ্ছুক (Unwilling, Apathetic)

**Cognizance** ৳ জ্ঞান, উপলব্ধি, পরিচয়জ্ঞাপক চিহ্ন

**Bring To Book** ৳ শাস্তি দেওয়া

**Vulnerability of minority communities**

**We are failing in our duty**

*If it is true that a nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its most vulnerable members, we are very far from it. From a report published by a group representing the minority communities, the Hindu-Boudhha-Christian Oikya Parishad, the picture we get of the state of the three communities in the country is reprehensible, to say the least. 24 people belonging to the minority communities have been murdered, 25 raped, and more than 1500 families affected, in 2015 alone. What is a matter of concern is that it is evident from the said report, which is a collection of the accounts of minority persecution appearing in various newspapers, that they are not victims of the law and order state that prevails in the country. In fact their marginalised position in society has been exploited and they have been deliberately targeted as a consequence of that. These communities have been victimised for their property, and there have been cases of forced conversion too.*

*What is even more galling is that the main perpetrators, allegedly, are those that are linked with the powerful and the political quarters. And this is one of the reasons why the police are reluctant to take the complaints or the reports seriously.*

*Can we really call ourselves civilised if the minorities are made to suffer while the state fails to take action to ensure their safety and security? We suggest that the government take immediate cognizance of the report and initiate urgent action to bring to book the perpetrators and make examples of them to restore the confidence of these communities. Security we want, and that can be enhanced by good actionable intelligence, particularly human intelligence.*

## **Assault on the Chief Justice( 08-03-16)**

**Assault** ৳ হামলা, আক্রমণ (Onfall)

**Represent** ৳ প্রতিনিধিত্ব করা

**Column** ৳ স্তম্ভ

**Resort** ৳ অবলম্বন, আশ্রয় ( Support, Shelter)

**Interpreter** ৳ অনুবাদক, ব্যাখ্যা দানকারী

**Aghast** ৳ ভীত (Appal)

**Blatantly** ৳ ভয়ানকভাবে

**Hostile** ৳ প্রতিকূল, বিরোধী

**Credential** ৳ প্রশংসাপত্র

**Impute** ৳ আরোপ করা, অভিযোগ করা

**Implication** ৳ সংশ্লেষণ, তাৎপর্য, ইঙ্গিত (Tenor)

**Echelon** ৳ পর্যায় (Stage, Level)

**Vitriolic** ৳ বিধ্বংসী, গায়ে জ্বালা ধরানো

**Controversial** ৳ বিতর্কিত (Polemic)

**Prevail** ৳ জয়ী হওয়া, প্রবল হওয়া

**Augur** ৳ ভবিষ্যদ্বাণী করা (Predict, Prophecy)

**Unnerving** ৳ বলশূন্য বা শক্তিহীন করা

**Spare** ৳ বিরত হওয়া, ক্ষমাপরায়ণ হওয়া।

**Wrath** ৳ প্রচণ্ড রাগ

**Breach** ৳ লঙ্ঘন (Violation, Breaking)

**Avenue** ৳ পথ, উপায়

**Redress** ৳ প্রতিকার

**Impinge** ৳ চড়াও হওয়া, ক্ষতিসাধন করা।

**Immediate** ৳ আশু

**Unwarranted** ৳ অন্যায়া, অন্যায় (Unjust, amiss)

**Denigrate** ৳ কলঙ্কিত করা (Tarnish)

**Stature** ৳ মর্যাদা (Dignity)

**Assault on the Chief Justice**

**Enough is enough**

*The Chief Justice is far more than an individual. He is an institution, and of the three pillars of the state, he represents one of the most important columns. His office is the last resort for those who seek justice. His office is also the interpreter of the Constitution and is crucial in establishing a society based on justice and rule of law. We are, therefore, aghast at the blatantly hostile and direct assault on the Chief Justice that has been going on for the last few days. Not only have his credentials been questioned, motives have also been imputed to him.*

*This we see nothing but an expression of no confidence on the Chief Justice and, by implication, on the highest echelon of the judiciary itself. And such vitriolic comments are bound to make the country's highest court of law controversial. If judgments are not passed following legal procedures, only the rule of jungle prevails. This cannot augur well for the government of the day. In this context, it is indeed unnerving that two senior ministers have chosen to attack the Chief Justice. Even the Attorney General has not been spared of their wrath. Nobody is above the law. If there has been any breach of law by any quarter, the Constitution provides avenues to seek redress of that situation. But nothing should be uttered that might impinge on the work of the judiciary or question its independence.*

*We want an immediate stop to this unwarranted attack on the Chief Justice, because enough has been said that has slighted the judiciary and denigrated its importance and stature. Enough is enough. It must stop.*

## **Footpath eviction drive(09-03-16)**

**Eviction** ৳ উচ্ছেদ(Eradication, Displacement)

**Let up** ৳ হ্রাস করা, খর্ব করা। (Lessen, Diminish)

**Ironic** ৳ বিদ্রূপাত্মক, লজ্জাকর (Satiric, Opprobrious)

**Tangible** ৳ বাস্তব

**Ply** ৳ অটলভাবে কাজ করা

**Merchandise** ৳ পণ্যদ্রব্য(Goods, commodities l

**Promptly** ৳ তাড়াতাড়ি (Quickly)

**Merely** ৳ নিছক

**Stance** ৳ অবস্থান

**Squatter** ৳ দখলকারী (Occupier)

**Navigate** ৳ যাত্রা করা

**Utmost** ৳ পরম, অত্যন্ত

**As For** ৳ সম্বন্ধে, প্রসঙ্গে (Regarding)

**Put Forth** ৳ প্রদান করা, সরবরাহ করা।

**Means of Livelihood** ৳ জীবিকা উপার্জনের পথ

**Sympathies** ৳ সহানুভূতি প্রকাশ করা (Condole)

**Plight** ৳ অসীকার, সংকটাবস্থা

**Makeshift** ৳ অস্থায়ী

**Designated** ৳ মনোনীত

**Concert** ৳ সমন্বিত করা

**Effort** ৳ প্রচেষ্টা

**Attempt** ৳ চেষ্টা

**Inevitably** ৳ নিশ্চিতভাবে, অবধারিতরূপে

**Footpath eviction drive**

**There should be no let up**

*It is ironic to find that the latest drive by DhakaCity Corporation (North) to free up public space in front of Bashundhara city market and Purnima cinema hall failed to produce any tangible results. The occupiers, mostly small hawkers who ply their trade stored their merchandise in nearby shops during the drive on March 8 and promptly came back to set up shop on the same spot a merely 20 minutes after the drive ended. This is the general picture in most footpath-clearing up drives. We understand that the Mayor has taken a tough stance against such traders in other parts of the city where shops have been closed down and there is talk of legal action against hawkers who illegally occupy footpaths.*

*The actions of the mayor are totally understandable and we support it. That it is necessary to cleanup these illegal squatters so that people on foot may navigate the city in safety are of utmost importance. As for the argument put forth by these small businesses that this is their only means of livelihood, we sympathise with their plight. They too have mouths to feed and it falls within the city corporation's responsibility to make arrangements for hawkers to set up their makeshift shops in designated places in the city. One cannot forget that the city corporation is acting in public interest and the body must get support from all agencies to make these drives successful. Without concerted and coordinated efforts, any attempt to free up public space for the greater good will inevitably fail.*

## **Pre-poll clashes in Patuakhali( 10-03-16)**

**Pre-Poll** ৳ নির্বাচন পূর্ব, ভোটগ্রহণপূর্ব

**Clash** ৳ সঙ্ঘর্ষ (Friction, Collision)

**Come Down** ৳ হ্রাস পাতয়া, সিদ্ধান্তে পৌছানো (Decrease, To reach a decision)

**Monger** ৳ সাহস দানকারী, বিক্রেতা

**Campaign** ৳ অভিযান

**Worrying** ৳ উদ্বেগজনক (*Disquiet*)

**Rebel** ৳ বিদ্রোহী (*Mutineer*)

**Aspirant** ৳ পদপ্রার্থী, (*Candidate*)

**Obstruct** ৳ বাধা দেওয়া (*Cumber, Deter*)

**Allege** ৳ অভিযোগ করা (*Bring a charge, Accuse*)

**Bar** ৳ বাধা দেওয়া

**Apprehensive** ৳ উদ্ভিগ্ন, শঙ্কিত (*Appal*)

**Deteriorate** ৳ খারাপ করা (*Worsen*)

**Violence** ৳ জুলুম, দ্বন্দ্ব, সংঘর্ষ (*oppression, Conflict*)

**Ridden** ৳ সংকুল, জর্জরিত

**Mar** ৳ ক্ষতি বা নষ্ট করা (*Harm, Waste*)

**Credibility** ৳ বিশ্বাসযোগ্যতা

**Partisan** ৳ পক্ষভুক্ত, নিজ দলীয়

**Unruly** ৳ অবাধ্য, বিশৃঙ্খল (*Anarchical*)

**Ambiance** ৳ পরিবেশ (*Atmosphere*)

**Proactive** ৳ প্ররোচক, উন্নতির জন্য কাজ করা।

**Untoward** ৳ অবাঞ্ছিত

**Pre-poll clashes in Patuakhali**

**Come down strongly on the trouble mongers**

*With the union parishad polls just a few days away, the news of deadly clashes during election campaign is really worrying. On March 7, one person was killed and 42 were injured in two separate incidents of clashes between supporters of UP chairman candidates in Patuakhali. Earlier it was also reported in the media that candidates, particularly the BNP-nominated ones and AL's rebel aspirants, had been obstructed from submitting their nomination papers in many places. Workers' Party's President Rashed Khan Menon in his parliamentary speech alleged that his party candidates were barred from filing nomination papers. We are apprehensive of this trend which might deteriorate during the elections. A violence ridden election will mar the whole electoral process and the credibility of the polls.*

*This time elections to the UP chairman post will be held on partisan lines. So the political parties have the responsibility to check irregularities of their party men. In both the cases in Patuakhali, AL candidates were involved in the violence. The ruling party should look into the matter seriously and take action against its unruly elements. Unfortunately, we are yet to see any action by the election authority though they are primarily responsible for ensuring a peaceful poll ambience. They should play a proactive role to avoid further occurrence of such untoward incidents.*

**Air cargo flights to UK suspended( 11-03-16)**

**Suspend** ৳ থামানো, সাময়িকভাবে মূলতবি রাখা (*Halt*)

**Address** ৳ ঠিকানা, চিহ্নিত করা

**Concern** ৳ উদ্বেগ

**Ban** ৳ নিষিদ্ধ(Forbid, prohibit, disallow)

**Come Into** ৳ অস্তিত্ব লাভ করা, শুরু করা

**Spell** ৳ অল্প পরিমাণ (Scantling)

**Disaster** ৳ দুর্ভোগ(Inversion, Accident)

**Lucrative** ৳ লাভজনক(Profitable, Beneficial)

**Foodstuff** ৳ আহার্য সামগ্রী

**Expatriate** ৳ প্রবাসী

**Slap** ৳ আঘাত করা।

**Tout** ৳ নজরে রাখা, পর্যবেক্ষণ করা, দালালি করা।

**Far reaching** ৳ সুদূর প্রসারী

**Implication** ৳ আভাস, ইঙ্গিত, তাৎপর্য (Tenor)

**Aviation** ৳ বিমানচালনা

**Foolproof** ৳ অব্যর্থ, নিশ্চিত ( Infallible)

**Procure** ৳ রাজী করান, অর্জন করা, পাওয়া (Acquire, Obtain)

**Requisite** ৳ প্রয়োজনীয়

**Equipment** ৳ সরঞ্জাম

**Heed** ৳ মনোযোগ দেওয়া (Careful attention)

**Personnel** ৳ কর্মিগণ

**Come Up** ৳ হাজির হওয়া, শুরু করা

**Intent** ৳ অভিপ্রায়, ইচ্ছা

**Loophole** ৳ পলায়নের পথ, ছিদ্রপথ, ফাটল (Chink)

**Air cargo flights to UK suspended**

**Address the security concerns**

**The ban on all air cargo flights out of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to the UK has just come into effect on security grounds. This spells disaster for exporters, not only readymade garments but also the lucrative export of fresh and processed foodstuffs that include vegetables, fish and fruits. The UK is home to the largest Bangladeshi expatriate community and a ban on flights out to that country has a lot of businesses worried sick. Why did we let things come to this stage? The UK is the second country after Australia to slap a ban like this. And although this is being touted as temporary by Bangladeshi authorities, the cost in terms of reputation and business will have far reaching implications.**

**We are informed by media reports that the Civil Aviations Authority of Bangladesh has been working towards ensuring foolproof security but this has come too little too late. We should have moved faster to procure the requisite security equipment immediately after October 2015 when the UK put Shahjalal Airport on a list of 38 airports as being too vulnerable in security terms, but we did not pay enough heed. The recommendations for engaging security personnel to operate cargo complex using modern scanning machines were not taken seriously enough.**

**It is high time we got our act together. There is a review coming up by a UK team on March 13 and we need to show our good intent to get the message across that authorities are working seriously on addressing security loopholes. A ban such as this is the last thing our exporters need.**

## **CHT Peace Accord(12-03-16)**

**Accord** ৳ ঐক্য (Unity)

**Roadmap** ৳ কর্মপরিকল্পনা ( a plan of action)

**Implementation** ৳ রূপায়ণ, বাস্তবায়ন

**Wholeheartedly** ৳ মনেপ্রাণে

**Endorse** ৳ অনুমোদন করা, সমর্থন করা

**Indigenous** ৳ দেশীয়

**Aggrieved** ৳ ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত

**Uncertainty** ৳ অনিশ্চয়তা (Doubtfulness, Indecision)

**Persist** ৳ লেগে থাকা

**Provision** ৳ বিধান(Law, regulation)

**At A Loss** ৳ হতবুদ্ধি, অনিশ্চিত ( Not sure; uncertain)

**Incumbent** ৳ দায়িত্ব পালনে বাধ্য

**Defer** ৳ মূলতবি রাখা, বিলম্ব করা (Postpone, Delay)

**Patience** ৳ ধৈর্য (Composure)

**Blame** ৳ দোষারোপ করা ( Accuse)

**Dispute** ৳ বিতর্ক

**Postpone** ৳ মূলতবি করা, বিলম্ব করা

**Escalate** ৳ ধাপে ধাপে বৃদ্ধি করা

**Overdue** ৳ বিলম্ব

**Resist** ৳ প্রতিহত করা, রুখে দাড়ানো ( Oppose)

**Tackle** ৳ সমাধান করার চেষ্টা করা

**Soft-Pedal** ৳ কম গুরুত্বপূর্ণ মনে করা (to make something seemless important or less bad than it really is)

**CHT Peace Accord**

**Roadmap for implementation long overdue**

**We wholeheartedly endorse the call of politicians, cultural activists, and indigenous leaders to the government to declare a definite roadmap for effective implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord. Eighteen years is too long a time to keep an aggrieved people waiting for full implementation of an agreement. It is not desirable that uncertainty should persist; and a significant reason for that is the failure of successive governments to implement all the provisions of the Accord.**

**We are at a loss to understand why the incumbent government, which was the architect of the Accord, is deferring on its commitment, and it is obvious that the groups in the CHT are losing patience in the system. And we really cannot blame them. According to the indigenous leaders, two-thirds of the accord is yet to be executed. Of the 72 clauses in the**

accord, only 25 were implemented during the last 18 years. The CHT Land Dispute Commission has very little power, if at all, to address land-related disputes and safeguard the rights of the indigenous population over their land. Similarly, the district councils are still ineffective.

Postponing the process of implementation will not bring peace to the region, but will only escalate tension. A roadmap for the Accord's implementation – decided upon with the participation of concerned stakeholders, particularly the indigenous groups -- is long overdue. And if there are issues that have resisted resolution so far, the government should tackle those head on instead of soft pedaling on them.

## High achievers in 'A' and 'O' levels( 13-03-16)

**Achiever** ৳ অর্জনকারী

**Impediment** ৳ অন্তরায় (Obstacle, Barrier, Hindrance)

**Hail** ৳ শিলাবৃষ্টি, অভিবাদন জানানো ( Greet)

**Diverse** ৳ নানাবিধ

**Meritorious** ৳ গুণী, মেধাবী

**Immense** ৳ অপরিমেয়(Countless, Large)

**Potential** ৳ সম্ভাবনা

**Extension** ৳ প্রসার, বিস্তার।

**Combat** ৳ লড়াই করা, (Fight, Struggle)

**Domestic** ৳ গার্হস্থ্য, পারিবারিক।

**Elsewhere** ৳ অন্যত্র, অন্যকোথাও

**Ironical** ৳ বিদ্রুপাত্মক, নিন্দাপূর্ণ (Satiric, Opprobrious)

**Barrier** ৳ বাধা, অন্তরায় ( Impediment)

**Anomalous** ৳ ব্যতিক্রমী (Exceptional)

**Stream** ৳ প্রবাহ, ধারা

**Insofar as** ৳ ব্যাপ্তি, সীমা ( to the extent that)

**Rectified** ৳ সংশোধিত, (Reformed, Corrected)

**Deserve** ৳ প্রাপ্য, যোগ্য হওয়া

**High achievers in 'A' and 'O' levels**

**Remove impediments to higher education at home**

**We hail the 1,915 'O' and 'A' level students from 85 schools across the country for their excellent performance. Competing internationally, eight of them have scored the highest mark in subjects as diverse as law, biology, chemistry, physics, accounting, mathematics and art and design. The Daily Star, in awarding these meritorious young men and women, acknowledges their merit and celebrates their immense potential and by extension, the nation's. They have done us proud. Among those, like Deena Afroza Aziz who scored the highest mark in law in 'A' level, many want to become barristers to combat domestic violence against women. However, none of them would be able to get admission in our public universities and would have to seek admission**

elsewhere because of the curriculum followed by the English medium schools and colleges.

It is ironical that while they cannot get admission in our public universities, many of them would get admission in some of the best universities in the US and the UK with scholarship. Isn't it time we recognised their merit and did everything to remove the barriers to their entry in public universities?

We suggest that the anomalous situation created by three different streams of education, particularly insofar as admission to public universities is concerned, should be rectified. While much has been done to address the problem of admission of Madrasa students in public universities, no such arrangement has been made for students of the English medium institutions.

The English medium schools have been functioning largely without much support from the government so far. These schools and their students deserve better.

## Union Parishad election(15-03-16)

**Fair** ৳ ন্যায্য, সুষ্ঠ (Clear, Faultless)

**Slate** ৳ সময় নির্ধারিত করা (Schedule)

**Crucial** ৳ গুরুতর, চূড়ান্ত (Ultimate)

**Count** ৳ গণনা, বিষয়, তাৎপর্য (To be of significance; to matter)

**Poll** ৳ ভোট, নির্বাচন

**Partisan** ৳ দলীয়

**Polity** ৳ রাজনৈতিক সংগঠন

**Attempt** ৳ প্রয়াস, চেষ্টা (Effort, Endeavour)

**Free and Fair** ৳ স্বাধীন ও সুষ্ঠ

**Daunting** ৳ ভীতিকর

**At Stake** ৳ বিতর্কের বিষয় (At issues)

**Credibility** ৳ বিশ্বাসযোগ্যতা (Reliability)

**Trouble Monger** ৳ সমস্যা বা উত্তেজনা সৃষ্টিকারী

**Go the whole Hog** ৳ কোন কাজ বাস্তবায়নে সম্পূর্ণ প্রচেষ্টা (to do something as completely as possible)

**Fraught** ৳ পরিপূর্ণ

**Allegation** ৳ অভিযোগ

**Aspirant** ৳ উচ্চাকাঙ্ক্ষী, পদপ্রার্থী (Candidate)

**Unopposed** ৳ বাধাহীন, বিরোধিতাহীন

**Law and Order** ৳ আইন শৃঙ্খলা

**Incumbent** ৳ আরোপিত করা

**Chastise** ৳ শাস্তি দেওয়া

**Rogue** ৳ দুর্বৃত্ত, হীন, নিচ

**Shy** ৳ লাজুক, কুণ্ঠিত

**Proactive** ৳ প্ররোচক, উন্নতির জন্য কাজ করা।

**Union Parishad election**

**Take all steps to make it free, fair and peaceful**

*The Union Parishad election that is slated to start next week is crucial for us on many counts. This is for the first time polls are going to be held along partisan lines, which will measure the popular support of the political parties, particularly the party in power. Given the nature of our polity, it is understandable that there would be attempts to influence the course of the polls. These make the job of holding a free and fair election a daunting task. More importantly, at stake is the credibility of the Election Commission (EC) after its conducting of some of the previous local body elections.*

*The Election Commissioners, on several occasions, have promised zero tolerance for trouble mongers, and the CEC has even declared to go the whole hog to maintain peace. Yet, the nomination-filing process was fraught with allegations of violence and irregularities. Many BNP-nominated candidates and AL's rebel aspirants had, allegedly, been obstructed from submitting nomination papers.*

*It is a small wonder that the number of UP Chairmen elected unopposed is considerable. If this trend is allowed to continue, there are reasons to believe that law and order might worsen during the polls. We believe it is incumbent upon the political parties to chastise the rogue elements under their fold. Also, the EC must not shy away from taking action against the trouble mongers. The EC's pro-active role is necessary for a credible election.*

## **Save the Pyain River!( 16-03-16)**

**Destruction** ৳ ধ্বংস, ক্ষয় (Erosion, Deterioration)

**Plight** ৳ সঙ্কটাবস্থা (Dire situation)

**Unscrupulous** ৳ বিবেকহীন (Indiscreet)

**Undermine** ৳ গোপনে ক্ষতিসাধন করা

**Dwindle** ৳ ক্ষীণ হওয়া, হ্রাস পাওয়া (Decrease)

**Unmitigated** ৳ চরম, অবাধ

**Dumping** ৳ খালাস, ছাড়ান (Release)

**Toxic** ৳ বিষাক্ত

**Effluent** ৳ প্রবাহ (Stream, Flow)

**Relentless** ৳ নির্দয়, অবিরাম (Brutal, Merciless)

**Dredging** ৳ সমুদ্র বা মাটির নিচ থেকে কোনকিছু তুলে আনা

**Deliberate** ৳ ইচ্ছাকৃত (Wilful)

**Hand off policy** ৳ মধ্যস্থতাহীন নীতি

**Exception** ৳ ব্যতিক্রম

**Whereby** ৳ যদ্বারা

**Excavator** ৳ খননকারী (Digger)

**Verdict** ৳ রায়

**Converge** ৳ একই বিন্দুতে মিলিত হওয়া

**Entities** ৳ সত্তা, অস্তিত্ব

**Strongman** ৳ শক্তিধর, ক্ষমতাধর

**Turn A blind eye** ৳ মন্দ জেনেও উপেক্ষা করা (to ignoresomething that you knowis wrong)

**Regrettably** ৳ আফসোস, দুঃখজনকভাবে

**Pristine** ৳ আদিম (Ancient, Primitive)

**Quarry** ৳ খাদ

**Degradation** ৳ অবনতি

**Wilful** ৳ ইচ্ছাকৃত

**Obliteration** ৳ ক্ষতি, ক্ষয়, ধ্বংস (Decay, Havoc)

**Indiscriminate** ৳ বাহুবিচারহীন, নির্বিচারে (Unjust)

**Extraction** ৳ নিষ্কাশন

**Save the Pyain River!**

**Local administration has a role**

*This paper has always been a strong voice against the destruction of rivers. We have highlighted in the past and continue to do so the plight of rivers nationwide, where unscrupulous business interests undermine rivers, which have continued to dwindle in the face of unmitigated dumping of toxic effluents from factories, relentless dredging and deliberate land fill, all in the face of a hands off policy by authorities concerned. What is happening over the Pyain River in Jafflong of Sylhet district is no exception. Stone traders have built a wooden bridge at one section of the river to facilitate faster movement of stone-carrying trucks.*

*According to a report published in this paper in December, 2015 the activity is illegal whereby excavators are being used to extract stones, and one which is in violation of a High Court verdict. All over the country it is the same story when it comes to the destruction of rivers. We find syndicates at work that converge interests of unscrupulous business entities, a section of the local administration and the blessing of local strongmen. That the local administration has turned a blind eye to a HC order in itself is shocking.*

*Regrettably the once pristine Pyain River has effectively been turned into a stone quarry and leading to environmental degradation. Such wilful violation of the law demands action and we expect authorities to act as the activity is contributing to not only the destruction of the river but also the obliteration of hundreds of acres of tea estates due to indiscriminate extraction of stones from the river bed.*

## **Improving midwifery services(17-03-16)**

**Midwifery** ৳ ধাত্রীবিদ্যা

**Well Equipped** ৳ সুসজ্জিত (Well decorated, furnished)

**Laudable** ৳ প্রশংসনীয়(praiseworthy, commendable)

**Maternal** ৳ মাতৃক

**Mortality** ৳ মৃত্যু হার

**Complication** ৳ জটিলতা(Tangle, obscurity)

**Antidote** ৳ প্রতিষেধক(Prophylactic)

**Midwife** ৳ ধাত্রী (Accoucheuse)

**Avoidable** ৳ বর্জনীয়, পরিহারযোগ্য

**Take place** ৳ সংঘটিত হয় (Happen, Occur)

**Attendant** ৳ পরিচারক (Servant)

**Significant** ৳ গুরুত্বপূর্ণ

**Infant** ৳ শিশু

**Recruit** ৳ নিয়োগ(Enroll)

**Adequate** ৳ পর্যাপ্ত (Enough)

**Impart** ৳ প্রদান করা (Offer, deliver, provide)

**Ante-Natal** ৳ জন্ম পূর্ব

**Post-Natal** ৳ জন্ম পরবর্তী

**Strengthen** ৳ গুরুত্ব দেয়া (Emphasize)

**Smooth** ৳ মসৃণ, সুষম

**Improving midwifery services**

**Well-equipped community clinic is key**

**Although Bangladesh has achieved laudable success in reducing maternal mortality, we are still far from the MDG target. According to an estimate, every year over 5,000 women die due to pregnancy related complications in Bangladesh. One of the most effective antidotes to these avoidable deaths is improving the existing midwifery services in the country.**

**This suggestion came at the roundtable, organised by Prothom Alo and UNFPA on Monday, on the role of professional midwives in providing health services to mothers and children. In Bangladesh, only 42 percent delivery takes place in the presence of skilled birth attendants. Well-packaged maternal care provided by professional midwives can play a significant role in reducing maternal and infant mortality. The government needs to expand midwifery services and recruit adequate number of skilled birth attendants. They should be imparted quality training that will cover specialised training on ante-natal, post-natal and pregnancy related care.**

**Currently, only 38 percent of all the deliveries happen at institutional facilities such as hospitals. We need to strengthen these institutions to ensure quality mother and childcare at the local level. The community clinic with its wide-reach in rural areas can be a trusted partner in this effort. It needs to be equipped with proper labour rooms, smooth supply of electricity and water facilities and adequate number of midwives.**

## **Abject disregard for public safety(18-03-16)**

**Abject** ৳ শোচনীয় (Deplorable, Grievous)

**Disregard** ৳ উপেক্ষা করা (Ignore, Neglect)

**Measure** ৳ পরিমাপ, উপায় (Way)

**Gear** ৳ পোশাকপরিচ্ছদ, সাজসরঞ্জাম (Equipment, tog)

**Hat** ৳ টুপি

**Fatality** ৳ দুর্দশা,

**Commute** ৳ যাতায়াত করা, বিনিময় করা (Travel, Exchange)

**Miracle** ৳ অলৌকিক ঘটনা, বিস্ময়কর ব্যাপার

**Horrify** ৳ আতঙ্কিত করা, ভীত করা (*Frighten, Dismay*)

**Unconscionable** ৳ বিবেকবর্জিত, অযৌক্তিক (*Unscrupulous, Absurd*)

**Infrastructure** ৳ পরিকাঠামো, অবকাঠামো

**Highlight** ৳ লক্ষণীয় করা, দৃষ্টিগোচর করা

**Apparently** ৳ স্পষ্টত (*Plainly, clearly, manifestly, evidently*)

**Contractor** ৳ ঠিকাদার (*Leaseholder*)

**Adhere to** ৳ মেনে চলা

**Wakeup call** ৳ বিপদ সম্পর্কে সতর্ক করা (*something that serves to alert a person to a problem, danger, or need*)

**Requisite** ৳ প্রয়োজনীয়

**Abject disregard for public safety**

**Put appropriate measures in place**

*A construction worker working at the Moghbazar-Malibagh flyover without minimum safety gear like a hard hat died on March 16 when an iron bar fell on him in Eskaton of the capital city. He along with hundreds of workers employed in the construction of the 8.7km long flyover have little or no safety gear to avoid injury or fatality. Not only that, we are looking at a scenario where thousands of people and hundreds of vehicles commute below the ongoing construction work and it is only a miracle that stops more accidents like this from happening. This is horrifying and we find it unconscionable that such an important infrastructure project as this is being constructed in violation of minimum safety requirements.*

*We have long highlighted the plight of workers in various sectors doing dangerous jobs without proper safety gear. And this is not the only project that is violating the safety rules. The excuse by project authorities of the flyover that workers have been provided with safety gear but apparently they are not at ease using them is very difficult to believe. There is a general lack of enforcement by authorities to make sure contractors adhere to official guidelines. Now that a major accident has occurred, we hope it will serve as a wakeup call for the LGED that is executing the project, to do the needful and put requisite safety measures in place in the greater interest of public safety.*

## **BNP's party council( 19-03-16)**

**Triennial** ৳ ত্রৈবার্ষিক

**long Standing** ৳ দীর্ঘসময়ব্যাপী

**Decline** ৳ অধ ৳ পতন (*Downfall, Dilapidation*)

**Torpid** ৳ অবশ, মত্তর, ধীর(*Slow, Impassable*)

**Shrinking** ৳ সংকোচন (*Shrivel, Narrow*)

**Stemming** ৳ বাধা (*Cumber*)

**Highhandedness** ৳ উচ্চস্বৈচ্ছাচারপূর্ণতা

**Resort** ৳ অবলম্বন করা

**Boycott** ৳ বর্জন (*Exclusion, Elimination*)

**Cogitate** ৳ চিন্তা করা (*Think, Contemplate*)

**Assess** ৳ মূল্যায়ন করা, পরিমাপ করা (*Evaluate*)

**Indulge** ৳ সন্তুষ্ট করা, প্রশয় দেয়া (*Satisfy, Pamper*)

**Consistently** ৳ ধারাবাহিকভাবে

**Oppose** ৳ বিরোধিতা করা, (*Combat, Resist*)

**Rationalise** ৳ যুক্তিপ্রয়োগ করা

**Alliance** ৳ জোট

**Imperative** ৳ অনুজ্ঞাসূচক, অত্যাবশ্যক, অপরিহার্য (*Requisite*)

**Viable** ৳ টেকসই, মজবুদ, স্থায়ী (*Strong, Durable*)

**Slump** ৳ অতিমন্দা (*Depression*)

**Adhere to** ৳ মেনে চলা

**Ethics** ৳ নীতিমালা (*Principles*)

**Shun** ৳ পরিহার করা (*Eliminate*)

**Company** ৳ সাহচর্য

**BNP's party council**

**A time for soul-searching**

**The BNP is holding its sixth triennial council after a long gap of seven years. It is a party of a fairly long standing but over the years has been on a gradual decline. There are many reasons for the torpid state that BNP finds itself in. Shrinking of its political space, stemming from the government highhandedness towards it, is one of those. However, that cannot be the reason for the type of politics that BNP had resorted to, particularly in the period immediately before the 2014 election which it chose to boycott and tried to prevent, a politics it repeated in January 2015.**

**We feel that there are primarily two issues that the BNP must cogitate on. First, the role it played following the 2014 elections that have caused many people to lose faith in its politics, should be thoroughly assessed. But more than that, it must indulge in an objective review of its link with the Jamaat. We have been consistently opposed to BNP's relationship with Jamaat and fail to rationalise the association. A cost benefit analysis of its alliance with the anti-liberation party is imperative if it wants to remain a viable entity that can play the role of an effective opposition when out of power. We feel that BNP's association with Jamaat has been the principal cause of its slump. The country needs a good opposition and none exists today. But the BNP should understand that if it wants to be a strong political party and find acceptance among the voters in electoral politics, its politics must adhere to the fundamental principles and ethics of the Liberation War, shunning the company of those that have stood against the birth of this country.**

## **Gas leak in apartment block( 20-03-16)**

**Leak** ৳ ফুটা করা

**Apartment** ৳ কামরা

**Compensate** ৳ ক্ষতিপূরণ দেওয়া (*Make up, Recoup*)

**Appall** ৳ ভীত করা, আতঙ্কিত করা (*frighten, Terrify*)

**Rip through** ৳ অতিদ্রুত ক্ষতিসাধন করা, ধ্বংস করা (*Destroy*)

Storey ৳ তলা (Floor)

Gross ৳ স্থূল, বৃহৎ, বিপুল

Set Afire ৳ অগ্নিকান্ডের কারণ (cause to start burning)

Due ৳ কারণে

Allegation ৳ অভিযোগ (Charge, complaint)

Excavation ৳ খনন (Dig)

Fatalities ৳ সর্বনাশ, দুর্দশা (Calamity, Downfall)

Unpardonable ৳ ক্ষমার অযোগ্য (Inexcusable, Unforgivable)

Exemplary ৳ আদর্শস্বরূপ, দৃষ্টান্তমূলক

Coordinated ৳ সমন্বিত, একরূপ, হুবহু

Wakeup call ৳ বিপদ সম্পর্কে সতর্ক করা (something that serves to alert a person to a problem, danger, or need)

Obviously ৳ স্পষ্টত

Perforation ৳ ছিদ্র

Gas leak in apartment block

Compensate for negligence

*WE are appalled by the incident of gas explosion that ripped through a 6-storey building in Banani residential area on March 18, which is clearly a case of gross negligence by TITAS. A whole block of flats have been set afire and all due to the fact that TITAS officials failed to respond for days to repeated calls by residents to fix a damaged pipeline. There are also allegations that Dhaka north City Corporation did not take adequate measures to ensure safety after a gas pipe was damaged during excavation work.*

*It is sheer luck that there were no fatalities among the 25 residents of Silverstone Sapphire, although at least ten people were injured. The building itself suffered massive damage. An immediate investigation should look into why the utility company failed to respond to complaints about the gas leak, as well as whether DNCC did everything in its power to ensure the safety of the community after it damaged the pipeline. Those responsible for this unpardonable negligence must be held accountable and given exemplary punishment. In fact, TITAS should compensate the flat owners for damages caused. In addition, there should be a coordinated identification of vulnerable spots all over the city where gas leaks may be present.*

*We had hoped that the earlier incident of gas leakage on February 26, which killed four members of a family, would have served as a wakeup call for the utility company, but obviously it has not.*

*It is clear that a serious review of the entire service infrastructure in the city is in order. Utility companies like TITAS have a duty to perform monthly checks on gas lines for perforations in the line and the emergency helpline needs to respond immediately to complaints.*

## **Sinking of another vessel( 21-03-16)**

Vessel ৳ জাহাজ (Ship)

Ban ৳ নিষিদ্ধ (Taboo, Prohibition, Embargo)

Plea ৳ অভিযোগ, আবেদন (Allegation, Appeal, Petition)

**Ply** ৳ নিয়মিত চলাচল করা, (*To travel over regularly*)

**Sink** ৳ ডুবা, ডোবানো (*Submerge*)

**Spill** ৳ ঝরা, পতিত হওয়া (*Drop, Fall*)

**Innumerable** ৳ অসংখ্য, অগণিত (*Countless*)

**Species** ৳ প্রজাতি

**Verge** ৳ কিনারা, শেষ প্রান্তে

**Extinction** ৳ বিলোপ্তি, ধ্বংস (*Finishing*)

**Desperate** ৳ আশাহীন

**Ill-equipped** ৳ দুর্বলভাবে প্রস্তুত

**Sponging** ৳ জীবন যাপন করা।

**Hazardous** ৳ বিপজ্জনক (*Dangerous, unsafe*)

**Fragile** ৳ ভঙ্গুর, দুর্বল (*Poor, Asthenic*)

**Revoke** ৳ প্রত্যাহার করা, বাতিল করা (*Withdraw, reject*)

**Heritage** ৳ ঐতিহ্য

**Sinking of another vessel**

**Ban all commercial cargo through Sundarbans**

**DESPITE the plea of environmentalists, political parties, cultural groups and the recommendations of a United Nations team and a government committee, cargo vessels continue to ply through the rivers in the Sundarbans and the latest is the sinking of one carrying 1,235 tonnes of coal in the Shela River.**

## **Save the DND project area(22-03-16)**

**Go After** ৳ অন্বেষণ করা (*To pursue an object or a goal*)

**Canal** ৳ খাল

**Encroachers** ৳ সীমালঙ্ঘনকারী, (*Intruder*)

**Dam** ৳ বাঁধ(*Embankment*)

**Take Up** ৳ গ্রহণ করা (*Accept*)

**Nullified** ৳ বাতিল করা (*Reject, Override*)

**Depict** ৳ বর্ণনা করা (*Delimitate*)

**Constantly** ৳ প্রতিনিয়ত, ধারাবাহিকভাবে (*Continually*)

**Highlighting** ৳ দৃষ্টিগোচর করা

**Bodies** ৳ সংস্থা

**Plight** ৳ দুর্দশা

**Unconcerned** ৳ নির্লিপ্ত, উদাসীন (*Apathetic*)

**Address** ৳ চিহ্নিত করা

**Hardship** ৳ কষ্ট (*Misery, pain*)

**Compounded** ৳ মিশ্রিত

**Hinder** ৳ বাধা (*Impede*)

**Runoff** ৳ জলস্রোত

**Galling** ৳ পীড়াদায়ক (*Grievous*)

**Reiterate** ৳ পুনরাবৃত্তি করা (*Repeat, Ingeminate*)

## Save the DND project area

Go after the canal encroachers The objectives for which the Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra dam project was taken up in the 1960s have been, to a large extent, nullified by the indiscriminate urbanisation of the project area and fish farming by damming the canals. The picture carried in this newspaper yesterday, depicting how a part of the canal has been dammed for the purpose of fishing, says all about the management of the project. The canal network is the lifeline of the people living inside the DND area.

This paper has been constantly highlighting the plight of water bodies in the country and particularly the rivers that serve the major cities of the country, but the authorities seem to be quite unconcerned over the issue. DND project is a case in point where lack of a long term plan to address the problems has put the nearly two million residents of the area in constant hardship, particularly in the rainy season when the situation is compounded by hindered runoff of rainwater due to blocked canals. Reportedly Matuail, Dakkhinpara, Muslimnagar, Mogolpara and Medical Road are areas in particular, where several hundred fishing farms have mushroomed. Also canals have been filled up to set up gas and petrol filling stations in the area. This is all the more galling since the government conducts anti-encroachment drives from time to time, only for the canal to be refilled and reoccupied.

We reiterate the call of the experts to immediately form a task force to take a coordinated effort to resolve what has become a deep rooted problem. Apart from the technical issue there ought to be arrangements for constant supervision of the area to prevent encroachment.

This is not the first time. In 2014, an oil tanker sank in the same river spilling hundreds of thousands of gallons of furnace oil and the year before, a cargo vessel carrying 200 tonnes of fertiliser sank in the Bhola River, endangering the habitat of innumerable species many of whom are already on the verge of extinction. In the absence of any concerted government clean-up effort, the post-disaster plan had desperate, ill-equipped villagers sponging, spooning, and netting oil out of the water. Transporting large amounts of hazardous materials through one of the most fragile and magnificent ecosystems on earth defies logic. UNESCO has even warned of possibly revoking the World Heritage Site status of the Sundarbans if this trend continues. But who cares.

We renew our call to the government to find alternative routes and put an immediate and permanent ban on the movement of all commercial vessels through the waterways of the Sundarbans.

## Obama's visit to Cuba( 23-03-16)

Pave The Way ☞ পথ তৈরী করা ( set the stage)

Hostility ☞ শত্রুতা (Enmity, Antipathy)

Plague ☞ আক্রান্ত হওয়া

Missile ☞ ক্ষেপণাস্ত্র

Groundbreaking ☞ যুগান্তকারী (Innovative)

Embargo ☞ নিষেধাজ্ঞা (Ban, prohibition, taboo)

Imposed on ☞ আরোপিত (Incumbent)

**Trip** ➤ যাত্রা (Journey)

**Counterpart** ➤ ভিন্ন অবস্থানের অনুরূপ ব্যক্তি (a person or thing that has the same purpose as another one in a different place or organization)

**Dictate** ➤ নির্দেশ (to order, command, control)

**Reminiscent** ➤ স্মরণ করিয়ে দেয় (Remindful)

**Fester** ➤ খারাপ করা (Worsen)

**Thaw** ➤ গলানো, কোমল হওয়া (Melt, soften)

**Normalisation** ➤ নিয়মমাফিককরণ

**Negotiation** ➤ আলাপ - আলোচনা (Discussion)

**Prisoner** ➤ বন্দী

**Perhaps** ➤ সম্ভবত

**Prediction** ➤ ভবিষ্যদ্বাণী (Prophecy)

**Diplomatic** ➤ কূটনৈতিক

**Overture** ➤ প্রস্তাব (Bid, proposal)

**Adversary** ➤ প্রতিপক্ষ, (Opponent, Rival)

**Eminently** ➤ মাত্রাতিরিক্তভাবে, অত্যধিক (To much, extremely)

**Obama's visit to Cuba**

**A new era in relations**

*This is the first visit by an American president to Cuba in 88 years. We hope that this historic visit by President Obama will pave the way for the complete removal of hostility that has plagued the two nations since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. The visit is groundbreaking because it was a US-led economic embargo that was imposed on the island nation since the Cuban revolution of 1959, and today it is an American president who has made the trip to meet his counterpart. The unfriendly environment that had till lately dictated relationship between the two countries was reminiscent of the Cold War that was left to fester long after its end, and it is time to move on.*

*That US-Cuba relations have begun to thaw is welcome news. However, the road to full normalisation of relations is dependent on a number of factors. That will depend a lot on how negotiations go between the two States, particularly on the question of political prisoners. There is a lot of opposition to the lifting of the embargo, a key demand on the Cuban side, in the US Congress that is largely controlled by Republicans.*

*It is perhaps too early to make predictions on what the next steps will be in terms of diplomatic overtures by either side, but the fact is that two adversaries of more than half a century have decided to leave the past behind, as made eminently clear in the words of President Obama that one cannot keep on doing the same things and expect new results.*

## **Terror attack on Brussels(24-03-16)**

**Terror** ➤ সন্ত্রাস (fright, fear)

**Go against** ➤ লঙ্ঘন করা, ভঙ্গা (Violate, Breach)

**Mindless** ➤ নির্বোধ (Foolish)

**Erupt** ➤ বিস্ফোরণ হওয়া (Burst)

**Claim** ➤ দাবি করা (Demand)

**Send Shudder** 𑍎 চরমভাবে শঙ্কিত (*Extremely frightened*)

**Appall** 𑍆 ভীত করা, আতঙ্কিত করা (*Dismay, Terrify, Daunt*)

**Wanton** 𑍆 অনিয়ন্ত্রিত (*Uncontrolled*)

**Unleash** 𑍆 ছাড়িয়া দেয়া (*Give away*)

**Heightened** 𑍆 তীব্রতর হওয়া, অগ্রসর হওয়া (*Improve, Go forward*)

**Condemnation** 𑍆 নিন্দা (*Reprehension*)

**Cowardly** 𑍆 কাপুরুষোচিত (*Chicken hearted person*)

**Ordinary** 𑍆 সাধারণ

**Outfit** 𑍆 দল (*Group, Cohort*)

**Resorting** 𑍆 অবলম্বী

**Renowned** 𑍆 প্রখ্যাত (*Famous, Notable*)

**Heinous** 𑍆 জঘন্য

**Retaliate** 𑍆 প্রতিশোধ নেয়া, প্রতিহিংসা চরিতার্থ করা (*Revenge, Wreak*)

**Unarmed** 𑍆 নিরস্ত্র

**Terror attack on Brussels**

**Goes against Islamic teachings**

*The mindless violence that erupted in a series of explosions in Brussels airport and a metro train station on March 22 that claimed some 35 lives has sent a shudder through Europe and the world. We are appalled at the wanton violence unleashed by the Islamic State (IS) against innocent people which has wounded hundreds. The incident has heightened Europe's inability to tackle terror, and we join voices with world leaders in the condemnation of such cowardly attacks that targeted ordinary citizens. What have attacks like this, and those that took place in Paris earlier, achieved? IS and like-minded terror outfits have done more harm to Muslims and Islam by resorting to violence that is specifically banned in Islam.*

*It is well that the renowned Islamic scholars have voiced their condemnation of these heinous acts. We are glad to see the Cairo-based Al-Azhar, which is a leading seat of learning in Islam, come out publicly in condemnation of these heinous crimes that violate the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah.*

*While security will undoubtedly be tightened across Europe to combat terrorism wherever it may exist, we hope that Muslim communities will not be subject to witch hunts. That will do more harm than good, and we hope that religious leaders of all faiths will come forward in greater numbers to preach peace and tolerance. If the terror outfit is retaliating against the actions of the West, as they claim they are, in Syria and Iraq, it should remember that two wrongs do not make a right. Nothing can justify the killing of unarmed people.*

**When going to school is life threatening(25-03-16)**

**Threatening** 𑍆 হুমকি (*Frightening*)

**Derelict** 𑍆 পরিত্যক্ত, বর্জিত (*Abandoned, Devoid*)

**Municipality** 𑍆 পৌরসভা

**Abandoned** ৳ পরিত্যক্ত

**Plaster** ৳ থলেপ (Ointment)

**Fell from** ৳ পতিত হওয়া (To make something fall)

**Wakeup call** ৳ বিপদ সম্পর্কে সতর্ক করা (something that serves to alert a person to a problem, danger, or need)

**Accommodate** ৳ উপযোগী করা, স্থান সংকুলান হওয়া (Suitable, adapt)

**Enrollment** ৳ তালিকাভুক্তি, নিয়োগ (Appointment)

**Commendable** ৳ প্রশংসনীয় (Praiseworthy, Laudable)

**Appeal** ৳ আবেদন করা (Apply, Solicit)

**Relevant** ৳ সংশ্লিষ্ট (Connate)

**Avail** ৳ উপকার, লাভ (Benefit)

**Lack Of will** ৳ ইচ্ছার অভাব

**Adequate** ৳ পর্যাপ্ত (Enough)

**Run-down** ৳ জরাজীর্ণ (Decrepit)

**When going to school is life threatening**

**Repair the building immediately**

**The derelict primary school in Bera municipality in Pabna is a tragic accident waiting to happen. Constructed in 1969, the school building was declared abandoned in 2013 but three years on, students continue to attend classes there risking their lives. About two months ago, plaster fell from the ceiling, injuring several students and a teacher. One would think it would be a wakeup call to the authorities but it wasn't. Who will take responsibility in the event of the derelict building collapsing on the children? According to the headmaster, the only reason why they are still taking classes there is because there is no alternative facility to accommodate the students and maintain regularity of classes.**

**The government prides itself on the increasing enrollment at the primary and secondary levels, which is commendable. Also, in the post-MDG era, discussions about bringing up the quality of education make headlines in the media. Is this the way to deliver on the lofty promise of ensuring quality education for all?**

**Local officials have, reportedly, appealed to the relevant authorities several times but to no avail. Is it the lack of will or lack of adequate fund that is hindering the construction of a new building? The Ministry of Primary and Mass Education should look into the matter without delay. But before that, an alternative, temporary arrangement must be made for the students and it should be made sure that no student attends classes in this run-down building.**

## **Sylhet city crippled( 26-03-16)**

**Crippled** ৳ বিকল (Disabled)

**Excuse** ৳ ক্ষমা (Pardon, Forgiveness)

**Concern** ৳ উদ্বেগ

**At A Loss** ৳ হতবুদ্ধি ; কিংকর্তব্যবিমূঢ়

**Lacklustre** ৳ নিষ্প্রভ (Feckless)

**Scarcity** ৳ ঘাটতি(Deficiency)

**Burgeoning** ৳ বিকশিত (a new growth or expansion of something)

**Flabbergast** ৳ হতবুদ্ধি করা, অচতেন করা(Stun, confound)

**Whopping** ৳ খুব বড় (exceptionally large or great)

**Prior to** ৳ পূর্বে (Before, Preceding)

**Meanwhile** ৳ এদিকে, ইত্যবসরে

**Pinpoint** ৳ তুচ্ছ বিষয় (A very small or sharp point)

**Shirking** ৳ এড়াইয়া চলা

**Requisite** ৳ প্রয়োজনীয়, আবশ্যিক (Momentous, vital)

**Prides** ৳ মান, মহিমা (Value)

**Devise** ৳ পরিকল্পনা করা

**Bureaucratic** ৳ আমলাতান্ত্রিক

**Sylhet city crippled**

**No excuse for ignoring concerns over water shortage**

*We are at a loss to understand why the authorities are assuming such a lacklustre attitude in solving the water scarcity in Sylhet, which has all but crippled the city. The Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) is only being able to supply 3 crore litres of water a day as opposed to the demand for 8 crore litres of water. Many areas of the burgeoning city remain without supply lines altogether, and residents claim that even areas with water connections do not supply water on a regular basis, although the authorities bill them for water usage anyway.*

*What is even more flabbergasting is that a new surface water treatment plant, whose construction work under the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) was completed a couple of months ago, is still not operational. It is feared that the plant, which cost a whopping Tk 130 crore and was supposed to add 2.8 crore litres of water using water from the Surma river to the daily supply, may not be functional as the water level of Surma is "below expectation." Why, we wonder, are we only realising this now, when the project has been already been completed? Did we not conduct a situation analysis prior to constructing the treatment plant with the taxpayers' money?*

*Meanwhile, by pinpointing the fingers at DPHE and the consumers themselves, the SCC seems to be shirking its own responsibilities. It must solve this crisis without any delay, for access to safe water is a basic requisite of a nation that prides itself on its GDP growth and development. An alternative way to make the treatment plant work has to be devised without any bureaucratic delay.*

## **Good news for the visually impaired teachers(27-03-16)**

**Visually Impaired** ৳ আংশিক বা সম্পূর্ণ অন্ধ (Partly or wholly blind.)

**Provide** ৳ প্রদান করা, সরবরাহ করা

**Initiative** ৳ উদ্যোগ(Persuasive)

**Computing skills** ৳ কম্পিউটার ব্যবহারের দক্ষতা (Proficiency of using computer)

**Push** ☞ উদ্যোগ, চেষ্টা, ধাক্কা (*Enthusiasm, Effort, Shock*)

**Aid** ☞ সাহায্য, সহায় (*Assistance, helper*)

**Usher** ☞ নকীব, সহকারী (*Accompany, Escort*)

**Eliminate** ☞ দূর করা, বাদ দেওয়া (*Abolish, abrogate*)

**Bypass** ☞ পার্শ্বপথ, বাধা পরিহার করা (*avoid an obstacle*)

**Put Together** ☞ একত্র করা

**Combine** ☞ সংযুক্ত করা, একত্র করা (*Unite, join*)

**Barrier** ☞ বাধা (*Obstacle, Hindrance*)

**Lag Behind** ☞ পশ্চাদপদ, ধীরগতিতে চলা (*Move very slowly*)

**Inclusive** ☞ সমেত, পরিবেষ্টক

**Alike** ☞ একইভাবে, সমভাবে

**Good news for the visually impaired teachers**

**Technology provides ease of teaching**

*It is estimated that there are more than 100 visually impaired teachers working in schools in the country's education system. A government initiative is bringing together visually impaired teachers and schools to use multimedia and computing skills that will enable them to make PowerPoint presentations in classrooms. This is part of a bigger push to bring digital content and ease of learning to some 20,500 secondary and 5,400 government primary schools that will help usher in a new teaching method to the more than 4 million students across the country. The introduction of modern technology is bringing tools like touch screens and new software that aid visually impaired teachers to make lessons fun for students.*

*The introduction of "screen readers", essentially a software programme that allows blind or visually impaired readers to read text that is displayed on the computer screen, eliminates the problems a physically challenged user faces with traditional keyboards. The user can thus bypass the problems associated with sight and perform functions that a non-impaired person is able to. These teachers can now become fully functional not only in giving lessons, but also making them much more interesting by putting together lessons that combine text with animation.*

*The programme is part of a larger push to break the barrier down for those people who have till now been lagging behind due to visual impairment. We congratulate the authorities for bringing modern technology and teaching methods that are bound to be more inclusive in nature for students and teachers alike.*

## **Historic sites in peril(28-03-16)**

**Sites** ☞ যায়গা (*place, Land*)

**Peril** ☞ বিপদ (*danger, hazard, jeopardy, risk, threat, wathe*)

**Preserve** ☞ বাঁচাইয়া রাখা, সংরক্ষণ করা (*Protect, Conserve*)

**Incomprehensible** ☞ দুর্বোধ্য, বুঝতে কঠিন (*Unfathomable*)

**Archeology** ☞ প্রত্নতত্ত্ব

**Verge** ☞ কিনারা, প্রান্ত (*Brink, Edge*)

**Ruin** 𑌧 ধ্বংস, অধঃপতন (*Destroy, Fordo*)

**Colonial** 𑌧 ঔপনিবেশিক

**Brink** 𑌧 কিনারা (*Verge, Edge*)

**Heritage** 𑌧 ঐতিহ্য

**Renovation** 𑌧 সংস্কার (*Preparation, Rebuilding*)

**Measures** 𑌧 ব্যবস্থা, পদক্ষেপ

**Disrupt** 𑌧 ব্যাহত করা, বিপর্যস্ত করা (*Impede*)

**Integrity** 𑌧 সততা, বিশুদ্ধতা (*Purity, Clearness*)

**Extension** 𑌧 সম্প্রসারণ

**Antiquity** 𑌧 প্রাচীন

**Motif** 𑌧 নমুনা, নকশা (*a pattern or design*)

**Treasure** 𑌧 প্রাচুর্য, সম্পদ (*Abundance*)

**Aesthetic** 𑌧 নান্দনিক

**Disaster** 𑌧 দুর্যোগ (*Inversion, Catastrophe*)

**Modification** 𑌧 অদলবদল, সামান্য পরিবর্তন

**Due diligence** 𑌧 যত্নসহকারে পরীক্ষা করা (*the process of carefully examining something or someone*)

**Historic sites in peril**

**Preserve and protect them**

*It is incomprehensible how the Department of Archeology can leave several historic structures on the verge of ruins in Chittagong.*

*According to research conducted by a former official of the Chittagong University Museum, at least 36 structures built during the Sultani, Mughal and British colonial periods in the port city are on the brink of destruction due to indifference of the authorities concerned.*

*Not only have the authorities not taken any measures to preserve these heritage sites, they have allowed renovation projects that, in many cases, disrupt the integrity of the original architecture. For instance, the construction of a three-story extension to Hammadia Mosque, a Sultani-era structure in Sitakunda, obstructs the view of the beautiful antiquity from three sides. The entrance of the five-century-old mosque has been badly damaged while motifs have been covered with tiles in some parts of the walls inside the building.*

*The government must be aware of what we are losing here. These treasures are a vital link to our cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, and economic legacies - all of the things that literally make us who we are. Losing them not by natural or man-made disasters but by simple neglect is unacceptable.*

*The Antiquities Act 1968 (amended in 1976) which prohibits damage or modification to any historic site should be strictly enforced. And the Ministry of Cultural Affairs should issue a directive to the Department of Archeology to address this matter with due diligence.*

## **Plunder of Gangamati Reserve Forest(29-03-16)**

**Plunder** 𑌧 লুণ্ঠরাজ, লুণ্ঠন (*Ravage*)

**Shock** 𑌧 আঘাত পাওয়া (*Shove, hit*)

**Note** 𑌧 উল্লেখ করা, লক্ষ্য করা (*Notice, observe*)

**Indeed** 𑌧 প্রকৃতপক্ষে (*Actually, Truly*)

**Disconcert** 𑌧 ব্যাহত করা (*Frustrate, Upset*)

**Goons** 𑌧 গুন্ডারা, নির্বোধ (*Blockhead*)

**Connivance** 𑌧 উপেক্ষা (*Disregard, Neglect*)

**Fell** 𑌧 ভূপাতিত করা (*Pull down, Destroy*)

**Impunity** 𑌧 অব্যাহতি, শাস্তি থেকে মুক্তি (*Exemption from punishment*)

**Brazenly** 𑌧 নির্লজ্জভাবে (*Shamelessly*)

**Harass** 𑌧 হয়রান করা, বাধা দেওয়া (*Rattle, Obstacle*)

**Protest** 𑌧 প্রতিবাদ করা (*Object*)

**Prey** 𑌧 লুণ্ঠ করা (*Plunder*)

**Flaw** 𑌧 ত্রুটি (*Fault, imperfection*)

**Swathe** 𑌧 ব্যাণ্ডেজ, বন্ধনী (*Band*)

**Concentrated** 𑌧 গাঢ়, অনন্য (*Intense*)

**Biodiversity** 𑌧 জীব বৈচিত্র্য

**Buffer** 𑌧 রক্ষা, নিরোধ ব্যক্তি (*Protection*)

**Pilferage** 𑌧 চুরি, হরণ (*Detraction, theft*)

**Logistic** 𑌧 পরিকল্পনা (*Planning*)

**Pivotal** 𑌧 কেন্দ্রগত, খুব গুরুত্বপূর্ণ

**Plunder of Gangamati Reserve Forest**

**Take immediate steps to save it**

*We are shocked to note that a large number of trees have been regularly plundered from the Gangamati reserve forest in Patuakhali. The trees which form a green belt are half-a-century old and were planted to protect the coastal region from natural disasters. It is indeed disconcerting to note that local goons, in connivance with some forest officials, have reportedly felled as many as 100 trees in the last few months only to sell them in the illegal market. The destruction of the forest has been going on with impunity for some time now, which has allowed the plunderers to brazenly carry out their criminal activities. So much so that some forest officials reportedly harass anyone who protest the illegal felling by lodging false cases. The very people who were supposed to protect the forest are now preying on its resources. This points to a serious systematic and operational flaw. Also, there are only three guards to protect a huge swathe of forest, making it rather impossible to patrol the entire area. It is indeed high time that we took concentrated efforts to protect reserve forests such as Gangamati, which is mostly populated by mangrove plants. The trees are crucial for the biodiversity of the region, work as natural buffer against cyclone and are used often times as shelter by the local fishermen.*

*We demand the immediate arrest of the individuals responsible behind the pilferage of the trees from the reserve forest. The authorities concerned need to increase number of guards and other logistics. In this regard, involving the local people to help safeguard the forest by providing intelligence to the authorities is also pivotal.*

## A law to improve university standards(30-03-16)

**Move** ➤ পদক্ষেপ(step, forward)

**Accreditation** ➤ স্বীকৃতি, কৃতিত্ব

**Entities** ➤ সত্ত্বা

**Claim** ➤ দাবি করা (Confess, make a bid)

**Crop Up** ➤ হঠাৎ উদয় ( To occur suddenly)

**Exorbitant** ➤ গলাকাটা, অত্যধিক (Excessive, overmuch)

**Well-reputed** ➤ সুবিখ্যাত, নামকরা (Renowned, Notorious)

**Hike up** ➤ বৃদ্ধি করা, (Raise, Increase)

**Laudable** ➤ প্রশংসনীয় (Commendable, praiseworthy)

**Endeavour** ➤ আন্তরিক প্রচেষ্টা (Attempt, Effort)

**Proposed** ➤ প্রস্তাবিত

**Finding** ➤ গবেষণার ফলাফল (Result of research)

**Competitiveness** ➤ প্রতিযোগিতামূলক

**Caution** ➤ সাবধানতা, সতর্কতা

**Counterproductive** ➤ সহায়ক নয় (Not helpful)

**Implementation** ➤ রূপায়ণ, বাস্তবে রূপ দেয়া (The process of moving an idea from concept to reality)

**Entangle** ➤ ফাঁদে ফেলা, জটিল করা (Complicate)

**Gridlock** ➤ জট

**Hamper** ➤ ব্যাহত করা (Prevent, Defeat)

**Bring About a boost** ➤ উন্নত করা, ত্বরান্বিত করা

**Par** ➤ সমাবস্থা (Equal value)

**A law to improve university standards**

**A welcome move**

*It is a positive move that the cabinet has approved of a draft 'The Accreditation Council Law, 2016', that aims to ensure the standards of higher education. We have seen all too often, entities claiming to be universities, cropping up and continuing their operations without maintaining the quality of education that such establishments are expected to provide. Many private universities, moreover, charge exorbitant tuition fees but do not provide students with the services to justify such high costs. Despite government directives, many well-reputed universities have hiked up their fees but not provided the best academic learning and basic facilities such as proper campus environments and laboratories. If the law in question addresses such issues, that would indeed be a laudable endeavour.*

*The proposed council will review the academic standards of the universities and give ratings based on their findings which will be posted on a website. This should increase the competitiveness of the educational institutions – public and private- and hence in principle, improve the overall standards of higher education.*

We however, would like to caution, that the draft law in question must not in any way become an obstruction to the growth of educational institutions that offer higher studies. It would be counterproductive if the implementation of the proposed law becomes entangled in bureaucratic gridlocks that may hamper initiatives that truly deserve accreditation. If the proposed law is executed in an efficient way by qualified members of the council, this may bring about a boost in the quality of higher education, something our young people deserve in order to be at par with their global counterparts.

## Halda River at stake(31-03-16)

**At Stake** ৳ ঝুঁকি (At risk)

**Breeding** ৳ প্রজনন, জন্মদান (Bearing)

**Carp** ৳ পোনা মাছ

**Owing To** ৳ জন্য

**Hazard** ৳ বিপত্তি, বিপদ (Travel, Jeopardy)

**Sewage** ৳ ময়লা জল (Wastewater)

**Contamination** ৳ দূষণ (Pollution, Defilement)

**Extraction** ৳ নিষ্কাশন(Removal)

**Unprecedented** ৳ অভূতপূর্ব, নজিরবিহীন

**Ecologically** ৳ বাস্তুতান্ত্রিকভাবে

**Catchment area** ৳ যে অঞ্চল দিয়ে পানি প্রবাহিত হয়ে নদীতে পড়ে (the area from which water flows into a river, stream, etc.)

**Drop Down** ৳ মূল্য বা উৎপাদন কমে যাওয়া

**Drastically** ৳ বহুলাংশে, তীব্রভাবে( Intensely, Rampantly)

**Pesticide** ৳ ক্ষতিকর কীটপতঙ্গাদি নাশক পদার্থ

**Spawning** ৳ ডিম ছাড়া, জন্ম দেয়া (Lay eggs, Bear)

**Induce** ৳ রাজি করানো, প্ররোচিত করা (Procure)

**Incentive** ৳ প্ররোচনা (Persuasion, Incitement)

**Oblivious** ৳ অন্যানমনস্ক, অমনোযোগী (Careless, heedless)

**Signatory** ৳ দস্তখৎকারী, সইদাতা

**Curb** ৳ দমন করা (Restrain, Subdue)

**Menace** ৳ ভয়প্রদর্শনকারী, হুমকি (Threatening)

**Pest** ৳ মহামারী, ক্ষতিকর প্রাণী (Epidemic, Harmful creature)

**Hinterland** ৳ শহরদূরবর্তী অঞ্চল (an area of a country that is faraway from cities)

**Halda River at stake**

**Control tobacco farming near the river area**

The country's largest natural breeding ground for carp, Halda River, has been under threat owing to various manmade hazards, including industrial waste and sewage contamination, sand extraction and illegal fishing. The situation has gotten worse due to unprecedented tobacco farming near the ecologically sensitive river catchment area. A research shows that the amount of fish eggs laid in

*the river dropped down drastically to only 47 kg in 2015 from 5,000 kg in 1945.*

*In the last three years, tobacco farming has increased 50 folds in the area. Tobacco requires up to four times more fertiliser and pesticide than traditional crops. Excess amounts of fertiliser and pesticides wash down to the nearby river and seriously contaminate the fish spawning zone.*

*It is alleged that tobacco companies induce local farmers with various incentives to discontinue cultivation of traditional crops in favour of tobacco. The local administration seems quite oblivious of this alarming trend. Bangladesh is a signatory to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) which requires the government to take preventive steps to protect the environment from tobacco-related damage, by helping farmers grow alternative crops.*

*Unfortunately there is little government campaign against tobacco production.*

*The government should immediately curb this menacing spread of tobacco farming near the Halda River. The farmers should be given incentives to grow alternative crops. Even then the nearby croplands should use organic fertiliser and pest control system. The river's hinterland should also be reforested.*

## City brought to its knees(01-04-16)

**Bring to (one's) Knees** 𑌧 কোন কিছু বিনাশ করা, সর্বনাশ করা (to destroy or defeat someone or something)

**Snarl up** 𑌧 বাধা, ব্লক করা (Block)

**Commuter** 𑌧 নিত্য যাত্রী, যে প্রতিদিন যাতায়াত করে (A person who regularly travels from one place to another)

**Stuck** 𑌧 আটকা পড়া, (Trapped, Unable to move)

**Endless** 𑌧 অবিরাম, একটানা (Continues)

**Gridlock** 𑌧 জট, চলাচলে অক্ষম

**Unveiling** 𑌧 উন্মুক্তকরণ (Disclose, Opening)

**Protest** 𑌧 প্রতিবাদ করা (Remonstrance)

**Disregard** 𑌧 উপেক্ষা করা (Ignore, Neglect)

**Convenience** 𑌧 সুবিধা (Benefit)

**Nuisance** 𑌧 ক্ষতিকর কিন্তু বৈধ (Anything harmful or offensive to the community or to a member of it, for which a legal remedy exists)

**Cognizance** 𑌧 জ্ঞান, প্রতীক, নিদর্শন (Emblem)

**Paralyse** 𑌧 অসাড় করা, অকার্যকর করা (Benumb)

**Procession** 𑌧 মিছিল

**Takeover** 𑌧 নিয়ন্ত্রণ করা

**Whilst** 𑌧 যতক্ষণ না

**Thoroughfare** 𑌧 মধ্যবর্তী পথ

**Congregate** 𑌧 সমবেত করা, জড়ো হওয়া (Get together)

**Disrupt** 𑌧 ব্যাহত করা (Impede)

**Inauguration** 𑌧 অভিষেক, উদ্বোধন

**Chaotic** 𑌧 বিশৃঙ্খল

**City brought to its knees**

**Horrible traffic snarl up**

**March 30 was a terrible day to be on the road. Commuters were stuck for hours on end as major roads were blocked due to three reasons that resulted in endless gridlock all over Dhaka, namely, a rally demanding justice for Tonu, blocking of roads as there was an unveiling of a flyover and finally, the blocking off of Shahbagh where hundreds of nurses were holding protests.**

**The protest culture in our country shows complete disregard for public convenience. The fact is that until things get to the stage of public nuisance, authorities do not take cognizance of demands and they are moved to respond only when the city is sent into paralysis, thanks to such demonstrations. And commuters have to bear the brunt of it all. Even political parties have shown total disregard for the public. There have been huge processions where the police have allowed some groups to takeover roads whilst denying others.**

**There ought to be clear guidelines from the government and traffic authorities that under no circumstances can thoroughfares be blocked or closed to hold rallies and demonstrations. There should be designated areas where people can congregate without disrupting the**

flow of traffic. In the case of processions, authorities should ensure that only a portion of the road is used and not the whole. We respect the right of people to voice their demands but if protesters want to gain public sympathy, they must respect public interest. We would like to urge the authorities to schedule their inauguration programmes on weekends so that they do not add to the already chaotic traffic conditions prevailing in the city.

## Shifting of the Central Jail(11-04-16)

**Shifting** 𑄎 স্থান পরিবর্তন (Change, move, swap)

**Prison** 𑄎 কারাগার

**Inmate** 𑄎 নিবাসী(Inhabitant)

**Overcrowded** 𑄎 জনাকীর্ণ(Populous, Congested)

**Accommodate** 𑄎 উপযোগী করা (Suitable, to Render fit)

**Open Up** 𑄎 শুরু করা, প্রকাশ করা (Reveal)

**Date back** 𑄎 অতীতের কোন নির্দিষ্ট সময়ে শুরু হওয়া (begun at a particular time in the past)

**Constitute** 𑄎 গঠন করা, আইন পাস করা (Establish, Enact)

**Advocating** 𑄎 সমর্থনে (To encourage support for something)

**Controversy** 𑄎 বিতর্ক (Dispute, Conflict)

**Scant** 𑄎 অত্যল্প, খুব কম (Few, slight)

**Trafficking** 𑄎 পাচার ( distribution of illegal drugs)

**Maintenance** 𑄎 রক্ষা, (Support)

**Covenant** 𑄎 চুক্তি (Agreement, Treaty)

**Dignity** 𑄎 মর্যাদা (Stature)

**Segregate** 𑄎 নি 𑄎 সঙ্গ করা, আলাদা করা (Separate)

**Convict** 𑄎 আসামি, দণ্ডদেশ দেওয়া

**Juvenile** 𑄎 অল্প বয়স্ক তরুণ (young; not fully developed)

**Offender** 𑄎 অপরাধী

**Revisit** 𑄎 পুনরায় সাক্ষাৎ করা, পুনর্বিবেচনা (Reconsider)

**Shifting of the Central Jail**

**Improve conditions of other prisons too**

We welcome the shifting of the Dhaka central Jail to Keraniganj in order to improve the facilities and living conditions of the inmates. The new facility which includes a hospital and residential units for prison staff will have two separate jails for male female inmates. Jail-1 which will house male prisoners will have a capacity of 4,590 prisoners.

This is a significant improvement on the overcrowded jail in Dhaka which accommodates more than 8,000 prisoners against a capacity of 2,600. It opens up the question of how to improve conditions in other jails at the district level across the country. Prisons in Bangladesh are governed by laws which date back to the 19th century as constituted by the British authorities. Human rights activists have long been advocating for prison reforms and for good reasons. The quality and quantity of food has always been a subject of much controversy while prisoners' access to medical facilities remains scant. Drug trafficking,

reportedly, is one of the main issues in the maintenance of law and order inside the prisons.

The government should remember that Bangladesh is committed under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to treat inmates with dignity and respect, to segregate under-trial prisoners from the convicts, juvenile offenders from adults, and most importantly, bring them to trial as soon as possible.

Jails should be facilities where people get a second chance to reform themselves so that they can integrate into society, putting behind their criminal past. Prisons are part of the criminal justice system. As such if the conditions in jails are to be improved, we need to revisit the existing criminal justice system which often contributes to, among other things, overcrowding and other problems.

## Social safety nets(12-04-16)

**Plug** ৳ ছিপি দ্বারা বন্ধ করা, প্রতিরোধ করা (Stopper, Prevent)

**Integral** ৳ অখণ্ড, সম্পূর্ণ (Whole, complete)

**Allocate** ৳ বরাদ্দ করা (Distribute)

**Turn Out** ৳ পরিণত হওয়া

**Cushion** ৳ স্থাপন করা, গোপন করা (Place on, Conceal)

**Paltry** ৳ তুচ্ছ, নগন্য (Flimsy)

**Grievous** ৳ দুঃখজনক, শোচনীয় (Abject, Deplorable)

**Recipient** ৳ প্রাপক, গ্রাহক

**Pervasive** ৳ পরিব্যাপক, রঞ্জে রঞ্জে প্রবিষ্ট

**Ineligible** ৳ অযোগ্য (Unfitting, Inapplicable)

**Beneficiaries** ৳ সুবিধাভোগী

**Scheme** ৳ পরিকল্পনা, নকশা (Plan, Design)

**Loophole** ৳ পলায়নের পথ, ছিদ্রপথ (Chink)

**Supervision** ৳ রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ, পর্যবেক্ষণ (Custody, Observation)

**Social safety nets**

**Plug the holes in the system**

Even though Bangladesh is on its way to become a middle income country (MIC), nearly a third of its population lives below the poverty line, making social safety net programmes an integral part of its economic development. Yet, the existing funds allocated to about one hundred plus programmes have turned out to be inadequate to cushion the poor against poverty. Bangladesh's allocation in its social safety nets is 2.2 percent of the GDP, which is paltry compared to other MICs. The problem was highlighted last Sunday at a discussion organised by a leading Bangladeshi daily on social protection strategy and budget. To make matters even more grievous, half the state support does not even reach its intended recipient because of pervasive corruption, selection of ineligible beneficiaries and other misuse of funds. On top of it all, over a quarter of the allocation is spent to provide pension for government employees! Also, the schemes are not well coordinated and suffer from lack of transparency and accountability.

We believe that the government should prepare a detailed database of the number of people living below the poverty line, which will help the

stakeholders involved in understanding the needs of different target groups and strategise result-orientated plans. Improved management of the schemes, alongwith an efficient use of resources and plugging the loopholes in the distribution process is crucial in making the social safety nets more effective. It is also important to strengthen the monitoring and supervision system relating to the implementation process to make the schemes more accountable.

## **Safe street food, finally!(13-04-16)**

**Delighted** ৳ আনন্দিত (Pleased, Gratification)

**Relieve** ৳ উপশম করা, স্বস্থি দেওয়া (Alleviate)

**Hygienic** ৳ স্বাস্থ্যকর(Healthy)

**Cart** ৳ দুচাকার গাড়ি, মালবাহী গাড়ি(Waggon)

**Vendor** ৳ বিক্রেতা(Merchant, seller)

**Sustenance** ৳ খাদ্য

**Frighteningly** ৳ ভয়ানকভাবে (Outre)

**Contracting** ৳ সংযুক্ত করা, একত্রিত করা (To draw together or nearer)

**Contaminated** ৳ দূষিত (Defiled)

**Fatality** ৳ মৃত্যু বা বিপদের আশংকা (Tendency to death, destruction or dange)

**Endeavor** ৳ প্রচেষ্টা (Attempt)

**Widespread** ৳ ব্যাপক

**Exponentially** ৳ দ্রুত (Rapidly)

**Safe street food, finally!**

**Keep up the good work**

**We are delighted and relieved to learn about an initiative by the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) to ensure that street food is prepared and served in a hygienic way. As part of an ongoing 'Safe Food Programme, FAO have donated food carts for vendors; iccddr,b has also chipped in and training has been given to these vendors to make sure that the food they will sell is safe.**

**For Bangladesh, for far too long, food safety is something that is not guaranteed especially when it comes to street food. Many people, especially in the city, depend on street food for sustenance but the level of hygiene of the vendors and the way it is prepared, is frighteningly poor. This results in people contracting all kinds of stomach related diseases, some of them being very serious and difficult to cure.**

**Contaminated food can also cause fatalities. Thus this endeavour, to educate vendors on personal hygiene, safe, clean handling, storage and serving of food, couldn't have come at a more opportune time.**

**The chief health officer has promised that the DSCC will monitor the activities of vendors and make sure they practice what they have been trained to do. This includes making sure they wear gloves, caps and clean uniforms when handling food and knowing how to keep it safe for consumption. It has been announced that more such carts will be provided for the DSCC to distribute. We commend the DSCC mayor for facilitating such a programme and hope that it is more widespread. In a city that is growing exponentially in terms of its population, safe street food is a crucial component of public wellbeing.**

**Killing spree continues(27-04-16)**

**Spree** ৳ মাতলামি, উন্মাদনা, (frolic)

**Mastermind** ৳ পরিকল্পনা করা(plan)

**Speechless** ৳ নির্বাক(voiceless)

**Assassination** ৳ গুপ্তহত্যা

**Miscreant** ৳ দুর্বৃত্ত (Rascal)

**Precision** ৳ যথাযথ (Accuracy)

**Ruthlessness** ৳ নির্মমতা(Brutality)

**Chant** ৳ গান (Music)

**Heinous** ৳ জঘন্য(Damn)

**Headway** ৳ অগ্রগতি(Progress, Advance)

**Congregation** ৳ ধর্মসভা (A religious gathering of people in a place of worship)

**Deem** ৳ বিবেচনা করা, বিচার করা (Think, Judge)

**Assassin** ৳ গুপ্তঘাতক

**Allay** ৳ কমান (Reduce, minimize)

**Apprehension** ৳ আশঙ্কা(Fear, Cognition)

**Vigorous** ৳ সবল, সক্রিয় (Forceful)

**Retain** ৳ ধরে রাখা(Hold, restrain)

**Harmony** ৳ সাদৃশ্য(Accord)

**Resist** ৳ প্রতিহত করা(prevent)

**Bigotry** ৳ ধর্মান্ধতা(Fanaticism)

**Killing spree continues**

**Catch the masterminds**

**We are left speechless with horror at the coldblooded killing of Xulhaz Mannan, an official of USAID and rights activist and his friend Mahbub Tonoy, a university student. In what seems like a well organised, targeted assassination, the unidentified miscreants carried out their 'assignment' with precision.**

**The behaviour and ruthlessness with which the murderers killed and then left the scene shouting religious chants make it clear that they belong to militant groups that are carrying out terror attacks in the name of religion.**

**Only two days before, a professor of Rajshahi University who had a passion for music, was killed in a similar fashion, indicating that the motives behind the heinous crime were the same.**

**What is most disturbing is that, except for the Rajib murder case, no other accused has been brought to trial. There has been little headway in the investigations of the murders of writers, bloggers, publishers, religious leaders and terror attacks on congregations of religious minorities. The continuous killings of individuals that terrorists deem to not confirm to their particular ideology is a result of the law enforcement agencies' failure to catch not only the assassins who carry out these deadly attacks but also the masterminds who give the orders. Unless those behind the terror are identified and brought to book, it will be difficult to stop these organised killings.**

**As citizens we are living in fear and it is the government's duty to allay such apprehensions, especially of the targeted groups, by ensuring a vigorous, investigation and putting an end to the apparent impunity with which these terrorists operate. It is also time for us as a society, to retain our traditional values of tolerance and social harmony and resist bigotry that manifests in terrorism.**

**Water, water, nowhere!(28-04-16)**

**Nowhere** ৳ কোথাও না(In no place)

**Swelters** ৳ অতিশয় গরম/ঘামা (Intense heat, perspire)

**Dweller** ৳ অধিবাসী (Inhabitant)

**One-off** ৳ একমাত্র ঘটনা (Occurring once, one-time, singular)

**Suspension** ৳ বিলম্ব (Delay)

**Put Up with** ৳ সহ্য করা (Endure, tolerate)

**Unbearable** ৳ অসহ্য(Unendurable)

**Aggravate** ৳ তীব্রতর করা (Intensify, provoke)

**Paralysing** ৳ অকার্যকর করা (Void)

**Downplay** ৳ কমগুরুত্ব দেয়া (De-emphasise)

**Inadequate** ৳ অপরিাপ্ত (Ample, insufficient)

**Reiterate** ৳ পুনরাবৃত্তি করা, বারবার বলা (Ingeminate)

**Come To An End** ৳ বন্ধ করা (Stop, end)

**Water, water, nowhere!**

**Handle the crisis seriously**

**As the sweltering heat makes life intolerable for Dhaka dwellers, a severe water crisis has made things go from bad to worse for residents of Dhanmondi, Indira Road, Senpara Parbata and Old Dhaka. In other parts of town, such as Bashabo, Madartek, Mugda, Tantibazar and West Rajabazar, residents have to make do with dirty and smelly water. If the water shortage was a one-off occurrence, the residents might have found a temporary solution, but in many areas, the water supply has been in a state of suspension for two weeks straight.**

**Moreover residents are also having to put up with frequent load shedding in this unbearable heat. The power cuts are aggravating the water shortage even further.**

**It is frustrating for city dwellers that rather than confront the water shortage that is paralysing large parts of the city head on, the authorities seem to be downplaying its severity by stating that only some "pocket" areas in the city are experiencing the crisis. What is even more aggravating is that, come every summer, residents encounter the same problem of inadequate supply, and receive trite responses from the authorities as to why they could not generate adequate supply. And yet, they do little to decrease their dependence on groundwater for years on end.**

**We reiterate that the authorities must take this issue seriously, providing both short-term relief to city-dwellers and undertaking a long-term plan to resolve the water crisis so that next summer this insufferable situation is not repeated. Meanwhile, the authorities should ensure that the power cuts come to an end which, in addition to providing relief to residents in this heat, will also ease the water supply.**

## Seeking legal redress for rape(01-05-16)

**seeking** ➤ অনুসন্ধান (Look into)

**Redress** ➤ প্রতিকার (Remedy,

**Nightmare** ➤ দুঃ ➤ স্বপ্ন (Incubus)

**Evolve** ➤ ব্যক্ত করা (Disclose)

**Irrelevant** ➤ অপ্রাসঙ্গিক (Impertinent)

**Stuck** ➤ আটকে পড়া (Trapped and unable to move)

**Accused of** ➤ অভিযুক্ত (Charged, indicted)

**Skew** ➤ তির্যক (Oblique)

**Provision** ➤ বিধান (Law, Rule)

**Outrageous** ➤ ভয়ানক (Terrible, Blatant)

**Petition** ➤ আবেদন করা (Solicit, beg)

**Gross** ➤ স্থূল, মোটা, সম্পূর্ণ (Entire)

**Prompt** ➤ উদ্দীপিত করা (Ensoul, Encourage)

**Archaic** ➤ প্রাচীন (Ancient)

**Horrendous** ➤ ভয়ঙ্কর (Horrible, Hideous)

**Remain** ➤ থাকা (Continue, stand)

**Pending** ➤ অসম্পূর্ণ (Unresolved)

**Legislation** ➤ আইন প্রণয়ন (Enactment)

**Restrict** ➤ সীমাবদ্ধ করা, বাধা দেওয়া (Cumber)

**Seeking legal redress for rape**

**A nightmare for the victim**

*Unlike the United Kingdom, the US and Australia, where laws regarding rape have evolved to a state that the “character, morality and sexual history of a victim are largely irrelevant to a sex crime trial”, we in Bangladesh are stuck with the Evidence Act of 1872, which largely allows for a victim of rape to be accused of “bad character”. The whole process – from recording the incident with the police to the actual trial, should it get to that stage, is skewed against the victim. That we have provisions in the Act which allows the accused (usually a man) to point the finger at the victim (the woman) and claim her to be of loose moral character is outrageous in today's context, particularly as a woman's “character” has no bearing on whether or not she was raped. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why so many rape incidents go unrecorded in our country.*

*A legal rights body has petitioned the High Court (HC) to challenge the “two finger”, a (gross violation of personal privacy) test which has prompted the HC to issue a rule asking the government to explain why it should not be declared illegal. The ministry of health has, we are informed, submitted a draft guideline that recognises the archaic test as both “unscientific” and “horrendous” but the rule remains pending before the HC till date.*

*In the meantime the world has moved. In other countries we find legislation that restricts free movement of sex offenders and there is no provision of presenting before the court the question of morality of a*

victim. It is high time Bangladesh moved beyond what was written during the times of the Raj to protect the victims and allow them to seek justice.

## Fire at Karwan Bazar(04-05-16)

**Allegation** ৳ অভিযোগ(Accusation, Grievance, Complaint)

**Foul Play** ৳ অসাধুতা(Unfair, unethical)

**Irrevocable** ৳ প্রত্যাহার করার অসাধ্য

**Shudder** ৳ শিহরিত হওয়া, শঙ্কিত হওয়া (Shiver, frighten)

**Dire** ৳ ভয়ানক(Terrible, outrageous)

**Consequence** ৳ ফল, পরিণাম (Aftermath)

**Havoc** ৳ ব্যাপক ক্ষতি (Destruction)

**Makeshift** ৳ অস্থায়ী(Temporary, Transient)

**Provision** ৳ বিধান(Law, Measure)

**Vulnerable** ৳ অরক্ষিত (Defenceless, weak)

**Suspect** ৳ ধারণা করা, আশঙ্কা করা (Imagine, suppose)

**Staunchly** ৳ দৃঢ়ভাবে, বিশ্বাসযোগ্যভাবে (Reliably, trustworthy)

**Preclude** ৳ প্রতিরোধ করা (Resist, prevent)

**Compensation** ৳ ক্ষতিপূরণ(Indemnification)

**Fire at Karwan Bazar**

**Investigate allegation of foul-play**

On May 1, a fire completely destroyed 186 shops in Karwan Bazar, causing irrevocable loss to the shopkeepers. We shudder to think of the dire consequences had the fire broke out on any other day than May Day, when the shops were open and employees at work. Still, the havoc caused by the fire is considerable –according to the Babosayee Samity Organising Secretary, the loss in the fire incident was about Tk. 50 crore. The small traders lost their stores as well as their storage units—and their only source of income.

The fire is a reminder of the danger of unsafe, makeshift structures made of bricks, wood and bamboo, with no provisions for fire safety. It is a wonder that makeshift markets such as these have been allowed to function in their vulnerable forms in the heart of the city with no attempts from the respective authorities to ensure the minimum safety standards. This must be corrected immediately.

Meanwhile, a section of the shopkeepers suspect foul-play, given that DCC-North had been trying to relocate the market elsewhere for a while now. The mayor has staunchly denied this allegation, and we take him at his word. However, there should be a fair probe to preclude such a possibility.

## Teacher shortage in local colleges(05-05-16)

**Shortage** 𑍇 ঘাটতি(Deficiency, Insufficiency)

**Recruitment** 𑍇 নিয়োগ

**Badly** 𑍇 গুরুতরভাবে (Desperately)

**Surplus** 𑍇 উদ্বৃত্ত, অতিরিক্ত (Access, Redundant)

**Vacant** 𑍇 খালি(Empty, Blank)

**Grim** 𑍇 ভয়ানক (Terrible, Dire, Outrageous)

**Discriminatory** 𑍇 পক্ষপাতমূলক (Biased, Preferential)

**Trend** 𑍇 প্রবণতা (Tendency, propensity)

**Hinder** 𑍇 বাধা দেওয়া, বিঘ্ন ঘটানো (Obstruct, Impede)

**Uneven** 𑍇 অসম (Unequal)

**Unwillingness** 𑍇 অনিচ্ছা (Reluctance)

**Come with** 𑍇 সাথে নিয়ে

**Endorse** 𑍇 অনুমোদন করা, সমর্থন করা (Support, Approve)

**Mandatory** 𑍇 বাধ্যতামূলক (Compulsory, Obligatory)

**Incentive** 𑍇 প্ররোচনা (Persuasion, Incitement)

**Bleak** 𑍇 নিরস (Colorless, Pale)

**Overburden** 𑍇 অত্যধিক বোঝাই করা (Surcharge)

**Teacher shortage in local colleges**

**More recruitment and even distribution needed** It is worrying to note that colleges outside the capital have been badly suffering from severe teacher shortage while the colleges in Dhaka have surplus. Many of the local colleges do not have teachers for basic subjects like Bangla, English, and Mathematics for years. According to a data, in 329 college-level institutions, 3,474 out of 15,000 posts of college teachers are vacant. This grim picture came out at the Government College Principals' Conference 2016, held on April 30. This discriminatory trend will seriously hinder students' access to quality education in institutions outside the capital.

One of the main reasons behind this uneven distribution of teachers is their unwillingness to work outside Dhaka. The Education Minister, present at the Conference, criticised the teachers saying that almost 80 percent of the teachers visiting the Ministry come with the request to be transferred to Dhaka. We endorse the recommendation that came at the conference that it should be made mandatory for all the teachers to work outside metropolitan cities for about three years. The government should also give the teachers some incentives encouraging them to stay in local colleges.

Currently, the teacher-student ratio in public colleges is 1 𑍇 145 which clearly shows the bleak reality of overburdened teachers and overcrowded classrooms in the colleges. That's why there should be more recruitment of teachers for government colleges. Government can hold special BCS examination for filling this huge gap.

**The government and the city corporation should provide some form of compensation to the traders who have now lost everything they own. If traders have to be moved, the authorities ought to provide a suitable alternative and partly bear the cost of relocation.**

## **Driving on the wrong side(06-05-16)**

**Indication** ৳ ইঙ্গিত (Hint, Pointing)

**Prevail** ৳ প্রচলিত হওয়া, অধিকতর প্রভাবশালী হওয়া (Be superior, Dominate)

**Obligatory** ৳ বাধ্যতামূলক (Compulsory, Mandatory)

**Suo Moto** ৳ নিজ ইচ্ছায়, স্বতঃপ্রণোদিত (on its own motion)

**Strictly** ৳ যথাযথভাবে, নিয়ন্ত্রিতভাবে (Exactly)

**Enforce** ৳ জোরদার করা, জারি করা (Enact)

**Congestion** ৳ পূর্ণতা, অত্যধিক ভিড় (Excess of traffic)

**Bother** ৳ মাথা ঘামান, বিরক্ত করা (Annoy, Irritate)

**Breach** ৳ লঙ্ঘন (Violation)

**Crush** ৳ আঘাত করা (Press, Bruise)

**Pedestrian** ৳ পথচারী (Wayfarer)

**Irrespective** ৳ নিরপেক্ষ, নির্বিশেষে (Impartial, Equal)

**Menace** ৳ ভীতিপ্রদর্শন, ভয়, বিপদ (Fear, anxiety)

**Uphold** ৳ তুলে ধরা (Lift)

**Driving on the wrong side**

**Stop it once and for all**

**That the High Court had to issue a rule, asking the authorities concerned to explain by two weeks as to why they should not be directed to stop vehicles running on the wrong side of roads in Dhaka, is an indication of the lawlessness that prevails in the traffic management of the capital.**

**This is not the first time the highest court of the land had to instruct the authorities in this regard. We wonder why a court has to ask the police to do something that it should be doing as a part of its obligatory task. A suo moto rule issued in 2014 directed the government and the police to explain why they should not be asked to strictly enforce traffic rules to prevent some VIPs and VVIPs from driving on the wrong side of roads that increase the capital's traffic congestion. Neither party has, reportedly, bothered to submit replies to the rules until now.**

**It seems that traffic rule is now observed in its breach. Private cars and public transports are also frequently found in violation of traffic rules, resulting in the death of innocent people. A couple of days ago, a bus travelling on the wrong side crushed a pedestrian to death and injured seven in front of the Gabtoli Bus Terminal.**

**Rules should be enforced and rule breakers should be dealt with as per the law irrespective of their social standing. The recent comment of the DMP commissioner is indicative of his helplessness to control the menace. The police should think hard about why and how they seem to have lost the moral authority to uphold the law.**

## Intolerable cruelty of people(08-05-16)

**Intolerable** ৳ অসহনীয়(Insufferable, Unbearable)

**Cruelty** ৳ নিষ্ঠুরতা(Truculence)

**Sink** ৳ ডোবান, নিমজ্জিত হওয়া (Submerge, Succumb)

**Tie** ৳ বন্ধন করা, বাঁধা (Fasten)

**Bumper** ৳ বাম্পার, (Parts at the front and back of a vehicle which are meant to absorb the impact of a collision)

**Horror** ৳ ভয়(Fear, Dread)

**Apparently** ৳ আপাতদৃষ্টিতে, স্পষ্টত (Clearly, Ostensibly)

**Accused of** ৳ অভিযুক্ত

**Met out** ৳ নিষ্ঠুর আচরণ করা (to give or order a punishment or make someone receive cruel or unfair treatment)

**Barbaric** ৳ আদিম, বর্বরোচিত, অসভ্য (Uncultured, Uncivilised)

**Defy** ৳ স্পর্ধা করা, অবজ্ঞা করা (Challenge, Disregard)

**Cruise** ৳ অবিরত গতিতে চলা (To travel at constant speed)

**Hapless** ৳ অসুখী, দুর্ভাগা (Unfortunate,

**Scare out of someone wit** ৳ ভয় দেখানো (To make someone very frightened)

**Come Undone** ৳ খুলে যাওয়া (Untied)

**Mob justice** ৳ উচ্ছৃঙ্খল জনতা কর্তৃক শাস্তি (When a large angry mob takes justice into their own hands)

**Lynch** ৳ জনতার রায়ে দোষীসাব্যস্ত ব্যক্তিকে শাস্তি বা মৃত্যুদণ্ড দেওয়া

**Track Down** ৳ খুঁজিয়া বাহির করা

(Find, Search)

**Intolerable cruelty of people**

**How low have we sunk?**

**A report by this paper on May 7 carried the picture of a young man tied to the front bumper of a truck on the Natore-Bogra highway. The picture was taken by a reporter belonging to Daily Jugantor who had been travelling on the same highway and the horror of the situation caught his eye. The man had apparently been accused of stealing and the people who caught him asked a passing truck to mete out a punishment so barbaric that it defies imagination. The truck is registered in Kushtia and the number plate reads Ta-11-1307. So, the truck was cruising on the highway with this hapless man tied to the front grill, an attempt perhaps to teach him the lesson of a lifetime! Was it any wonder that the man was scared out of his wits? What would have happened had the ropes come undone? What would have been the man's fate had that truck had an accident? How can people behave in such a barbaric manner is beyond us! If a man is caught stealing or is suspected of theft, are we then to treat him in such a manner? There is such a thing called law and the simplest thing would have been to hand him over to the nearest police station. But no, we believe in mob justice. This act goes far beyond mob beating or lynching. It goes to show how cruel we have become as a people. The police must track down both the**

vehicle and the people who were involved in this act and they should face justice for the treatment received by this man.

## Intolerance continues to kill(09-05-16)

**Intolerance** ৳ অসহিষ্ণুতা(Unforgiveness)

**Head** ৳ পরিচালনা করা, এগিয়ে যাওয়া (Direct, go forward)

**Motive** ৳ কারণ, হেতু (Reason, cause)

**Assailant** ৳ আততায়ী(Attacker)

**Hallmark** ৳ চিহ্ন (Seal)

**Mainstream** ৳ মূলধারার, অধিক গ্রহণীয় (Used or accepted broadly)

**Cardinal** ৳ মৌলিক (Fundamental, primary)

**Evaluation** ৳ মূল্যায়ন(Assessment)

**Spate** ৳ জলোচ্ছ্বাস, হঠাৎ বৃদ্ধি (sudden increase)

**Chilling** ৳ শিতল করা, হতাশাব্যঞ্জক (Cool, Despond)

**Conform** ৳ মেনে চলা, একমত হওয়া (Abide by, agree)

**Warped view** ৳ বিকৃত দর্শন (Distorted philosophy)

**Miniscule** ৳ অতি ক্ষুদ্র (Tiny)

**Grave** ৳ গভীর, গুরুতর (Profound, Heavier)

**Infiltrate** ৳ পরিব্যাপ্ত করা, কোন তথ্য নেয়ার উদ্দেশ্যে গোপনভাবে দলে সংযুক্ত হওয়া

**Bust** ৳ বন্ধ, গ্রেফতার করা (Arrest, Catch)

**Hate Mongering group** ৳ ঘৃণ্য কাজে সাহসদানকারী দল

**Neutralise** ৳ প্রতিরোধ করা, অসাড় করা, ব্যর্থ করা (Benumb, Defeat)

**Wayward** ৳ উচ্ছৃঙ্খল, বিপথগামী (Perverse)

**Intolerance continues to kill**

**Where are we heading?**

*The motive behind the horrid murder of Shahidullah, a 'Pir' in Rajshahi, is unknown but the way unidentified assailants killed him bears the hallmark of extremists who have been behind the recent killings of several others, both Muslim and non-Muslim.*

*That someone would be killed for practicing his faith, not considered mainstream by some, is barbaric and unacceptable in a country that was built on the cardinal principles of democracy and secularism. No true follower of Islam, the religion of peace, would have done such a thing at all.*

*In no evaluation will the law enforcement agencies get pass mark in addressing the current spate of killings. The inability to catch these elements of the society—often driven by misguided religious and political motives—sends a chilling message that those who do not conform to the warped views of a miniscule minority are in grave danger in today's Bangladesh. Will the state do nothing as extremist groups infiltrate the society and try to change the way citizens practice their faith, dress, and even think?*

*Nobody expects the government to provide individual protection to people. But they have a duty to bust these hate mongering groups, cut their sources of funding, catch their masterminds and neutralise them before they strike gain. But unless and until the society as a whole*

stands united against these wayward groups, the threat will be far from removed.

## **The misery of migrant workers in Malaysia(10-05-16)**

**Indifference** 𑌧 উপেক্ষা, উদাসীনতা (*Negligence, Refusal*)

**Migrant** 𑌧 অভিবাসী (*A person moving from one region or country to another*)

**Mistreatment** 𑌧 অসদাচরণ (*Improper treatment*)

**Maltreatment** 𑌧 উতপীড়ন (*Oppression*)

**Undocumented** 𑌧 অনথিভুক্ত

**Compensation** 𑌧 ক্ষতিপূরণ(*Indemnification*)

**Synonymous** 𑌧 সমার্থক, ঘনিষ্ঠভাবে সম্পর্কিত (*Closely connected*)

**Persistent** 𑌧 অধ্যবসায়ী, অটলভাবে রত

**Blanket Amnesty** 𑌧 ???

**Extortion** 𑌧 অন্যায় দাবী (*Blackmail*)

**Exploitation** 𑌧 শোষণ (*Oppression*)

**Incumbent upon** 𑌧 আরোপিত (*Imposed*)

**Expatriate** 𑌧 প্রবাসী (*One who lives outside one's own country*)

**Pitfall** 𑌧 ফাঁদ (*Trap, snare*)

**Earnestly** 𑌧 আন্তরিকভাবে (*Being very sincere*)

**Plead** 𑌧 অনুরোধ করা (*Implore, Solicit*)

**The misery of migrant workers in Malaysia**

**The indifference must stop**

**Reports of Bangladeshi migrant workers falling victim to abuse, mistreatment, fraud and other maltreatment in the hands of their foreign employers are not new. The most recent incident to hit the headline is that of Miraj Munshi, an undocumented Bangladeshi migrant worker who was denied compensation for his injury as his employer had tricked him into lying to the authority. He is one of the thousands of Bangladeshi workers for whom life is synonymous with a daily, persistent struggle in a foreign land.**

**Even though the Malaysian government has offered a blanket amnesty on all Bangladeshi migrant workers, over two lakh Bangladeshis have still remained unregistered and thus unaccounted for in the country, making them the most vulnerable of the lot. Most of them do not have any job security, not to mention incidents of extortion and exploitation that they go through on a regular basis. They are neither entitled to legal protection nor covered by insurance.**

**We believe that it is incumbent upon the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment to take up Munshi's and other such cases to the authorities concerned in Malaysia. We also urge our mission in Kuala Lumpur to contact the undocumented Bangladeshis and make them aware of the pitfalls of working in Malaysia without any valid document. We hope that the ministry will probe into the incidents of abuse and death and will take concrete measures to ensure**

that our citizens work abroad in peace. Also, we earnestly plead with the government to open new avenues of opportunities for the migration of skilled workers.

## Another child beaten to death(11-05-16)

**Allegedly** ৳ অভিযোগ অনুসারে (According to someone's allegation)

**Mercilessly** ৳ নির্দয়ভাবে (Cruelly, Grimly)

**Appalling** ৳ ভয়াবহ (Awful, Grotesque)

**Precious** ৳ মূল্যবান, দামি (Dear, Valuable)

**Assault** ৳ শারিরিক আক্রমণ (Attack, Harass)

**Grotesquely** ৳ বীভৎস্য ভাবে, ন্যাক্কারজনকভাবে (Disgustingly)

**Compelled** ৳ বাধ্য

**Prey** ৳ শিকার (Victim)

**Pervert** ৳ অপব্যবহার (Misuse)

**Rescue** ৳ উদ্ধার (Recovery, Release)

**Grievous** ৳ যন্ত্রণাদায়ক (Cruel, Deplorable, Abject)

**Inflict** ৳ মারা, শাস্তি প্রদান করা

**Perpetrator** ৳ অপরাধী

**Heinous** ৳ জঘন্য

**Impunity** ৳ অব্যাহতি, শাস্তি হতে মুক্তি (Exemption from punishment)

**Thoroughly** ৳ সম্পূর্ণভাবে (Completely, Entirely)

**Prompt** ৳ দ্রুত (Quick, tantivy)

**Measures** ৳ ব্যবস্থা, প্রদক্ষেপ (Step)

**Trial** ৳ পরীক্ষা, আদালতের বিচার (Experiment, Appearance at judicial court)

**Diabolical** ৳ নারকীয় (hellish)

**Another child beaten to death**

**The system must protect our children**

**The barbaric killing of 12-year-old Alauddin, a worker at a bakery in Lakshmipur, Noakhali, allegedly at the hands of his employer and co-workers, leaves us feeling helpless and angry. The child was beaten mercilessly because he had been coming late to work. The murderers hung his body from the ceiling and left the scene, locking the bakery from the outside. Such an appalling crime – again – against a child, reveals a growing sickness in society in which the most precious members, our children, are being assaulted and killed.**

**Alauddin's cruel fate reminds us once again of Rajon and Rakib – how they were grotesquely tortured to death. It reveals the fact that children who are poor and compelled to work to survive, are often the most vulnerable and become prey to perverts and sadists. This is why we read about stories of child domestic workers being rescued (if they are lucky) but found with grievous injuries inflicted by their employers. Similarly children who work in factories or small establishments are at the mercy of their employers.**

**What is most disturbing is how these perpetrators are committing such heinous crimes with impunity. How can employers inflict such torture on children and think they can get away with it? It is something we as a**

society must address and put an end to. Law enforcers, no doubt, have the primary responsibility to arrest the suspects, thoroughly investigate the cases and take prompt measures to make sure the culprits get the punishment they deserve. In the case of child victims, the court should ensure speedy trials, legal aid and protection to the victims (if they have survived) and to their family members. We must put an end to this diabolical trend.

## Public humiliation of a teacher(16-05-16)

**Humiliation** ৳ হয়রানি (embarrassment)

**Despicable** ৳ ঘৃণ্য, জগন্য (Hateful, loathsome)

**Grim** ৳ ভয়ানক (Terrible, Dire, outrageous)

**Derogatory** ৳ মর্যাদাহানিকর (Pejorative)

**Unveil** ৳ উন্মোচন করা (Uncover, Disclose)

**Vendetta** ৳ গৃহবিবাদ, বংশগত বিরোধ (Blood feud)

**Apparently** ৳ আপাতদৃষ্টিতে

**Acquiesced** ৳ মৌনসন্মতি দেওয়া (Agree)

**Mob Trial** ৳ জনতা কর্তৃক বিচার

**Ostensibly** ৳ বাহ্যত (outwardly)

**Wrath** ৳ রাগ (anger)

**Ludicrous** ৳ হাস্যকর (ridiculous)

**Disparaging** ৳ অপমানজনক (dishonorable, disgraceful)

**Harassment** ৳ হয়রানি (humiliation, embarrassment)

**Exploit** ৳ কাজে লাগান (to use for one own advantage)

**Sentiment** ৳ অনুভূতি (feeling, sense)

**Abhorrent** ৳ জঘন্য (hated, loathsome)

**Public humiliation of a teacher**

**A most despicable act**

*We take an extremely grim view of a headmaster being punished on alleged claims of making derogatory comments about religion. It happened in Narayanganj. The teacher, who happens to be of Hindu faith, was made to do sit ups holding his ears in the presence of the local MP. Are we living in a modern state? How will the teachers ever function again with dignity? What message does it send to the outside world about our society?*

*The shocking incident unveils two disturbing facts. First, he was, reportedly, a victim of personal vendetta by some people in the school management. Second, the whole incident took place in front of the local lawmaker who, instead of standing up to the perpetrators, apparently acquiesced to the mob trial. The punishment was ostensibly to save the teacher from public wrath. What a ludicrous argument! One expects an elected MP to make a better judgment call.*

*The real problem here is that anyone can accuse anyone of insulting religion to settle personal scores. It's your word against mine. What evidence is there to prove that the teacher actually made disparaging remarks about religion, other than the claims of some people? There*

should be safeguards against this kind of harassment exploiting the religious sentiment of the public. Teaching is a noble profession and teachers should be treated with due respect. We call for appropriate and exemplary action against all those who were party to this abhorrent mistreatment of a teacher.

## **CJ's concern is also ours(19-05-16)**

**Suspect** ৳ সন্দেহভাজন(*Suspicious, disputable*)

**Bated Breath** ৳ খুবই উৎকর্ষিত ও ধৈর্য্য ধরা কষ্টকর হওয়া (*very excited and find it difficult to be patient*)

**Touch upon** ৳ কোন বিষয় দ্রুত উলেখ করা (*To mention a subject quickly when speaking or writing about another subject*)

**Arbitrary** ৳ অবাধ, ইচ্ছামত (*Free, unrestricted*)

**Custody** ৳ হেফাজত, রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ, তত্ত্বাবধান (*Supervision, looking after*)

**Echo** ৳ প্রতিধ্বনি, পুনরাবৃত্তি (*Reflected sound, Repeat*)

**Plain cloth** ৳ সাদা পোষাক

**Forthwith** ৳ অবিলম্বে (*Immediately, Instantly*)

**Wee hours** ৳ মধ্য রাতের পর যখন সবাই ঘুমে থাকে (*just after midnight, when most people are asleep*)

**Reappear** ৳ পুনরাবির্ভূত হওয়া (*Recrudescence*)

**Captor** ৳ বন্দিকারী, অপহারক (*Plunderer*)

**Fortunate** ৳ সৌভাগ্যবান, অনুকূল (*Lucky, Favorable*)

**Surveillance** ৳ নজরদারি, সুক্ষ্ম পর্যবেক্ষণ (*Close observation*)

**CJ's concern is also ours**

**Law enforcers must be in uniform when arresting suspects we are waiting with bated breath the supreme court judgment fixed for May 24th. The issues on which the SC will pronounce are those that touch upon our fundamental rights of freedom, safety from arbitrary arrest, torture in custody and protection of an individual before he or she is found guilty by the court. But while we wait for the judgment, we would like to echo the Chief Justice's concern about arrest by plain clothes law enforcers. We consider it to be a very bad practice that should be stopped forthwith just as much for the sake of the citizens as for the reputation and public confidence in the police and other law enforcement agencies.**

**In recent times there have been several instances of plain clothes persons, posing as officials, and picking up people in the wee hours of the night, either from some street or from the victim's home. Many such individuals later reappeared after a week or so of absence refusing to reveal, obviously under threat, as to where they were or who their captors were. These were the fortunate ones. There were others, who never came back creating panic among citizens as to their safety. There may be some logic to using plain clothes law enforcers in case of individual or group surveillance or in case of crowd control. But there cannot be any justification in using them to arrest citizens. Such practice must by definition lead to abuse allowing law enforcers far more flexibility in using their power than is good either for the legal system or the rights of the citizens.**



## Level of primary education notched up(20-05-16)

**Notch up** 𑂔 বিজয় লাভ করা, অর্জন করা (Win, Achieve)

**Timely** 𑂔 সময়োপযোগী(well-timed)

**Well-thought-out** 𑂔 সুচিন্তিত, ফলপ্রসূ পরিকল্পনা (Planned in an effective)

**Commend** 𑂔 প্রশংসা করা (Praise, Laud)

**Implement** 𑂔 বাস্তবায়ন(put into Practice)

**Tackle** 𑂔 সমাধান করা (Deal with)

**Lacunae** 𑂔 ফাঁক, গর্ত (Gap, Excavation)

**Budgetary** 𑂔 আয় ব্যয় সংক্রান্ত (Pertaining to a budget)

**Allocation** 𑂔 বরাদ্দ

**Hamstrung** 𑂔 সীমাবদ্ধ (Restricted)

**Inadequacy** 𑂔 অভাব, অপরিপূর্ণতা (Lack, Deficiency)

**Deficiency** 𑂔 অভাব, ঘাটতি, অসম্পূর্ণতা (Imperfection)

**Dynamism** 𑂔 গতিশীলতা(Mobility)

**Consolidating** 𑂔 দৃঢ় করা (make strong)

**Inevitably** 𑂔 অবধারিতরূপে, নিশ্চিতভাবে ( Unavoidably, inexorably)

**Detract** 𑂔 হরণ করা, খর্ব করা (Reduce, Diminish)

**Level of primary education notched up**

**Ensuring quality is the key**

*We will address this from two different angles. Firstly, as a policy, enhancing the level of primary education to class VIII from class Vis a very timely and well-thought-out move for which the government should be commended. It takes into consideration the socio-economic reality of the country since the 5-year basic education did really nothing to help a person acquire the minimum work skill which the new system of 8-year primary education will, hopefully, help do.*

*However, we would like to believe that the government is well aware of the challenges that it will face in implementing the new policy. It should tackle these on an immediate,short and long term basis addressing the lacunae in three important areas that affect the quality of primary education, namely infrastructure, trained teachers and financing. The budgetary allocation should receive more than the current 1.8 percent of the GDP to allow the plan to be implemented quickly and efficiently.*

*Secondly, another equally important issue is the quality of the current system that is hamstrung by certain inadequacies, in spite of the efforts of the government. Needless to say, these deficiencies affect the output and defeat the aim of primary education. And those are related to the quality and training of teachers, not to speak of the infrastructure deficiencies. While moving forward adds dynamism to a system, as the new policy will certainly do, moving forward without removing the current deficits and consolidating the existing system will inevitably result in the carryover of the existing lacunae. That will detract from the main purpose of the new policy.*



## Rising trend in violence against children(21-05-16)

**Lofty Rhetoric** ৳ উচ্চ বক্তৃতা/আড়ম্বরপূর্ণ কথা (*Exaggerated language style intended to impress*)

**Grim** ৳ ভয়ানক (*Terrible, dire, outrageous*)

**Macabre** ৳ মৃত্যু সংশ্লিষ্ট, ভয়ানক (*Representing death, ghastly*)

**Grisly** ৳ ভয়াবহ, আতঙ্কজনক (*Awful, Appalling*)

**Trivial** ৳ তুচ্ছ, মামুলি (*Thin, Inconsequential*)

**Abduct** ৳ অপহরণ করা (*Kidnap, seize*)

**Ransom** ৳ মুক্তিপণ

**Trafficking** ৳ পাচার

**Frightening** ৳ ভয়ানক(*grim, horrible*)

**Malaise** ৳ অস্বাচ্ছন্দ্য বোধ, উদ্বেগ, আশঙ্কা (*Angst, Fear*)

**Signatory** ৳ দস্তখৎকারী, স্বাক্ষরকারী

**Less Privileged** ৳ কম অধিকারপ্রাপ্ত

**Adolescent** ৳ কিশোর(*Teenager, Juvenile*)

**Pervert** ৳ বিকৃত মস্তিষ্ক ব্যক্তি

**Laudable** ৳ প্রশংসনীয়(*Praiseworthy, Commendable*)

**Initiative** ৳ উদ্যোগ(*a first move*)

**Get Away** ৳ পালিয়ে যাওয়া (*Escape*)

**Inflict** ৳ শাস্তি দেওয়া, মারা (*Torment, torture*)

**Grownup** ৳ সাবালক, প্রাপ্তবয়স্ক (*Mature, Adult*)

**Rising trend in violence against children**

**How can we protect them?**

*Despite lofty rhetoric regarding our commitment to the protection of the 'future of our nation' the reality of the state of our children is grim if not macabre. In the last four months 95 children have been killed and 138 minor girls raped in the country according to Shishu Addhikar Forum, a national network of NGOs working on child rights. The grisly reports of child workers being tortured to death for trivial mistakes or for no reason at all, of children being murdered by close relatives, even mothers, of school children being abducted for ransom, trafficking or to be raped and then killed – all these horrible stories point out to a frightening malaise in our society.*

*We must ask why, in a democratic country that is signatory to international conventions to protect the rights of the child, is there such a dramatic rise in violence against our most precious members of our society? A primary reason is lack of access to justice, especially since most child victims are from less privileged backgrounds.*

*Representatives of the Forum have said that the delay in trial of the perpetrators has contributed to the rising trend.*

*Between 2014 and 2015, 642 children have been killed according to a report in this daily. We do not know what the death toll will be like this year. In the case of Rajon and Rakib, two adolescents who were victims*

of sick perverts, the government has laudably initiated speedy trials and convicted the killers. Speedy trials and a separate child rights commission are essential to send a strong message to society – that no one will get away after inflicting violence on a child. All grownups of this society must work together to stop this shameful, horrific trend.

## Clandestine killings go on(22-05-16)

**Clandestine** ৳ চোরাগোষ্ঠা, গোপন (Secret, Furtive)

**Mount** ৳ আরোহণ, উন্নত হওয়া, বৃদ্ধি পাওয়া (Ascend, Grow up)

**Furtive** ৳ অলক্ষিত, গোপন (Secret, covert)

**Engender** ৳ প্রসব করা, উৎপন্ন করা, জন্ম দেওয়া (Beget)

**Aura** ৳ পরিবেশ (Environment, Atmosphere)

**Assault** ৳ হামলা(Attack)

**Own up** ৳ কোন ভুল কাজের স্বীকৃতি দেওয়া (admit or acknowledge a wrongdoing or error)

**Distinctly** ৳ স্পষ্টভাবে (Clearly)

**Single out** ৳ বাচাই করা (Choose, select)

**Deliberate** ৳ ইচ্ছাকৃত, সুচিন্তিত, সতর্ক (Well-planned, Alert)

**Ploy** ৳ কাজ, কৌশল (Tactic, strategy)

**Rhetoric** ৳ উচ্চ বক্তৃতা/আড়ম্বরপূর্ণ কথা (Exaggerated language style intended to impress)

**Definitive** ৳ নিশ্চিত, চূড়ান্ত (Sure, Final)

**Breakthrough** ৳ সাফল্য(progress)

**Notwithstanding** ৳ যদিও, তা সত্ত্বেও

**Net** ৳ জাল বোনা

**Suspect** ৳ সন্দেহভাজন

**Unease** ৳ অস্বস্তি, কষ্ট (Inconvenience)

**Neutralise** ৳ প্রতিরোধ করা, ব্যর্থ করা (Defeat, Resist)

**Spate** ৳ হঠাৎ বৃদ্ধি (Increase)

**Clandestine killings go on**

**People's frustration mounts**

The furtive killings have become too repetitivenot to engender an aura of uncertainty in the minds of the people. This time it was a homeopath in Kushtia who was the unfortunate victim of the killers. A university teacher, the homeopath's friend, was severely injured in the same attack. The assault displays the hallmarks of all the recent killings, 15 in the last five months. Of note is the fact that the two shared common interest in the ways and lives of the Bauls.

While there has been an immediate owning up of the killings by the so called Islamic State, according to US-based SITE Intelligence Group report, what is distinctly noticeable is that these extremists and terrorist groups are singling out individuals and not going after mass targets, quiet a deliberate ploy in our assessment. Their targets they project as 'anti-Islamic' to justify the killings hoping that those would not draw adverse reaction from the majority of the people, which a large-scale attack would.

*We are disturbed to see the murders going on and the government coming out with the predictable rhetoric. We see arrests by the police; but frustration among the people is growing because there has not been very definitive and evidential breakthrough in the cases notwithstanding the agencies' claim of netting the suspects in most of the similar killings of minorities and people with different views and ideologies since 2013. We fear frustration might give way to more unease and sapping of public confidence in the administration if the masterminds are not netted and the network not neutralised and the spate of the secretive killings arrested soon.*

## **A narrow escape from Roanu(24-05-16)**

*Sheer* ৳ সীমিত, সঙ্কীর্ণ, নিছক (Limited, small)

*Providence* ৳ দূরদর্শিতা, বিচক্ষণতা (Prudence, Forethought)

*Catastrophic* ৳ সর্বনাশা, বিধ্বংসী (Disastrous, Ruinous)

*Consequence* ৳ ফলাফল (Result, outcome)

*Wrath* ৳ রাগ(Anger, Dander)

*Casualty* ৳ দুর্ঘটনা, ক্ষয়ক্ষতি (Accident, chance nature)

*Evacuation* ৳ কোন বিপদসঙ্কুল স্থান থেকে নিরাপদ স্থানে স্থানান্তরিত করা (to move people from a dangerous place to somewhere safe)

*Mobilisation* ৳ সংহতি, সমাগম,

*Aid* ৳ সাহায্য (Help, support)

*Readiness* ৳ প্রস্তুতি(preparation)

*Cancelation* ৳ বাতিলকরণ(Nullification)

*Utterly* ৳ একদম, সম্পূর্ণ (Completely, entirely)

*Devastated* ৳ বিধ্বস্ত(destroyed)

*Stranded* ৳ অসহায়

*Starving* ৳ অনাহারী(Fasting)

*Belongings* ৳ জিনিসপত্র(Accessories, goods)

*A narrow escape from Roanu*

*But help is still needed*

*It is sheer providence that for the last few years we have been saved from the catastrophic consequences of nature's wrath such as in the form of Saturday's Cyclone Roanu, because of a sudden change in direction of the storm, or it weakening, before hitting our coastline. Although at least 24 precious lives were lost, the casualties might have been higher, if not for a well-prepared disaster management plan of the government. This included a massive evacuation campaign, mobilisation of medical aid and the readiness of a large number of volunteers as well as cancelation of weekly holidays of government officials in 18 coastal districts. Apart from prompt alerts to the people, including fishermen and trawler operators regarding the advancing cyclone, operations of water vessels were suspended and the airport in Chittagong was closed, for safety reasons.*

*But the storm has left several thousand people homeless, hungry and utterly devastated, apart from doing damage to the infrastructure. A report in this daily has given a description of the misery of thousands of*

people in Bholā who are stranded and practically starving because no relief has reached them. Children are going without food and there is no access to sanitation. School students, many of whom are appearing in the ongoing HSC exams, have lost their text books in the floods. People have lost the only home they know along with all their belongings.

Immediate relief such as food and clothes must be distributed to those stranded in various areas. The storm affected people will now have to be helped in every possible way so that they can rebuild their homes and their lives.

## **The carnage in Syria continues (25-05-16)**

**Carnage** ৳ হত্যাকাণ্ড(killing, Massacre)

**Remind Of** ৳ স্মরণ করা ইয়া দেওয়া(Put someone in mind of)

**Explosion** ৳ বিস্ফোরণ(Blast, Detonation)

**Rip through** ৳ দ্রুত ধ্বংস করা, চূর্ণ বিচূর্ণ করা (Destroy Quickly)

**Heartland** ৳ প্রাণকেন্দ্র (The central part of a region)

**Jigsaw Puzzle** ৳ একধরণের রহস্য

**Adversary** ৳ প্রতিপক্ষ, প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বী (Opponent, Rival)

**Erupt** ৳ বিস্ফোরণ হওয়া, খুলে যাওয়া (Burst)

**Outrage** ৳ অত্যাচার করা (Oppress, Tyrannize)

**Forge** ৳ গঠন করা, দৃঢ় পথে অগ্রসর হওয়া (Construct, Move forward heavily)

**Ceasefire** ৳ যুদ্ধবিরতি

**Pave The Way** ৳ পথ তৈরী করা (To make future development easier)

**Faction** ৳ দল, চক্র, বিরোধী দল (a group within a larger group, especially one with slightly different ideas from the main group)

**Colossal** ৳ প্রকাণ্ড, বড়, বিশাল (Huge,)

**Geopolitics** ৳ ভৌগোলিক রাজনীতি

**Set Aside** ৳ নাকচ করা, পরিহার করা

**Negotiating** ৳ মধ্যস্থতা (Arbitrate)

**Scourge** ৳ অনেক সমস্যার কারণ (something or someone that causes great suffering or a lot of trouble)

**The carnage in Syria continues**

**World powers must find a way for peace**

The bloody conflict in Syria has entered its 6th year. And we were reminded of it on May 23 when 7 explosions ripped through north-eastern Syria in the heartland of government-controlled territory. The body count was more than 148 people and Islamic State (IS) has claimed responsibility. Bus stations and hospitals were targeted. We fail to comprehend precisely how killing civilians is a military objective for IS, but then neither the IS nor the other players in the jigsaw puzzle that represents the Syrian conflict have ever had any problems targeting civilians. With over 250,000 already dead in the civil war and with every major regional and world powers actively training, arming and financing either the Assad regime or his adversaries, the latest carnage will be a mere statistic when the next round of violence erupts.

*That the global populace is outraged is not news, nor is it news that the leading powers cannot find common ground to forge a ceasefire that could pave the way for peace. How can world leaders justify supporting this faction or that amidst the colossal loss of human life, ignore the suffering of millions of displaced Syrians and the steady destruction of a civilisation?*

*Geopolitics aside, the longer the civil war is allowed to continue, the stronger will become the hand and reach of IS which has already struck mainland Europe. We hope that world leaders can set aside their differences and come to the negotiating table while there is still time to contain the scourge of IS.*

*Negligence costs Biswas 13 years (26-05-16)*

*Compensation* 𑄎 ক্ষতিপূরণ (Restitution, Preparation)

*Dismay* 𑄎 আতঙ্ক, ভয়, সাহস হারানো (Fear, Fright)

*Acquit* 𑄎 বেকসুর খালাস দেওয়া (Release, Exculpate)

*Incarceration* 𑄎 কারাবাস (Imprisonment, Confinement)

*Life term* 𑄎 আজীবন কারাবাস (Life imprisonment)

*Poisoning* 𑄎 বিষ প্রয়োগ

*Appeal* 𑄎 আবেদন করা (Solicit, petition)

*Petition* 𑄎 দরখাস্ত, আবেদন (Application, Solicitation)

*Bring Forth* 𑄎 জন্ম দেয়া (produce, bear, create)

*Pass on* 𑄎 বহন করা (Convey, Communicate)

*Discharge* 𑄎 পালন করা, সম্পাদন করা, মুক্তি দেয়া (Accomplish, Perform)

*Lapse* 𑄎 সামান্য ভুল, ত্রুটিবিচ্যুতি (Slight defect)

*Take Into Account* 𑄎 বিবেচনা করা (Consider, regard)

*Loophole* 𑄎 পলায়নের পথ (A method of escape)

*Spare* 𑄎 অতিরিক্ত (Additional)

*Negligence costs Biswas 13 years*

*Demand for compensation justified*

*While we may express dismay and sympathy for Zobed Ali Biswas who spent an additional 13 years in jail after being acquitted in a case, can we even begin to comprehend what the man had to endure during incarceration despite being declared innocent? No, we cannot imagine what it must have been like for the man who came to know in 2005 from jail authorities that he had been acquitted in a case that gave him a life term for allegedly poisoning his daughter; who had sent letter after letter over a five year period to the Additional Sessions Judge's Court of Satkhira to seek information about his appeal – and not received any reply. Biswas's case is not the first and will probably not be the last we will see where a High Court (HC) judgement was not passed on to jail authorities by a local court.*

*The HC has asked authorities to explain why this should not be treated as negligence of duty and why the victim should not be compensated by Tk 2 million as per petition by Biswas's lawyers. This case cannot be treated lightly as it brings forth the question of accountability and proper discharge of responsibility of duties by both the administration and the court system. Any lapse at any stage results in ordinary people*

*falling victim to the situation that cost Biswas precious years of his life. We hope the government will take into account these facts and address loopholes in the system so citizens in the future are spared such treatment.*

## **Why food crisis in Thanchi?(28-05-16)**

**Rush relief** ৳ দ্রুত সাহায্য (Rapid aid)

**Starving** ৳ উপবাস, অনাহার (Fasting, Lack of nutrition)

**Grim** ৳ ভয়ানক (Terrible, Dire)

**Shocking** ৳ বেদনাদায়ক (Fulsome)

**Mobility** ৳ গতিশীলতা, সক্রিয়তা (Dynamism, Activity)

**Forage** ৳ তন্ন তন্ন করে খোঁজা (Search, Rampage)

**Prevail** ৳ প্রবল হওয়া, বেড়ে যাওয়া (Outbreak, Increase)

**Bring About** ৳ কোন কিছু ঘটানোর কারণ (cause something to happen)

**Incessant** ৳ বিরামহীন, একটানা, অঝোর (Continuous, Endless)

**Vermin** ৳ ক্ষতিকারক পোকামাকড় (Harmful insects)

**Tortuous** ৳ অসরল, পেঁচালো, কুটিল (Indirect, Curved)

**Allot** ৳ বরাদ্দ করা, ভাগ করা (Estimate, Divide)

**Overland** ৳ স্থলপথে (By land)

**Worth considering** ৳ উপযুক্ত ধারণা (Appropriate idea/thinking)

**Buffer stock** ৳ অস্বাভাবিকভাবে পণ্যের ব্যবহার বৃদ্ধির ফলে নেতিবাচক প্রভাব কমানোর জন্য

*যে মজুত (Buffer Stock is a stock held to reduce the negative effects (stock-out costs) of an unusually large usage of stock)*

**Nodal** ৳ সংযোগস্থল (Junction)

**Why food crisis in Thanchi?**

**Rush relief on emergency basis**

*The report in this paper, carrying the news of a large number of families in near starving condition in Thanchi upazilla of Bandarban is grim as well as shocking. That in these days of enhanced capacity of physical mobility people would be going without food for days, even if it were in the remotest part of the country, is unthinkable and unacceptable. Reportedly, these people have been facing severe food shortage for days, and have been foraging the jungle for eatables like wild potatoes for sustenance. This situation has been prevailing for more than a month in that area covering several unions and affecting several thousand people. This has been brought about by the failure of the locals to cultivate jhoom crops adequately due to incessant rain last year compounded by vermin attacks on whatever little that was harvested; this year has been even worse. Regrettably, the upazilla agricultural officers had not visited the area at all to take a stock of the situation.*

*Apparently, the crop situation and the consequence of it were not addressed seriously, if at all, by the administration last year, nor has the food situation monitored this year. Had it been so, the circumstances would not have been so grim. Understandably, the communication link to those areas is tortuous and that is all the more reason for the local administration to have sought emergency support*

from the government to reach food to the affected people rather than waiting for the food, allotted only a couple of days ago, to reach them overland. It may also be worth considering building up small buffer stocks at nodal points all over the CHT region to meet such emergency situation.

## Decisive victory of Mamata (29-05-16)

**Decisive** ৳ নিষ্পত্তিমূলক, চূড়ান্ত, নিশ্চিত (Decided, ultimate)

**Ties** ৳ বন্ধন (Binding, Nexus)

**Committed** ৳ প্রতিজ্ঞাবদ্ধ (Promised, Pledged)

**Sweep** ৳ দ্রুতবেগে গমন (To travel quickly)

**Veteran** ৳ ঝানু, অভিজ্ঞ (Experienced, Expert)

**Counter** ৳ প্রতিরোধ করা, বাধা দেওয়া (Oppose, Cumber)

**Acumen** ৳ অন্তর্দৃষ্টি, সূক্ষ্মদৃষ্টি (Sharpness, Keenness)

**Squarely** ৳ সঠিক পক্ষে (At right angle)

**Helm** ৳ হাল ধরা, পরিচালনা করা (Steer, Drive)

**Assert** ৳ জাহির করা, দৃঢ়রূপে ঘোষণা করা (Declare, Asseverate)

**Dam** ৳ বাঁধ (Embankment)

**Spat** ৳ লম্বা মোজাবন্ধনী, ঘটনা

**Sour** ৳ মোহমুক্ত করা, তিক্ত করা (To make disenchanting)

**Riverine** ৳ নদীতীরস্থ (Fluvial)

**Sticky** ৳ চটচটে, আঠালো (Potentially difficult to escape)

**Expeditious** ৳ ত্বরিত, দ্রুত (Quickly)

**Stance** ৳ ভঙ্গি, অবস্থান (Status)

**Pragmatic** ৳ প্রায়োগিক (Practical)

**Decisive victory of Mamata**

**An opportunity to strengthen ties**

**Mamata Banerjee has proven how a committed leader can sweep the polls against veteran rival, the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) that had ruled the State for decades. We note how effectively she has countered communal forces in West Bengal. The relationship between Bangladesh and West Bengal is very special and Ms. Banerjee has shown her political acumen by wasting no time in inviting our prime minister to pay a visit to Kolkata upon her re-election for a second term to public office. Trinamool Congress's latest win puts the party squarely at the helm of affairs and has changed the political landscape of India which was evident by the presence of so many important leaders from the centre at the swearing in ceremony.**

**With this victory, we must assert the need for vital cooperation on issues that are crucial for Bangladesh such as the Teesta river water sharing agreement and concerns that linger over the Tipaimukh dam. It should be noted that Mamata's opposition to water sharing of Teesta led to a rather public spat between the two neighbouring countries and soured our relations with Delhi. Being a lower riverine country, Bangladesh must have its due share of water, and we can only hope that with the acceptance of Mamata's invitation to our Prime Minister to**

visit West Bengal, these sticky issues will be resolved expeditiously. It is our sincerest hope that Ms. Banerjee will move away from her earlier stance and take a more pragmatic one on these issues and others which will lead to a strengthening of the relations between Bangladesh and West Bengal.

## PM's call at G7 Summit (30-05-16)

Call At গিয়ে দেখা করা, আমন্ত্রণ (Invitation)

Wealthiest অর্থশালী, উন্নত (Rich, Developed)

Outreach বিস্তৃত, প্রসারিত, সেবা প্রদান (Extent)

Generous উদার, মহৎ (Noble, Magnificent)

Substantive প্রয়োজনীয় (Essential)

Tenet মতবাদ, বিশ্বাস (Opinion, Belief)

Recipient প্রাপক (One who receives)

Nurture প্রতিপালন করা (Nourish, nurse)

Push Up শক্তি বৃদ্ধি করা

Pledge অঙ্গীকার (Commitment, Promise)

Bolster শক্তিশালী করা (Reinforce)

Convince উপলব্ধি করানো, প্ররোচিত করা, বিশ্বাস করানো (Make someone believe, Persuade)

Constituent সংগঠক, উপাদান (Organizer, Component)

Solidarity সংহতি, ঐক্যের বন্ধন (A bond of unity)

Discern উপলব্ধি করা (Perceive)

PM's call at G7 Summit

Help build capacity

The prime minister's call to the leaders of the wealthiest nations at the Outreach Meeting of the recently held G7 Summit in Japan to be more generous to less developed countries is substantive and timely. What the premier asked for is not loose change from their pockets but transfer of technology, expanded assistance in resource mobilisation and capacity building with a special focus on health, women empowerment and climate change—tenets that will determine our journey to become a middle income country by 2021. Bangladesh needs less aid and more of all these things. Critics believe that aid actually hurts its recipients by nurturing dependency, strengthening inefficient governance and pushing up the value of currencies, thereby affecting the competitiveness of their exports. If aid really helped in the long term, they argue, the least developed countries would have become rich by now, which has not been the case. We, therefore, welcome Japan's renewed pledge of USD 6 billion to Bangladesh—bolstered by the PM's visit to the country in 2014—in the form of support to develop a knowledge-based economy, nano technology and blue economy. It is true that many of the wealthiest countries are going through tough times themselves, prompting many of their citizens to wonder whether they are being over-generous to others. Leaders of these countries should convince their constituents that they have a moral duty to stand in solidarity with people in developing countries who face

hardships, often caused by actions and decisions of rich countries themselves. The West should discern that the main threat to world peace is the growing inequality among nations.

## Revenue collection shortfall anticipated(01-06-16)

**Revenue** ৳ রাজস্ব (the income of a government from taxation, excise duties, customs, or other sources, appropriated to the payment of the public expenses)

**Shortfall** ৳ ঘাটতি (Deficiency, shortage)

**Anticipated** ৳ প্রত্যাশিত (Expected, hoped)

**Think tank** ৳ কোন নির্দিষ্ট বিষয়ের নতুন ধারণা কিংবা উপদেশ প্রদান করে এমন সংস্থা ( an organization that consists of a group of people who think of new ideas on a particular subject or who give advice about what should be done)

**Perplexing** ৳ হতবুদ্ধিকর, জটিল (Complex, intricate)

**Ambitious** ৳ উচ্চাভিলাষী, উচ্চাকাঙ্ক্ষী (Aspirant, Strongly desirous)

**Take Into Account** ৳ বিবেচনা করা (Consider, regard)

**Incentive** ৳ প্রণোদক, উৎসাহদায়ক (Incitement, Persuasion, Something that motivates)

**Apparel** ৳ পোশাক (Dress, clothing)

**Eat away** ৳ ক্রমাগত ক্ষয় হওয়া (Gradually erode)

**Apprehensive** ৳ উদ্বিগ্ন, শঙ্কিত (Appal, agitated)

**Exempted** ৳ নিষ্কৃতিপ্রাপ্ত (Freed)

**Seamlessly** ৳ সরাসরি, (Straight)

**Immensely** ৳ অত্যন্ত (Hugely, extremely, vastly)

**Intervention** ৳ মধ্যস্থতা

**Revenue collection shortfall anticipated**

**Reforms needed urgently**

It is hardly surprising that a premier think tank in the country has once again calculated that the government in all probability will miss its tax collection target. The analysis is based on the performance of the preceding three years where the National Board of Revenue (NBR) failed to reach revenue targets, and there are valid reasons for the shortfall. This year's revenue collection has been set at 35 percent above the revised target and stands at Tk203,150 crore for FYI 2016-17.

What is perplexing is how such an ambitious target has been set in the first place. More so, since NBR collected 90 percent of the target in 2014-2015, and there are many factors that can hinder tax collection. When we take into account the fact that this year's budget is considered by some as very ambitious and that a number of incentives such as lower corporate income tax, reduction in custom and supplementary duties and the fixation of 0.6 percent tax at source for apparel (as opposed to the proposed 1 percent) – will all eat away at revenue collection, we are apprehensive that the target will not be met.

Perhaps the upcoming flat rate VAT at 15 percent on more than 1,900 tax-exempted products that will come under the law is expected to greatly help with revenue generation. However, without urgent reforms

that allow tax payers to file returns and pay taxes online seamlessly, and expanding the tax base, it may be immensely difficult to meet the revenue target. These are the areas that require urgent government intervention. Otherwise, we may once again witness a revision of the budget half way through implementation.

## Protesting nurses under the cosh(03-06-16)

**Under the Cosh** 𑀓 নির্যাতনের শিকার (*Subjected to pressure*)

**Grievance** 𑀓 অভিযোগ(*Complaint, Allegation, Discontent*)

**Aghast** 𑀓 ভীত(*Appal, Terrified*)

**Baton** 𑀓 পুলিশের বেঁটে মোটা লাঠি বিশেষ

**Lay siege** 𑀓 অবরোধ করা (*to surround a place in order to force*)

**Disperse** 𑀓 বিক্ষিপ্ত করা, বিভিন্ন স্থানে ছড়িয়ে পড়া (*Scatter, Dissipate*)

**Dismay** 𑀓 আতঙ্ক (*Panic, Fear, Terror*)

**Brickbat** 𑀓 টিল (*Stone*)

**Altercation** 𑀓 ঝগড়াঝাঁটি, কথা কাটাকাটি (*Contention, Dispute*)

**Deplore** 𑀓 পরিতাপ করা, দুঃখপ্রকাশ করা (*Sorrow, Regret*)

**Demonstrate** 𑀓 প্রদর্শন করা(*Show, Display*)

**Prerequisite** 𑀓 পূর্বে অবশ্য পূরণীয় (*something that must exist or happen before something else can exist or happen*)

**Protesting nurses under the cosh**

**Address their genuine grievances**

*We are aghast by reports that at least 50 nurses were injured when the police charged batons and used water cannons on protestors who had attempted to lay siege on the health minister's residence in the capital. That the female protestors should be dispersed in such a violent manner, instead of having their grievances listened to, fills us with dismay, particularly as their demands could easily be addressed peacefully by the minister who had promised them a meeting with the PM, but has not been able to arrange that.*

*Worse still, following the altercation, cases were filed against 1400 unidentified nurses for "preventing the law enforcers to do their duties." Reportedly, the nurses threw brickbats at the police, which we deplore, when charged with water cannons, but why, we ask, was the situation allowed to reach such a state? Several hundred nurses have been demonstrating since early April following a Public Service Commission circular on March 28, regarding recruitment of nurses which stated that the applicants must be below 36 and have Bachelor of Science degree or diploma in nursing to be eligible for taking the recruitment test. The protestors are demanding that nurses should be recruited based on merit and seniority, and that the prerequisite for the exam discriminates against those who are older. We feel that with an acute shortage of well trained nurses in the country, the new criterion will make the situation worse.*

*The government should listen to the concerns of the protesting nurses, rather than attempt to silence them through violent means or intimidate them through filing of cases.*

## Protecting the environment(06-06-16)

**Evaluate** ৳ পরিমাপ করা, মূল্যায়ন করা (Assess, Appraise)

**Grand Pledge** ৳ মহৎ অঙ্গীকার (Supreme commitment)

**Degradation** ৳ অবনতি (Deterioration, Dilapidation)

**Deteriorate** ৳ হ্রাস পাওয়া, খারাপ হওয়া (Worsen,

**Fell** ৳ হ্রাস করা, পতন ঘটা (Decrease, decline)

**Woefully** ৳ শোচনীয়ভাবে(Deplorably)

**Revise down** ৳ সংশোধন করা, পুনঃপরীক্ষা (Retrial, Rectify)

**Oblivious** ৳ অন্যমনস্ক, অমনোযোগী (Heedless, unaware)

**Reek** ৳ ধোঁয়া ছড়ান, গন্ধ ছড়ান

**Encroachment** ৳ আক্রমণ, জোরপূর্বক দখল

**Stark** ৳ সম্পূর্ণ(Quite, Complete)

**Irreversible** ৳ অপরিবর্তনীয়, স্থায়ী (Unchanging)

**Protecting the environment**

**Do our words translate to action?**

**We observed yet another World Environment Day, and perhaps it is time to seriously evaluate if our actions on the ground match our grand pledges, in summits and seminars, to protect the country from the threat of climate change and further environmental degradation.**

**It is alarming that the state of our forests have increasingly deteriorated since independence; in 1971, 16 percent of our land consisted of forests, but now forests constitute only 6-7 percent of the total land, according to environment activists. The 1994 Master Plan set a target to forest about 20 percent of the country's land by 2015, which we fell woefully short of. The fact that the plan had to be revised down to 15 percent by 2021 highlights our failure to prioritise environmental concerns.**

**Meanwhile, we seem oblivious of the active pollution of our rivers and forests through unaccounted industrialisation. As reported in our paper yesterday, the Karnaphuli river reeks of chemical pollutants as effluent from the paper mill is dumped untreated into the river. The Buriganga, too, is beyond recognition due to years of encroachment. The threat to Bangladesh due to climate change is well documented. It is considered to be among the most vulnerable countries. But consistent failure of the state to acknowledge and address issues of river encroachment and deforestation, particularly when it comes to development projects, is in stark contrast to what is needed.**

**Development at the expense of irreversible damage is not the only way forward. Our concern for our environment must go beyond words and translate to action.**

## **Murder of SP's wife by extremists(07-06-16)**

**Extremist** ৳ চরমপন্থী, জঙ্গী (a person who holds extreme views)

**Dimension** ৳ মাত্রা (Aspect, degree)

**Expose** ৳ খুলা, প্রকাশ করা (Reveal, disclose)

**Condole** ৳ সমবেদনা প্রকাশ করা (Sympathise)

**Condemn** ৳ নিন্দা করা (Denounce, blaspheme)

**Dastardly** ৳ কাপুরুষোচিত (Chicken hearted person, Cowardly)

**Viciousness** ৳ অনৈতিকতা, কলঙ্কজনক (Immoral, Taint, blemish)

**Stance** ৳ অবস্থান (Opinion, position, stand)

**Invigorated** ৳ পূর্ণাঙ্গ, বলিষ্ঠ, সতেজ ( Refreshed, pepful)

**Conviction** ৳ দণ্ডদেশ, শাস্তি (Judgement of guilt)

**Engender** ৳ জন্ম দেয়া (produce, generate)

**Murder of SP's wife by extremists**

**Adds a new dimension to the issue**

*The murder of a police officer's wife in Chittagong has added a new dimension to the ongoing terrorist attacks in the country. Targeting a family of an SP highlights the vulnerability of the security forces, and members of their families, engaged in counter terror operation. We often criticise the police hardly recognising the risk they, and as the recent killing shows, their families, are exposed to. We deeply condole the death and condemn this dastardly act. It shows the ever expanding nature of the threat and the viciousness of the attacks. Targeting the police which are supposed to provide security to the people is throwing challenge to the security forces and the state. This is proof, if proof is ever needed, that nobody can feel safe in this environment.*

*We are happy to note that the home minister has shifted from his previous stance on the nature of the killings and acknowledged that these are well planned and may be linked to the extremists. We hope that this will lead to a more invigorated investigation and arrest of the extremist masterminds.*

*While we acknowledge the fact that a large number of suspects have been arrested in connection to these killings, a quick trial and conviction would engender confidence in public minds as would arresting the masterminds and complete plugging of their source of finance. It is high time also that the law enforcers honed in all their efforts to fight the menace that is spreading its tentacles in the country. A coherent anti-militancy drive needs to be initiated quickly*

*Foreign firms jittery*



## How did Tonu die?(14-06-16)

**Farce** ৳ প্রহসন(Ridiculous, comedy)

**Agonizing** ৳ পীড়াদায়ক(Tormenting)

**Autopsy** ৳ ময়নাতদন্ত(Necropsy, postmortem)

**Inconclusive** ৳ অমীমাংসিত (Unsolved)

**Sexual Intercourse** ৳ যৌনসঙ্গম (Copulation)

**Opacity** ৳ অস্বচ্ছতা(Obscurely, Opaqueness)

**Reluctance** ৳ অনাগ্রহ, অনিচ্ছা (Unwillingness, Disinterest)

**Travesty** ৳ হাস্যকর অনুকরণ, ব্যঙ্গচিত্র (Ridiculous imitation, Caricature)

**Ominous** ৳ অশুভ (Evil, bad)

**Diabolical** ৳ নারকীয়(Barbaric, Hellish)

**Farcical** ৳ হাস্যকর(Ridiculous)

**Unscathed** ৳ অনাহত, অক্ষত (Unharmed, uninjured)

**Onslaught** ৳ হিংস্র আক্রমণ (Fierce attack)

**Unsavoury** ৳ অপ্রতিকর, ভয়ংকর (Unpleasant, Horrible)

**Innuendo** ৳ অপ্রতিকর মন্তব্য ( Unpleasant remark)

**How did Tonu die?**

**A farce in the name of investigation**

**Three agonizing months have passed for the parents of Tonu and they still have not been able to find out how she died. This despite a second autopsy was done after the first one proved to be inconclusive.**

**Meanwhile DNA tests, after the second autopsy, found enough evidence to conclude that she had been raped, doctors who conducted the second autopsy are confirming sexual intercourse but not rape.**

**The opacity with which this case has been handled has produced more questions than answers. Why did the first autopsy not reveal the cause of death or find any indication of rape? If DNA tests have established that she had been raped why is this reluctance to say so? Why is this hesitation to even call it a murder when her body was found in the bushes with visible marks of injury? It is unacceptable that despite the statements of Tonu's father and the DNA test results, the investigation has not found under what circumstances this bright young woman died. We can only conclude that there is a deliberate move to bury the evidence and protect the perpetrators of a horrible crime. If this is the case it would be a travesty of justice and will give out an ominous message ৳ that it is possible to get away with crimes as diabolical as rape and murder if one has the influence or protection from powerful quarters.**

**The farcical conclusions as made public by officials in charge of the autopsies have made a mockery of the rule of law and have allowed criminals to remain unscathed. Meanwhile even in death Tonu must face the onslaught of unsavoury innuendos from careless gossipmongers.**

**In such a scenario we urge the government to ensure a fair investigation into this crime so that the murderers do not get a chance to escape from justice.**

## **Senseless carnage in Nice(16-07-16)**

**Senseless** ৳ অচেতন, বিবেকহীন (*unmindful, swooned*)

**Carnage** ৳ হত্যাকাণ্ড(*killing, massacre*)

**Condemn** ৳ নিন্দা করা(*Denounce, censure*)

**Unleash** ৳ নিয়ন্ত্রণমুক্ত করা, লাগাম ছেড়ে দেওয়া (*let go, give away*)

**Utterly** ৳ একদম, সম্পূর্ণরূপে (*completely, entirely*)

**Barely** ৳ সবে, মাত্র (*Only, just*)

**Fireworks** ৳ আতশবাজি

**Deliberately** ৳ ভেবেচিন্তে, ইচ্ছাপূর্বক (*Knowingly, intentionally*)

**Plough into** ৳ ধাক্কা দেওয়া (*Crash*)

**Bustle** ৳ ছুটোছুটি করা, দৌড়ঝাঁপ করা (*Rampage, hustle*)

**Ascertain** ৳ নিরূপণ করা (*Identify, determine*)

**Remorse** ৳ অনুশোচনা (*Compunction, repentance*)

**Pour** ৳ ঢালা, নিক্ষেপ করা, প্রদান করা (*throw, confer*)

**Denounce** ৳ নিন্দা করা(*condemn*)

**Maim** ৳ অঙ্গহীন করা, বাজেভাবে জখম করা (*mutilate, wound seriously*)

**motto** ৳ নীতিবাক্য, উদ্দেশ্য (*Maxim, slogan*)

**Continent** ৳ মহাদেশ

**Hunt down** ৳ খুজে বের করা (*to search every where for someone or something*)

**Senseless carnage in Nice**

**Time to unite and fight back**

*We condemn this horrifying and utterly mindless act of terror that has been unleashed on the citizens of France, who are still recovering from an earlier attack barely three months ago that killed some 120 people and injured many others. As families with children watched the fireworks celebrating Bastille Day in the French resort of Nice, a truck deliberately ploughed into the crowd killing at least 84 people. The police shot and killed the driver, but not before he drove for 2 km into bustling crowds. We know that the truck was carrying weapons and explosives but it is still too early to ascertain whether he acted alone or was part of a greater conspiracy.*

*There really are no words to express our remorse for those who lost loved ones at Nice. Condemnations have been pouring in from Capitals around the world and we join them in denouncing this horrific attack. What we do know is that the world is at war with terrorists who kill and maim with no remorse. Taking lives appear to be their motto and they do so in the name of religion. The latest attack that took place in Nice merely reinforces our resolve that world leaders need to set aside their differences and come together to face a common enemy. Terrorism today knows no borders and we have to face the realities of joining forces across nations and continents to hunt down perpetrators and organisers of terrorism – wherever they may reside.*

## Anti terror initiatives in private universities(17-07-16)

**Knee-jerk** 𑂇 স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত (Spontaneous, facile)

**Extremism** 𑂇 চরমপন্থা, জঙ্গীবাদ

**Peril** 𑂇 বিপদ (Danger, jeopardy)

**In a bid** 𑂇 প্রচেষ্টা করা (in an attempt)

**Scourge** 𑂇 কোন সমস্যার উৎস, মহামারী (A source of persistent trouble such as pestilence that causes pain and suffering or widespread destruction)

**Single out** 𑂇 কারো প্রতি বিশেষ নজর ( to choose one person from a group for special attention)

**Go Astray** 𑂇 বিপথে যাওয়া (To turn bad from the way of goodness)

**Awry** 𑂇 টেরা, বক্রভাবে, ভুলপথে (Wrong way)

**Schema** 𑂇 পরিকল্পনা (plan, design)

**Witch-hunt** 𑂇 কোন সুস্পষ্ট প্রমাণ ছাড়া কাউকে টার্গেট করা (Where a person decides to target another person for reasons which may, or may not, be obvious)

**Anti terror initiatives in private universities**

**Avoid knee-jerk reaction**

**Ruling Awami League's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League will form its committees across all the private universities in a bid to "fight militancy".**

**The phenomenon of extremism that is on the rise in the country requires a coordinated effort of all sections of society to see an end of this peril. And in the aftermath of the attack on Holey Artisan Bakery and the subsequent attack in Kishoreganj, all concerned must come together to fight this scourge in a manner coordinated by one central authority. Surprisingly, the student wing of the ruling party has taken it upon itself to form anti-terrorism awareness committees in all the more than 90 private universities of the country. We wonder why private universities should be been singled out just because a few misguided youths from some of these have gone astray. And the discipline of the student wing of the ruling party leaves much to be desired.**

**This is much too sensitive a matter to be left also to the student organisation of any political party because unless the anti-terror efforts are coordinated centrally the government initiative may go awry. We are afraid the scheme may become one of witch-hunting where personal scores may be settled in the name of anti-terror awareness programme. And there is also a very good possibility that the move will lead to the politicisation of private universities, a phenomenon that has till date not been able to affect this sector. The battle against terrorism is a national issue. It falls upon the government agencies to tackle the extremist elements by taking all the stakeholders on board. Private university authorities can and will cooperate with the law to the fullest extent. But the Chhatra League initiative, if implemented, may ultimately undermine the fight against terror and not assist it.**

## Turkey's abortive coup(18-07-16)

**Abortive** ৳ ব্যর্থ (Unsuccessful, vain)

**Coup** ৳ আঘাত, সেনাবাহিনীর একটি অংশ দ্বারা অবৈধভাবে ক্ষমতা গ্রহণ করা (Strike, hit, taking of government power illegally, especially by part of an army)

**Rejoice** ৳ আনন্দ করা (joy, amuse, delight)

**Thwart** ৳ ব্যর্থ করা (Foil, prevent, defeat)

**Solidarity** ৳ সংহতি (A bond of unity or agreement between individuals)

**Compliment** ৳ প্রশংসা করা, অভিনন্দন জানান (Praise, commend, congratulate)

**Agony** ৳ ক্লেশ, মর্মবেদনা (Pain, sorrow)

**Ambiguity** ৳ অস্পষ্টতা (Obscurity, imprecision)

**Whatsoever** ৳ সবটা, সর্বোপরি (At all)

**Ostensibly** ৳ বাহ্যত, আপাতদৃষ্টিতে (Apparently, Outwardly)

**Stimulate** ৳ চেতনা, উত্তেজিত করা, অনুপ্রেরণা দেওয়া (Arouse, encourage, inspire)

**Embark** ৳ জাহাজে আরোহণ করা (To go onto ship)

**Embark on** ৳ শুরু করা (to start something new or important ৳ )

**Venture** ৳ বিপজ্জনক বা সাহসী কার্য (a new activity that involves risk or uncertainty)

**Inclusive** ৳ সর্বব্যাপী (Encyclopedic)

**Consensual** ৳ সম্মতিসূচক (With agreement)

**Consolidate** ৳ দৃঢ় করা (Make stronger)

**Amendment** ৳ সংশোধনী (Reformation, rectification)

**Crackdown** ৳ কঠোর ব্যবস্থা (Stern way)

**Relapse** ৳ পুনঃসংঘটিত হওয়া (Recur)

**Prevalance** ৳ সাফল্য, প্রভাব (Dominance, Influence)

**Prerequisite** ৳ পূর্বশর্ত (Prior condition of something)

**Flourish** ৳ উন্নতি লাভ করা (Thrive, prosper)

**Check and Balance** ৳ a system, where power is shared between the various branches of government)

**Turkey's abortive coup**

*It is a victory for elected governments everywhere*

*We rejoice at the failure of the attempted coup in Turkey, thwarted with the help of the people, the first of its kind perhaps in recent times when the armed coup-makers submitted to an unarmed public. We express our solidarity with the Turkish people and compliment them for keeping high the flag of democracy in their country. And while we rejoice at their victory we share with them the agony of the lives lost in the incident.*

*It must be stated without ambiguity that the military has no role in politics whatsoever in any country; attempting to overthrow an elected government is no way of protecting democracy – ostensibly the motivation that stimulated the coup leaders in Turkey to embark on the unsuccessful venture.*

**The failed coup, we are sure, will strengthen Recep Tayyip Erdogan's hands which we hope will encourage him to be more inclusive and consensual in governing the country. So far, however, it must be said that Erdogan's method of running the country has left much to be desired. His attempt to consolidate power through constitutional amendments, crackdown on free press and redesigning the high courts, more than 2,700 judges have been dismissed immediately after the coup, betray his tendency to relapse into more autocratic mode of governance.**

**It is our hope that Erdogan will use this opportunity to give democracy in Turkey true meaning. Democracy cannot work if there is a prevalence of absolute power in the hands of one individual, which apparently Erdogan is trying to achieve. One of the essential prerequisites for democracy to flourish is to ensure checks and balance between all the organs of the state, more so when there is absence of a strong opposition.**

## **Minister's earthquake prediction(20-07-16)**

**Minister's earthquake prediction**

**Bemusement** ৳ বিস্মিত, হতবুদ্ধিকর, হতভম্ব (Bewilder, confound)

**Categorical** ৳ স্পষ্ট, খোলাখুলি (very clear, Absolute, frank)

**Magnitude** ৳ বিশাল, বিস্তৃত (large size, extent)

**Backdrop** ৳ পরিপ্রেক্ষিত (background of a historical event)

**Geologist** ৳ ভূবিজ্ঞানী (A person who is skilled at geology)

**Fault** ৳ দোষ, ত্রুটি (Defect, imperfection)

**Trigger** ৳ সূত্রপাত করা, যন্ত্র পরিচালনার একটি অংশ (initiate, A similar device used to activate any mechanism)

**Rule Out** ৳ বাতিল করা (Reject)

**Spare** ৳ সংযত করা, নিবৃত্ত করা, নিরাপদ রাখা (Refrain, preserve, Desist)

**Dismissal** ৳ বর্জন, প্রত্যাখ্যান (Exclusion, Rejection)

**Imminent** ৳ আসন্ন, অপরিহার্য (Forthcoming, Inevitable)

**Prudent** ৳ বিচক্ষণ, দূরদর্শী, সমীচীন (careful, wise, long-sighted)

**Boost** ৳ উন্নতি সাধনে সাহায্য করা (Lift, push from behind)

**Disaster** ৳ দুর্যোগ (Catastrophe)

**Rescue** ৳ উদ্ধার করা (Recover, release)

**Mobilise** ৳ সচল করা, প্রস্তুত করা (make ready)

**Contingency** ৳ আকস্মিক বা সম্ভাব্য ঘটনা (quality of happening by chance)

**Minister's earthquake prediction**

**What are they based on?**

**It is with bemusement that we note our Minister for Relief and Disaster Management giving such categorical assurance that Bangladesh will not experience a massive earthquake in the magnitude of 8 or 9 on the Richter scale. This he has said in the backdrop of a study by a geologist at Columbia University in New York City that has found that Dhaka sits on a dangerous fault which could trigger a massive**

earthquake affecting around 140 million people in the region that includes Bangladesh, India and Myanmar.

While we are not suggesting for a moment that there will be a mega quake, we hesitate to rule out such a possibility altogether without scientific basis. Just because we have been lucky enough to be spared an earthquake of such magnitude for the last 200 years as the Minister has quoted, does not guarantee that it will not occur now or in the near future. While it is important for the minister to tell people not to panic, his dismissal of an earthquake of that scale occurring, we feel, is misplaced. Given that it is not possible to predict whether such an earthquake is imminent, or that it may occur after a few hundred years, the most prudent task for a country under risk would be to boost its preparedness for such a disaster.

What the minister should be telling the public is how prepared the nation is or needs to be for such a disaster should it occur. This includes training rescue teams, mobilizing volunteers, educating the public on survival skills, keeping adequate hospital staff to attend to the injured, enough ambulances, firefighting facilities etc. Only such contingency plans can reassure the public.

## Bringing light to the visually impaired(21-07-16)

1st Editorial ☞

Visually Impaired ☞ দৃষ্টি প্রতিবন্ধী (the total inability to see)

People with disabilities ☞ শারিরিক অক্ষম ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিবন্ধী।

Stumble ☞ পদস্থলন, হোচট খাওয়া (To make a mistake or have trouble)

Laud ☞ গুণকীর্তন করা, প্রশংসা করা (Praise, commend, compliment)

Hand Over ☞ অর্পণ করা (To yield control of)

Disenfranchised ☞ বঞ্চিত (Deprived)

Well-timed ☞ সময়োপযোগী (an opportune or advantageous time)

Endeavor ☞ প্রচেষ্টা, উদ্যোগ (Effort, Enthusiasm)

Betterment ☞ উন্নয়ন (Advancement, Improvement)

2nd Editorial ☞

Farce ☞ প্রহসন, হাস্যকর দৃশ্য (Ridiculous show)

Bulk ☞ বড় অংশ বা আয়তন (Large size)

Onus ☞ ভার, বোঝা, দায়িত্ব (Duty, Responsibility, Liability)

Feasible ☞ সম্ভাব্য (Possible)

Stun ☞ অচেতন করা, স্তব্ধ করা (Motionless, stopped)

Consultant ☞ পরামর্শকারী

Consignment ☞ হস্তান্তর, প্রেরণ (Transferred, send)

Run around ☞ নানান কাজে ব্যস্ত থাকা ( to be very busy doing a lot of different things)

Optimum ☞ সবচেয়ে অনুকূল (Most favorable condition)

Requisite ☞ প্রয়োজনীয় (Necessary)

Hazard ☞ বিপত্তি, ঝুঁকি (Risk, danger)

## **Bringing light to the visually impaired**

### **All government documents should have Braille version**

*In our society, people with disabilities stumble in every sphere of their life, due to lack of equal opportunities and poor access to social services. The visually impaired are the worst sufferers as they do not even have access to government policies since these documents are not available in a suitable format for them. Against this background, we want to laud the effort of Manusher Jonno Foundation who has prepared the Braille version of 13 laws and policies of government. These books were handed over at a distribution ceremony held recently in Dhaka to five organisations that work for the visually impaired. This initiative will certainly contribute to empower the disenfranchised people.*

*This well-timed endeavour should be carried forward and all the laws and policies of the government should be printed in Braille. The government and non-government organisations should join hands in this effort. They should also emphasise on spreading and improving Braille literacy among the visually impaired people so that they can access the Braille documents. There should be innovative solutions to make the ICT related instruction easily accessible to the visually impaired people. Finally, we need to change the public mindset that the visually impaired as also the other categories of physically impaired persons, are a burden to the society, rather if they get equal opportunity they can contribute to the betterment of their family as well as of the country.*

### **Hazaribagh relocation a farce**

#### **Infrastructure at Savar yet to be completed!**

*The under-construction Central Effluent Treatment Plant at Savar Tannery Industrial Estate in Hemayetpur of Savar*

*While we have been hearing about the relocation of tanneries from Hazaribagh area to Savar for more than a decade, nothing major has happened on either side. Neither tanneries have moved in bulk to the new site, nor has the government put in serious efforts to complete work on infrastructure to make it possible for tanners to move in significant numbers. While 154 tannery owners are being fined Tk 10,000 per day for damaging the environment, the essential infrastructure like roads and central effluent treatment plant (CETP) are far from complete. Putting the onus on a largely export-oriented industry to move to Savar without making sure that all construction work is complete is not a feasible work plan.*

*We are stunned to learn that the authorities have announced that work on CETP will be completed within a month, especially when the project consultant says the last consignment of machineries for CETP has not arrived yet. While there has been progress on two CETP(s), the other two will take more time. So why are the public being given the run around year after year? It is in the best interest of both public health and the tannery sector that the industry relocates to the new location quickly. And it is not merely a question of setting up the CETPs.*

## Where are those who have gone missing?(22-07-16)

**Counter** 𑍇 বিরুদ্ধে, শক্তি প্রয়োগ করা (Oppose, take action)

**End up** 𑍇 কোন বিশেষ স্থানে থাকা (to be in a particular place or state after doing something or because of doing it)

**Coincide** 𑍇 মিলিত হওয়া, একসঙ্গে ঘটনা, অনুরূপ হওয়া (Concur, Become similar)

**Delve** 𑍇 গভীরভাবে অনুসন্ধান করা (Investigate, Research)

**Means and methodology** 𑍇 পন্থা, উপায়, পদ্ধতি (Wherewithal)

**Recruitment** 𑍇 নিয়োগ, (Employment)

**Outfit** 𑍇 দল(Group, cohort)

**Draw** 𑍇 আঁকা, টানা, আকর্ষণ করা (Paint, Attract)

**Impressionable** 𑍇 অনুভূতিপ্রবণ, সহজে প্রভাবিত হওয়া (Easily influenced person)

**Fold** 𑍇 ভাঁজ, দল (Lap, sect)

**Dismay** 𑍇 আতঙ্ক, ভয় (Panic, fear)

**Unheeded** 𑍇 অবহেলিত, উপেক্ষিত (Ignored)

**Stem** 𑍇 থামান, বাধা দেওয়া (stop, hinder)

**Cut across** 𑍇 অতিক্রম করা, লঙ্গন করা (Cross, To move through an area or object)

**Distorted** 𑍇 বিকৃত(Perverted, decomposed)

**Disseminate** 𑍇 প্রচার করা(Spread, publish)

**Where are those who have gone missing?**

**Social awareness needed to counter the threat**

**We do not know how many of these individuals have ended up as militants but police sources estimate as many as 100 may have. As per a report published in this paper on July 21, some 262 people have gone “missing” over the last 18 months. We do not know how many of these individuals have ended up as militants but police sources estimate as many as 100 may have. This timeline coincides with the emergence of the Islamic State (IS) as a major force in the Middle East. Given the above, it is important that agencies delve deeply into how so many of the so-called militants have been motivated to join up with extremist organisations.**

**We need to know the means and methodology of recruitment followed by outfits like the IS which is now allegedly drawing not only young and impressionable people but also established professionals to their fold. This paper has been highlighting the problem of rising militancy for some time now. But to our dismay, these warning have gone unheeded. We wonder how much can be done about those who have already signed up to foreign extremist outfits and left the country. But we can do something so that future recruitment can be stemmed. This requires the involvement of the society at large, cutting across party lines, where raising social awareness should be the key component. It requires parental involvement in the day to day lives of their children – how they spend their time in schools, finding out who their friends and associates are, what they read and watch. And there is greater need for**

*the government agencies to work hand-in-hand with the community and religious leaders to counter the distorted messages that are being disseminated in the name of religion.*

*These treatment plants need a minimum 48 tannery plants to be operating at the optimum. Poor performance of the authorities to build requisite infrastructure within a specified time, results only in continued health hazards for Dhaka citizens, as untreated effluents keep getting dumped into the water supply. In this regard, the project authorities should also be made to account for the time overrun in construction.*

## **Dhaka's dying canals(23-07-16)**

**Dying** 𑌃 মৃতপ্রায় (very ill and likely to die soon)

**Restore** 𑌃 পুনরুদ্ধার করা (Reestablish, Recover)

**Infrastructure** 𑌃 অবকাঠামো (The basic system and service)

**Waterway** 𑌃 জলপথ(Conduit)

**Encroachment** 𑌃 জোরপূর্বক দখল (Occupy, intrusion)

**Shrink** 𑌃 সঙ্কুচিত করা, ছোট করা (Cut down, become smaller)

**Glory** 𑌃 যশ, মহিমা, গৌরব (Fame, loftiness)

**Mismanagement** 𑌃 অব্যবস্থাপনা

**Lack of Maintenance** 𑌃 রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের অভাব

**Unchecked** 𑌃 অবারিত, অনিয়ন্ত্রিত, বেপরোয়া (Uncontrolled, Reckless)

**Dump** 𑌃 ফেলা, নিক্ষেপ করা (Discard, throw down)

**Worthwhile** 𑌃 যথেষ্ট গুরুত্বপূর্ণ (Good enough, important enough)

**Mandate** 𑌃 হুকুম, আদেশপত্র (Command, Writ)

**Sludge** 𑌃 আঠালো কাদা বা ময়লা

**Imperative** 𑌃 জরুরি, অত্যাবশ্যিক (Essential, vital)

**Dhaka's dying canals**

**Restore them to their original**

*Given the importance of canals to a city's infrastructure, it is beyond comprehension that Dhaka's canals are all but destroyed. One example makes the situation of the canals today very clear 𑌃 that of the Baunia Canal. Once called Kahor Doriya, literally meaning 'huge waterway', the canal is said to have been as wide as a river. Today, illegal encroachments have shrunk it from its former glory.*

*Encroachment is just one side of the problem. Mismanagement and lack of maintenance by the authorities and unchecked dumping of solid waste by residents have all added to issue. A recent report in this paper show that of the 50 running canals in the 70s and 80s, almost half have disappeared.*

*It is also worthwhile to note that Wasa has the mandate to preserve the canals, and despite efforts on paper in the last 20 years, there has not been any progress. Sludge from factories, tannery waste, and dumping of household waste has only made the situation worse over the decade. On top of that, residents say that waste is not collected regularly from some areas, and cleaning efforts are only at the surface level.*

*It is imperative to realise the importance of canals in Dhaka lie beyond the scenic. The Wasa and the two city corporations must take immediate steps to recover the 26 canals that they claim to be recoverable. The solution lies in maintenance and in checking illegal encroachment and dumping of waste, and these need to be checked before the all the city's canals breathe their last.*

## **Another round of price hike(24-07-16)**

**Round** ৳ বৃত্তাকার, দফা (Circular, stage)

**Justification** ৳ আত্মপক্ষ সমর্থন, ওজর, কারণ (Reason, plea, explanation)

**Adverse** ৳ খারাপ, বিরূপ (Unfavorable, Mischievous)

**Detrimental** ৳ ক্ষতিকারক (Harmful, Mischievous)

**Rational** ৳ যুক্তিসঙ্গত কারণ, যুক্তি (Logical)

**Finite** ৳ সসীম, সীমিত (Limited, confined)

**Batter** ৳ বারবার আঘাত প্রাপ্ত হওয়া (to hit or strike violently and repeatedly)

**Readjustment** ৳ পুনর্বিদ্যায়, পুনঃসমন্বয় (Re-correction, Resolve)

**Precipitate** ৳ ত্বরান্বিত করা (Hasten)

**Inflation** ৳ মুদ্রাস্ফীতি (A decline in the value of money)

**Tread** ৳ পদক্ষেপ নেওয়া (Step, walk)

**Drastic** ৳ প্রচণ্ড, চূড়ান্ত, কঠোর (Extreme, severe)

**Another round of price hike**

**What is the justification?**

*It is not without reason that a leading chamber of commerce opposed the latest proposal by Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) to raise gas price by as much as 140 percent. This paper has always highlighted the adverse affects of these hikes in prices as they are detrimental to consumers as it is the retail customers who ultimately bear the increase in cost of production. The latest proposal by BERC that is due to hold a public hearing on August 7 intends to up cost of gas at household level by 140 percent, 130 percent for captive power plants and 62 percent for industry. Industrial output for essentials such as fertilisers will go up, as will every product produced in a factory. We are looking at more than doubling of cost of generating electricity and city residents will have to find money somewhere as their electricity bills more than double.*

*What is the rationale for such increases? Yes, we understand that natural gas is a finite resource. But one should be realistic in such cost revisions. If industrial production becomes so expensive soas to affect demand for products and the average consumer is battered by cost increases of electricity, the monthly budget will require readjustment from somewhere. There is no doubt that such significant rise in cost of energy will precipitate inflation. Policymakers must tread carefully before making such a drastic measure effective as it has been less than a year that BERC raised energy prices across the board.*

## Declaring part of Madhupur as reserve forest(25-07-16)

**Allay** ৳ কমান, দমন করা, হ্রাস করা (*Restrain, reduce, minimize*)

**Anxiety** ৳ শঙ্কা, উদ্বেগ (*Worry, Distress*)

**Ethnic** ৳ জাতিগত, সাম্প্রদায়িক (*Racial, Communal*)

**Oust** ৳ উচ্ছেদ করা(*Evict*)

**Ancestral** ৳ পৈতৃক(*Hereditary*)

**Issuance** ৳ ব্যবহারের অনুমতি প্রদান (*The official act of giving something to people to be used* ৳ *the act of officially issuing something*)

**Pronouncement** ৳ রায় (*Verdict, Adjudication*)

**Evict** ৳ উচ্ছেদ করা(*Oust*)

**Denial** ৳ অস্বীকার (*Refusal, negation*)

**Distrust** ৳ অবিশ্বাস, অনাস্থা (*Disbelief, suspicion*)

**Foster** ৳ লালনপালন করা, পোষণ করা (*Bring up, nourish*)

**Declaring part of Madhupur as reserve forest**

**Allay the fear it has created**

*The recent declaration of 9,145 acres of land in Madhupur of Tangail by the government as a reserve forest has left about 6,000 people living in the area, among them Garo, Koch, Bormon, and Bangalee, in a state of anxiety and fear. Some members of the ethnic communities are looking at the move as a conspiracy to oust them from what they claim is their 'ancestral land.'*

*The Department of Forest argues that it has followed every rule under Section 20 of the Forest Act of 1927 such as issuance of a notice by the forest settlement officer, taking into consideration the concerns of the local population and making them aware of the government's decision. The initial gazette was published in 1984 but no one came forward to complain or oppose the pronouncement. Also, forest officials have assured the ethnic groups that the authorities have no plans to evict them, the department claims.*

*The narrative, on the other side, is different. Locals say they were not invited at the official hearing held by the deputy commissioner in 1984, according to sources. According to a study, the denial of land rights to the ethnic groups, and the attitude of the forest department towards them have fostered a deep distrust of the administration among them. In 2003, a member of the Garo community was shot dead by the forest guards while protesting the move to construct an Eco park in the forest.*

*We emphasise on the need to preserve both our forests and the communities living therein.*

## Unfit vehicles plying the streets(26-07-16)

**Ply** ৳ অটলভাবে কাজ করা, নিয়মিত চলাচল করা (To travel over regularly)

**Thumb the nose** ৳ অবহেলা করা, অবজ্ঞা করা (Act disrespectfully)

**Run Down** ৳ অবস্থার অবর্ণতি (To decline in condition)

**Dilapidated** ৳ জীর্ণশীর্ণ (Decayed, Ruinous, Demolished)

**Beggar belief** ৳ অ বিশ্বাস্য, বিশ্বাস করা অসম্ভব (to be impossible to believe)

**Jalopy** ৳ জীর্ণশীর্ণ গাড়ি (flivver, An old, dilapidated vehicle)

**Pedestrian** ৳ পথচারী (Footgoer)

**Inaction** ৳ নিষ্ক্রিয়তা (Inactivity, idleness)

**Vicinity** ৳ সান্নিধ্য, উপস্থিতি (Contiguity, Presence)

**Impound** ৳ বাজেয়াপ্ত করা, আটকে রাখা (Seize, keep in custody)

**Remiss** ৳ শিথিল, অবহেলাকারী, আনমনে (Heedless, careless)

**Impunity** ৳ অব্যাহতি, শাস্তি হতে মুক্তি, শাস্তি ছাড়া (Exemption from punishment)

**Ramshackle** ৳ জীর্ণ (Dilapidated)

**Lie with** ৳ দায়-দায়িত্ব, দায়ী (To be someone's responsibility)

**Rampantly** ৳ অনিয়ন্ত্রিতভাবে

**Flout** ৳ অবমাননা করা, অবজ্ঞা করা (Despise, Neglect)

**indulge** ৳ সন্তুষ্ট করা, প্রশয় দেয়া (Satisfy, Pamper)

**Connivance** ৳ উপেক্ষা (Disregard, Neglect)

**Surveillance** ৳ নজরদারি (Observation)

**Purge** ৳ দূর করা, পরিস্কার করা (Remove, clean)

**Reckless** ৳ বেপরোয়া (careless, blustery)

**Unfit vehicles plying the streets**

**Thumbing the nose at the law!**

**Passengers get inside a run-down human hauler near Shapa Chatter at the capital's Motijheel on Friday.**

**The photo of a dilapidated vehicle published in this paper on 24th July beggars belief. The jalopy that is carrying passengers on the road of the capital as well as the inaction of the police and the agencies that are supposed to enforce road safety have shocked us. These transports are a risk to their passengers, not to mention the pedestrians and the ordinary people who happen to be at the immediate vicinity of these vehicles. These are potential weapons of mass murder.**

**Vehicles are not supposed to be allowed to hit the road without a fitness certificate. There are instances where we have seen cars impounded and fined for not doing their fitness on time. Would we be remiss to ask how such unfit transports as the one in the picture, are allowed to run with impunity? The problem is all the more pronounced on the highways, where ramshackle and unfit bus and lorries are one of the biggest contributors to accidents. It is a small wonder that Bangladesh has one of the highest rates of deaths during travel, which some researches put as high as 24,000 a year.**

**The blame, we believe, primarily lies with the transport owners who rampantly flout laws and indulge in such malpractices with the connivance of some of the officials of the concerned departments. We**



*What should already be obvious to authorities is that free distribution of seeds along with cash disbursements will be needed to get our farmers back on their feet. As there is time to make plans for rehabilitation, they should be made quickly so that any major outbreak of diseases can be contained and economic rehabilitation of the flood affected people can get rolling as soon as the situation improves.*

## **Hillary Clinton for US president(29-07-16)**

**Candidate** 𑍇 প্রার্থী (Applicant, bidder)

**Grueling** 𑍇 অত্যধিক প্রচেষ্টা (Great effort)

**Campaign** 𑍇 অভিযান, প্রচারকার্য (try to achieve something)

**Clinch** 𑍇 সমর্থন, নিশ্চিত করা (assure, cap, conclude, confirm, decide, determine,)

**Reluctant** 𑍇 অনিচ্ছুক (Unenthusiastic, unwilling)

**Track record** 𑍇 অতীত কৃতকর্ম যা ভবিষ্যতের নির্দেশক (a record of past performance often taken as an indicator of likely future performance)

**Senator** 𑍇 সিনেটর, আইনসভার সদস্য

**Diplomat** 𑍇 কূটনীতিক (Tactful, astute)

**pressing** 𑍇 গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বা জরুরী (Important, urgent)

**Orchestrated** 𑍇 সুষ্ঠুভাবে সমন্বিত, পূর্ণাঙ্গ, সংগঠিত (Organized, harmonized)

**Prominence** 𑍇 বিশিষ্টতায়, উচ্চতায় (conspicuousness, eminent)

**Hillary Clinton for US president**

**The better candidate**

*We congratulate Hillary Clinton who, after a grueling 15-month campaign, has finally clinched the Democratic Party's nomination for US president, making history as the first woman to be picked by a major political party to run for the White House. It is an honour for her and her fellow Americans some of whom remain reluctant to see a woman as the president of the strongest country on earth.*

*Clinton has a long, proven track record of public service as an attorney, as the First Lady, a US senator and then the Secretary of State. Her lifelong work for women and children, minorities, immigrants, social justice and healthcare; and global security as America's top diplomat is all too well-known and hardly requires description. On the other hand, her republican opponent, Donald Trump, "the ultimate dealmaker," is offering various forms of fears instead of any solutions to pressing issues faced by the US and the rest of the world. Come November the choice should be clear for Americans despite the orchestrated confusion over who is the more qualified of the two.*

*This is an opportunity for Americans to be on the right side of history. Very recently, the British have elected Theresa May, the first woman since Margaret Thatcher as prime minister. Germany's Angela Merkel has led her country to a new prominence. Is America ready for a woman president? They better be.*

## **Expedite terror attack cases(31-07-16)**

**Expedite** ➤ দ্রুততর করা, গতিবৃদ্ধি করা (Accelerate, hasten, speed up)

**Premises** ➤ চত্বর, ভূমি (Land)

**Lodge** ➤ অভিযোগ করা (Complain, bring a charge)

**Explosive** ➤ বিস্ফোরক(Detonation)

**Verdict** ➤ রায়(Pronouncement, fiat)

**Elapse** ➤ অতিবাহিত হওয়া, অতিক্রান্ত হওয়া (Pass, overcome)

**Drag ones feet** ➤ গড়িমসি করা, বিলম্ব করা (Delay, dilly-dally)

**Smack of** ➤ নির্দেশ করে (Indicate, suggest)

**Rejuvenated** ➤ নতুন, নবীণ, তরুণ

**Snatch** ➤ ছিনিয়ে নেওয়া

**Flounder** ➤ প্রতিবন্ধকতা (experiencing difficulties)

**Undue** ➤ অযৌক্তিক, অসমুচিত (Illogical, absurd)

**Expedite terror attack cases**

**Delay may be costly**

*Eleven years have passed and we are still waiting for the conclusion of the first major case of murder in suicide bombing which was directed at the Chittagong Court building premises that took two lives in 2005. The hit was carried out allegedly by JMB operatives and two cases were lodged by the police in 2008 against two members of the banned outfit, one for possession of explosives and another for murder. While the verdict related to possession of explosives has been passed in 2008, long eight years have elapsed in the case of the latter without any end in sight. The police have dragged their feet in producing witnesses to the court related to the trial for murder, and the manner in which the case had been framed, smack of a serious lack of professionalism. What can explain police inability to produce a single witness in the last two years? Today, we are confronted with a rejuvenated JMB and other extremist outfits. Should it come as a surprise when militants are snatched away from the police and cases against them flounder year upon year? The message given to these extremist elements over the last decade or so is that they may operate with impunity. Terrorist attacks cannot be dealt with in the same manner as other criminal cases. It is time to ensure that legal procedures in cases related to terrorists are conducted without undue delay and that witnesses are made to feel safe to come forward to testify. The State has to demonstrate a zero tolerance policy towards militancy in Bangladesh soil.*

## Don't 'desertify' Gulshan(01-08-16)

**Desertify** 𑂔 মরুকরণ করা, জনশূন্য করা (*Desolate, seclude*)

**Knee-jerk** 𑂔 স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত, সম্ভাব্য, প্রত্যাশিত (*Spontaneous, predictable*)

**Queue up** 𑂔 সারি থাকা, লাইন থাকা, ভীড় থাকা

**Eerie** 𑂔 ভুতুড়ে, আতঙ্কগ্রস্থ (*fearful, spooky*)

**Unauthorized** 𑂔 অ-অনুমোদিত, অস্বীকৃত (*Unrecognised, disallowed*)

**Per Se** 𑂔 নিজেই (*By itself*)

**Eateries** 𑂔 খাবারের দোকান(*Eating house*)

**Hue** 𑂔 রঙ, বিভিন্ন ধরনের (*different type or group*)

**Lend** 𑂔 ধার দেওয়া (*Loan*)

**Cosmopolitan** 𑂔 বিশ্বজনীন(*Universal, non-sectarian*)

**Semblance** 𑂔 সাদৃশ্য, বাহ্যিক রূপ (*Appearance, harmony*)

**Encroach** 𑂔 দখল করা (*occupy*)

**Inconvenience** 𑂔 অসুবিধা(*Difficulty, trouble*)

**Blanket order** 𑂔 একটা নির্দিষ্ট সময়ব্যাপী একই পণ্য ক্রয় বিক্রয়ের অবস্থা (*An order to buy the same good or service regularly*)

**Ventures** 𑂔 উদ্যোগ, বিপজ্জনক বা সাহসী কার্য (*a new activity that involves risk or uncertainty, attempt*)

**Don't 'desertify' Gulshan**

**Avoid knee-jerk reaction**

**Restaurants in Gulshan where people had to queue up to get seats just a month ago have been running almost empty since the terror attack on July 1. The photos were taken between 8 𑂔 30pm and 9 𑂔 30pm yesterday.**

**Fear, along with the government decision to closedown so called illegal establishments in Gulshan area as a reaction to the unfortunate killings in Holey Artisan has helped create the eerie character that Gulshan has taken on today.**

**It is very difficult to see the government's rationale in drawing a correlation between illegal commercial establishments in the area and the terrorist killings. What if the establishment had government approval? Would that have prevented the attack and the killings? However, it is quite another matter if the issue is of 'unauthorised' commercial establishment per se in a non-commercial area. But even here the government has a few questions to answer. How come these so called illegal entities came to be there in the first place? And how come most of these are running for decades without the relevant authorities taking note of it? We cannot also overlook the fact that these shops and eateries and places for get-together for all ages and hues had lent a cosmopolitan character to Dhaka city, and without which any semblance of a modern city that one attaches to the capital would be lost.**

**The government should decide once and for all that there should be no more commercial establishments in residential areas including Gulshan. It should then deal with those that have actually encroached on public space and caused public inconvenience. Then there are those**

that are well established over a long period of time which should not come under a blanket order of removal because these commercial ventures have added to our economy by creating thousand of jobs, closing down of which will have a serious impact on the lives and livelihood of many.

## PM's counter-terror appeal(03-08-16)

Counter-terror ৳ সন্ত্রাস মোকাবেলা

Appeal ৳ আবেদন, আহ্বান (Call, bid, invocation)

Combat ৳ যুদ্ধ, সংগ্রাম করা (Struggle, battle)

Inauguration ৳ অভিষেক, উদ্বোধন (Commencement, launch)

Premises ৳ ভবন, ভূমি, চত্বর (House, land)

Grim ৳ ভয়ানক(Horrible, terrible, gruesome)

Cohesive ৳ যৌথ, সংযুক্ত (Connected, joint)

Reel ৳ আবর্তিত হওয়া, ঘুরা (Move, wobble)

Devise ৳ পরিকল্পনা করা, উদ্ভাবন করা (Brainstorm, plan)

Cut across party lines and predilection ৳ দল-মত নির্বিশেষে

Menace ৳ ভীতিপ্রদর্শন, ভয়, বিপদ (Fear, anxiety, hazard, jeopardy)

Integral ৳ অখণ্ড, মৌলিক, প্রয়োজনীয় (Basic, requisite)

Strata ৳ স্তর(level)

Affluent ৳ সমৃদ্ধিশালী(Wealthy, prosperous)

Distorted ৳ বিকৃত(Perverted, decomposed, anamorphic)

PM's counter-terror appeal

A timely call to combat militancy

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sought greater cooperation of people and information from them in tackling militancy and terrorism more effectively. She was addressing an inauguration ceremony of blood donation programme organised by Bangladesh Krishak League on the premises of Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi road No 32 in Dhaka. The Prime Minister's call for people's support in fighting militancy and extremism effectively is fitting and timely. This is especially so when the core values and principles on which we stand as a nation are under attack. Although we had never expected the likes of the Holey Artisan incident to happen in Bangladesh, nevertheless, the nation is facing some grim realities which can only be overcome by a cohesive action involving everyone. While the country is still reeling from the shock of the Gulshan attack that has claimed the lives of 24 people, it is time for some serious reflection to devise ways to combat this threat to our way of life.

We believe that all segments of the society have to cut across party lines and predilections, and come together for the singular cause of successfully dealing with the menace. There is no denying that participation of the general people is an integral component of the country's counter-terrorism efforts, and to effectively do that, we have to create a common front that will incorporate citizens belonging to all strata. In this context, we urge the government to strengthen its efforts to build a broad-based unity under a common platform.

*It is also essential to review the social and political conditions that are being exploited by terrorists to recruit from a section of the society that is affluent and well educated. The enabling factors that help the recruiters to gather some youths in support of their distorted explanation of the religion must be analysed and countered.*

## **DNCC app for better city services(04-08-16)**

**Laudable** ৳ প্রশংসনীয় (*Commendable, Praiseworthy, admirable*)

**Lodge** ৳ অভিযোগ করা (*Complain, accuse, bring a charge*)

**Dilapidated** ৳ জীর্ণশীর্ণ (*Decayed, ruinous*)

**Hectic** ৳ ব্যস্ততাপূর্ণ (*full of activity, busy*)

**Labyrinth** ৳ জটিলতা, জটিল বিষয়, গোলকথাঁধা (*Maze, complexity*)

**Well-timed** ৳ সময়োচিত, সময়োপযোগী (*Timely, suspicious moment*)

**Irregularity** ৳ অনিয়ম (*Anomaly, asymmetry*)

**Replicate** ৳ প্রতিলিপি করা, অনুরূপ তৈরী করা, নকল করা (*Copy, simulate*)

**Incorporate** ৳ অন্তর্ভুক্ত করা, সমন্বয় করা (*Include, combine*)

**Governance** ৳ শাসন, পরিচালনা (*Rule, conduct*)

**DNCC app for better city services**

**A laudable initiative**

*To lodge a complaint about a dilapidated road or a broken lamp post or any other city service is a hectic affairs as it requires one to go through the labyrinth of the manual complaint system. Most people feel discouraged to take the trouble and their suffering continues. Amid this situation, the initiative taken by Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) to launch Nogor mobile app is a well-timed effort. We hope it will rapidly improve city services. Through the app, one can send complaints directly to the DNCC authority about their services. People can also report about irregularities such as illegal occupation and corruption. Besides, this application could also be used for security purposes as anyone can trace or alert his or her family member through using the SOS feature of the app. It will certainly enhance security of the city people.*

*We hope this initiative will be replicated gradually in all the city corporations. We need to explore more how we can incorporate digital innovations in our city governance mechanism. The government should also invest more in this regard to create a speedy communication system between citizens and government bodies.*

## Bringing utility services together(05-08-16)

**Utility** ৳ উপযোগিতা, কার্যকর (Usefulness, advantage, avail)

**Disjointedly** ৳ বিচ্ছিন্নভাবে (Separately, disconnectedly)

**Unmitigated** ৳ চরম, অত্যন্ত (Extreme, absolute)

**Mandate** ৳ হুকুম, আদেশ (Order, writ)

**Fortnight** ৳ একপক্ষ, অর্ধ মাস (Half-month, two weeks)

**Alleviate** ৳ উপশম করা, কমানো (Lessen, allay)

**Tailback** ৳ যানজট (Traffic jam)

**Lay out** ৳ পরিকল্পনা করা, সাজানো (Plan, arrange)

**Demolition** ৳ ধ্বংস (Destruction, annihilation)

**Stakeholder** ৳ সহযোগী, অংশীদার (Ally, associate)

**Robustly** ৳ বলিষ্ঠভাবে, জোরালোভাবে (Powerfully, energetically)

**Steam** ৳ বাষ্প, কর্মশক্তি (Vapor, energy)

**Expenditure** ৳ ব্যয়, খরচ (Expense, cost)

**Decisively** ৳ সন্দেহাতীতভাবে, নিশ্চিতভাবে (Certainly, definitely)

**Suit** ৳ মামলা, নির্দেশনা,

**Bringing utility services together**

**Good move by DSSC**

*The city's various utility companies and agencies have for decades been working disjointedly in the capital city which has led to unmitigated public suffering. We welcome the move by Dhaka South City Corporation's (DSSC) to bring all these agencies under one umbrella so that there can be better coordination of development and maintenance efforts. As per government circular, heads of utility companies are required to attend meetings of the two mayors to facilitate better coordination. The mayors now must use that mandate to ensure better services to city residents. The move by the mayor of DSSC to remove illegal bus and truck stands under Mayor Hanif flyover within a fortnight, if successful will go a long way in alleviating hours of tailback. Similar programmes have been laid out to remove illegal structures on city canals. We understand that Rajuk will sit with various stakeholders to determine whether the demolition of more than 100 risky buildings will go ahead and a committee is working on demolition of box culverts.*

*But old habits die hard. And unless robustly followed up, such declarations often lose steam after a few months and we return to business as usual. Much has been promised to city residents in the past and it is up to the city fathers to deliver on that. If we want to save money in wasteful public expenditure and reduce public misery that results from uncoordinated development works, then the initiatives undertaken by DSSC must move ahead decisively. We would like to assure the DSSC mayor of our support in his efforts. We hope the mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation will follow suit.*

# Death of terror-suspect dent investigation process(08-08-16)

১ম সম্পাদকীয় এর শব্দাবলি :

**Dent** ৳ গর্ত, দুর্বল করা, হ্রাস করা (*Hollow, to make weaker, decrease*)

**Precaution** ৳ সতর্কতা (*carefulness, canniness*)

**Tally** ৳ গণনা, রেকর্ড (*count, record*)

**Grapple** ৳ সংগ্রাম করা, যুদ্ধ করা (*struggle, combat*)

**Prosecute** ৳ বিচারের জন্য আদালতে হাজির (*arraign, bring to trial*)

**Apprehend** ৳ ধরা, গ্রেফতার করা (*Catch, arrest, nab*)

**Custody** ৳ হেফাজত (*supervision, preservation*)

২য় সম্পাদকীয় এর শব্দাবলি:

**Replicate** ৳ নকল করা, অনুকরণ করা (*Copy, sumulate, imitation*)

**Bow Down** ৳ প্রণত হওয়া, সম্মান দেখানো (

**Wetland** ৳ জলাভূমি (*swamp*)

**Impoverished** ৳ দরিদ্র (*poor, bankrupt*)

**Underprivileged** ৳ অবহেলিত, সুবিধা বঞ্চিত (*Deprived, handicapped*)

**Commend** ৳ প্রশংসা করা (*Praise, applaud*)

**Benevolent** ৳ মানব হিতৈষী, পরোপকারী (*Kind, generous, charitable*)

**Swell Up** ৳ বৃদ্ধি পাওয়া (*Expand, increase*)

**Outfit** ৳ দল, প্রস্তুত করা, সাজানো (*Prepare, equip*)

**Resilient** ৳ প্রাণবন্ত, পূর্বের স্বাভাবিক অবস্থায় ফিরতে সক্ষম হওয়া (*Lively, able to quickly return to a previous good condition*)

**Death of terror-suspect dent investigation process**

**Why not take more precautions?**

**Investigation into the Sholakia attack has made little progress.**

**Meanwhile, the only attacker caught alive from the scene was killed reportedly, in a gunfight between law enforcers and militants taking the tally of terror-suspects killed in such gunfights with law enforcers in the past 2 months to 19.**

**While suspected terrorists continue to be killed in gunfights, masterminds of such attacks remain at large and key information that could lead to their identification, disappointingly, also dies with the suspects. This trend is especially worrying given that the authorities are potentially grappling with threats to our national security and some of these terrorists could have provided important leads. In the interest of the rule of law also, it is necessary that the alleged terrorists be prosecuted in a court of law.**

**Circumstances under which the suspects are dying are also confusing. For instance, why was the Sholakia attacker being transferred at midnight and how did the militants get information relating to his transfer? The question also arises as to why key suspects are not provided with more protection and more safety measures not taken while they are being transported given that those seeking justice would want them most to stay alive, particularly to enhance chances of**

**apprehending the masterminds and for preventing any more future attacks.**

**The government should take all the steps necessary to identify the masterminds and ensure better protection of terror suspects in police custody.**

২য় সম্পাদকীয় ঃ

### **Schools on boats**

**An example worth replicating**

**Refusing to bow down to the forces of nature, twenty two boats turned into schools, libraries and computer labs are moving across the Chalan Beel region, a large wetland in Bangladesh, illuminating the lives of many impoverished children with the light of education. The floating schools, as they are popularly called, are run by a non-profit organisation and provide basic agricultural training to underprivileged children and computer courses to people in Pabna, Natore and Sirajganj. We commend this courageous and benevolent initiative that is changing lives in some of the remotest places of the country. The floating schools are special because they are the only ones operating during the rainy season in this region as many others are forced to close due to heavy flooding caused by the swelling up and overflowing of rivers. The boats are outfitted with solar panels that power computers, lights and other equipment. But they offer more than education. The organisation also runs floating clinics that have doctors and paramedics.**

**Founded in 2002, the schools have been functioning mainly on private donation, although free books are given to the students by the education ministry. The government should do more to help the 22 floating schools but for which education would have remained a distant dream for thousands of school-age children. More importantly, making sure that all schools are resilient against natural disasters should be a priority for any disaster risk reduction preparedness and planning.**

## Shaping a bright future(23-08-16)

**Cultivate** ৳ চাষ করা, তৈরী করা (Grow, prepare, build up)

**Dignitary** ৳ সম্ভ্রান্ত ব্যক্তি, খ্যাতিমান (VIP, celebrity)

**Unanimously** ৳ সর্বসম্মতিক্রমে(Harmoniously, unitedly)

**Concurred** ৳ একমত হত্তয়া(agree, approve)

**Reiterate** ৳ পুনরাবৃত্তি করা(Repeat, Ingeminate)

**Demographic** ৳ জনসংখ্যাতাত্ত্বিক

**Accomplish** ৳ অর্জন করা, চেষ্টা করে কোন কিছু লাভ করা (Achieve, attain, win)

**Mould** ৳ ছাঁচ, গঠন করা (Construct, shape, form)

**Shepherd** ৳ মেসপালক, ধর্মযাজক, পরিচালনা করা (Conduct, operate, lead)

**Devise** ৳ পরিকল্পনা করা (Conceive, brainstorm)

**Supplant** ৳ উচ্ছিন্ন করা, স্থানচ্যুত করা (Displace, replace)

**Supplement** ৳ সম্পূরক অংশ, ঘাটতি পূরণ করা (Addendum, added feature)

**Sculpt** ৳ গঠন করা (mould)

**Shaping a bright future**

*Leaders of tomorrow need to be cultivated today*

*At the fourth Youth Leadership Summit held recently in Bangladesh, dignitaries unanimously concurred that youths were key to achieving the new United Nations sustainable development goals and shaping a bright future. The belief was reiterated by experts at a roundtable discussion and is supported by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics which estimates nearly 45 percent of Bangladesh's population to be 15-29 years of age.*

*Whereas demographics clearly show that the changes of tomorrow will be accomplished by the youths of today, what they also show is the need now to mould them to face that challenge. And while we as a nation have repeatedly emphasised that point verbally, what and how much have we done to shepherd our youths down the right path of success? We do have a Ministry of Youth and Sports dedicated to ensuring the future hopes of our nation, but how much are we investing in them?By the look of things, it is evident that we must do more. The authorities must devise comprehensive strategies to provide better training, education and equipment to youths equally across the board. Society too has a role to play in guiding youths through the likely challenges and must recognise the crucial role of the family in developing young people with strong characters also.*

*Overall, all of these factors should, instead of supplanting each other, supplement each other, in creating strong young leaders and peoples who, with our assistance, can successfully bear the light of our future hopes and sculpt a future for our nation and world to eagerly look forward to.*

## Curtain comes down on Rio 2016(24-08-16)

**Curtain** ৳ পর্দা (Covering, screen)

**Come Down** ৳ নামা, বন্ধ করা, কমানো (Descend, fall)

**Quadrennial** ৳ চতুর্বর্ষীয় (Happening every four years)

**Extravaganza** ৳ মনোরম প্রদর্শনী (Display, show)

**Strand** ৳ তীরভূমি, দড়ি, ভিন্ন দিক (Shore, different aspect)

**Hues** ৳ রঙ, হৈচৈ (color, shade)

**Ravaged** ৳ বিধ্বস্ত (destroyed, demolished)

**Despicable** ৳ ঘৃণ্য, শোচনীয়, ভয়াবহ (Abject, awful)

**Unenviable** ৳ নোংরা, খারাপ, ন্যাকারজনক (bad, abominable)

**Wild card** ৳ অনিশ্চিততার মাধ্যমে যারা যোগ্যতা অর্জন করে (someone who is allowed to take part in a competition, even though they have not achieved this in the usual way, for example by winning games)

**Enthusiasm** ৳ উদ্যম, উদ্দীপনা (spirit, endeavor)

**Substitute** ৳ বিকল্প (alternative, additional)

**Perseverance** ৳ অধ্যবসায় (Diligence, persistence)

**Thrust** ৳ খোঁচা, ধাক্কা, প্রাথমিক প্রচেষ্টা (Push, primary effort)

**Glean** ৳ কুড়ান, সংগ্রহ করা (Collect, accumulate)

**Lone** ৳ নির্জন, একমাত্র (Only single)

**Curtain comes down on Rio 2016**

**For us it is time for serious reflections**

**We congratulate Brazil and the city of Rio as well as the IOC for successfully holding the world's largest quadrennial sporting event. The multi-sport extravaganza, held amidst concerns about terrorism and mismanagement, was organised beautifully, celebrating the bond of brotherhood and the triumph of sports over adversities with all its strands and hues. This is especially true for the participants of war-ravaged Syria and Iraq, where people live by the day, not sure of seeing the next morning. The sportspersons from these nations live and train in the most despicable conditions, yet they have participated in Rio 2016 after qualifying in some team sports in their own right.**

**As for team Bangladesh, it is time for some serious reflections. It is sad to note that we hold the unenviable title of being the world's most populous nation not to win any Olympics medal ever. Save for golf, all our Olympic participants were wild card entries. There is no denying that meeting international standards and challenging the big guns of world sports cannot be successfully achieved overnight, it demands time and planning.**

**The enthusiasm generated by the winning performance of Bangladeshi-born Russian rhythmic gymnast Margarita Mamun demonstrates our thirst for Olympics glory, to the extent of owning up and relating to her success.**

**We must not forget that in sports there is no substitute to hard work and perseverance. The thrust should be on holding age-based sporting competitions to glean talents at the district and divisional levels. The country's lone sports academy in Savar should go through a detail**

evaluation. On top it all, it is important to create a sporting culture; for that we need more playgrounds, good coaches and proper infrastructural facilities.

## Some important words from Nazmul Hasan Sumon Bhai

জনি- কিরে মিসবা তোকে তো " **Raconteur**" (/ .æk.ən 'tə:/) জানতাম, কিছু ঘটলেই বলার জন্য " **Ardent**" থাকতি, কিন্তু এখন " **Reclusive**" হয়ে বসে বসে কি করছিস? আর দেখতেও " **Apprehensive**" লাগছে।

মিসবা- আরে কি করবো তনুকে মেরে ফেললো!

সেনানিবাসের মতো যায়গাতে এমন ঘটনা " **Anomalous**"। কোন " **Licentious**" লোক এমন " **Debonair**" মেয়টাকে মেরে " **Abscond**" করলো বুঝতেছিলা! ঘটনাটা আমার কাছে " **Acrimonious**" লাগছে। এখন সূত্র এর " **Paucity**" এর জন্য আসামী ধরা কঠিন মনে হচ্ছে কিন্তু " **Omniscient**" সব দেখেন তিনি তনুকে " **Perpetual**" লাইফে শান্তি দেবেন আর অপরাধী ধরা পড়বে আর আমাদের যন্ত্রনা " **Alleviate**" হবে।

জনি- হ্যা কি আর করবিরে আমাদের দেশের রাঘব বোয়াল রাই বড় " **Prevaricator**" আর তারা যত বড় " **pilferer**" কিন্তু তারা " **Sycophancy**" করে নিজেদের যায়গা পাকা করে। আমাদের কে উন্নত দেশের " **Emulation**" করতে হবে না হলে এমন ঘটনা কষ্ট গুলো " **Accretion**" করতেই থাকবে

এবার শব্দ গুলো দেখি

১) **Raconteur** - আমুদে, গল্প বলিয়ে লোক

**Ardent** ৳ ব্যাকুল

২) **Reclusive** - একাকী, সন্যাসী

৩) **Apprehensive** - উদ্ভিগ্ন, শংকিত

৪) **Anomalous** - ব্যতিক্রম

৫) **Licentious** - দুশ্চরিত্র লোক

৬) **Debonair** - সদা হাসিখুশি

৭) **Abscond**- আত্মগোপন করা

৮) **Acrimonious** - তিজ, বিদ্বেষপূর্ণ

৯) **Paucity** - স্বল্পতা, দুস্প্রাপ্যতা

১০) **Omniscient** - যিনি সব দেখেন

১১) **Perpetual** - অনন্ত, চিরস্থায়ী

১২) **Alleviate** - উপশম, যন্ত্রনা লাঘব

১৩) **Prevaricator** - সত্যের অপলাপকারী, মিথ্যাবাদী

১৪) **pilferer**- চোর, ছিচকে চোর

১৫) **Sycophancy**- তোষামোদি

১৬) **Emulation** - অনুকরণ

১৭) **Accretion** - সংযোজন হওয়া।

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২০১৫ সালে ব্যাংক এ আসা কিছু **Vocabulary**

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কি খবর সাইফ?

আর বলোনা আমাদের প্লেয়ারদের মধ্যে যদি একটু "Sagacity" থাকতো!! কেমন "Imprudent" এর মতো ম্যাচ টা হেরে বসলো!!

জনি- হ্যারে ভাই ধোনী তো শেষের ওভারে বারবার খেলা "Encumber" করলো! খেলোয়াড়রা

নিজেদের খেলায় "Engrossed" থাকতে পারলে এমন হতোনা। আরে তার পরেও মাহমুদুল্লাহ আর মুশফিক কে "Incautious"

বলতেই হবে। এমন "superannuated" খেলা আশা করিনাই। যাই হোক হারার কারণে

"Boorish" আর "Braggart" ইন্ডিয়ান সমর্থক গুলো তো বেশ হইচই করছে। আর দেশের সবাই তো প্লেয়ারদের "Felon" বানিয়ে দিয়েছে আর আমরা

বেশিরভাগ ই সন্তুষ্ট হইনা "malcontent" থাকি। যাই হোক আমাদের সাথে তো কম কিছু হলোনা আমাদের কথার "preamble" যাই হোক "Post script" এ বলতে চাই আমরা আমাদের মেইন

বোলার কে বাদ দিয়ে এমন খেলা

খেলতে "Impel" করা হইছে"

আচ্ছা এখন নতুন শব্দ গুলো দেখি এর অর্থ কি

১#)Sagacity( প্রজ্ঞা, বিচক্ষণতা) ☞ Wisdom, intelligence

২#)Imprudent ( অবিবেচক, হঠকারী)

৩#)Encumber( ব্যাহত করা) ☞ Thwart, avert, hamper, burden

#৪)Engrossed ( নিবিষ্ট, সমাহিত) ☞ Fully occupied

#৫) Incautious ( অসাবধান, হঠকারী)

#৬)Superannuated(সেকেলে) ☞ Obsolete

#৭)Boorish( কথা ও আচরণে ভদ্রতাহীন)

#৮)Braggart ( দস্তপূর্ণ, মিথ্যা বড়াইকারী)

#৯)Felon( গুরুতর অপরাধে দোষী ব্যক্তি)

#১০)Malcontent ( যে ব্যক্তি সর্বদা অসন্তুষ্ট থাকে)

#১১) Preamble ( প্রস্তাবনা)

#১২) Post script ( পুনশ্চ, সর্বশেষ তথ্য)

#১৩) Impel( বাধ্য করা, প্রবৃত্ত করা, চালিত করা)

## ২০১৪ সালের ২ টি ব্যংক এ আসা কিছু শব্দ নিয়ে...

জনি- কি মিসবা? সারাদিন ফেসবুকে কি? এটা যে "**Deleterious**" বোঝনা? সারাদিন আর কাজ না করে এটা নিয়েই শুয়ে বসে থাকা "**Salubrious**" না।

মিসবা- আরে শুধু খালি "**Tirade**" না করে একটু "**Encomium**" তো করতে পারেন। এতো "**Fastidious**" হলে কি চলে? জনি- আরে ফেসবুক কি তোমার কাছে "**Lucrative**" লাগে? নিজে কি "**Altruistic**" কাজেই থাকবে? সেদিন না "**perjury**" করলা বললা ফেসবুক কমাই দিবা? किसের কি!! নিজে লিখা দাও মানুষ দাবি করে "**Plagiarism**" করছো! যদি এতে "**Pittance**" পেতে তাও কোন কাজে দিতো

মিসবা ☞ ভাই এটা আমার "**propensity**" আমি বেশি যদি নাও হয় "**Meager**" হলেও উপকার পাই ফেসবুক থেকে। এমন "**Sullen**" হয়ে থাইকেন না। ফেসবুক ছারা নিজেকে "**Destitute**" মনে হয় এটা আমার "**Despair**" কাটাতে সাহায্য করে আমি তো কারো সম্পদ "**Usurp**" করতেছি না" এটা আমাকে "**elated**" করে।

- ১) **Deleterious** - ক্ষতিকর
- ২) **Salubrious** - স্বাস্থ্যকর
- ৩) **Tirade**- দীর্ঘ তীরস্কারপূর্ণ বক্তব্য
- ৪) **Encomium** - উচ্চ প্রশংসা
- ৫) **Fastidious** - খুঁতখুঁতে
- ৬) **Lucrative** - লাভজনক
- ৭) **Altruistic** - পরের জন্য মংগলজনক
- ৮) **perjury**( মিথ্যা হলফ, শপথ ভংগ)
- ৯) **Plagiarism** ( চুরি করে অন্যের লেখা নিজের নামে চালানো)
- ১০) **Pittance**(সামান্য বেতন)
- ১১) **Propensity** ( স্বাভাবিক প্রবণতা)
- ১২) **Meager**( অপ্রতুল/ সামান্য)
- ১৩) **Sullen**( চাপা ক্রোধযুক্ত, গোমড়ামুখো)
- ১৪) **Destitute** ( নিঃস্ব, হতদরিদ্র)
- ১৫) **Despair** ( হতাশা, নৈরাশ্য)
- ১৬) **Usurp**( জবরদখল, আত্মসাৎ)

## ২০১২/১৩ সালে ব্যংক এ আসা কিছু ভোকাবুলারি

জনি ক্রে কিরে মিসবা নিজেকে "Aloof" করে রেখেছিস কেন? কে তোকে Sequester করেছে?  
মিসবা ক্রে আরে নাহ দেশের কতগুলো টাকা "Plunder" করে নিয়ে গেলো। "Chicanery" করে  
নিছে নাকি ব্যাংকের কেউ "Placatory" করেছে চোরের সাথে বুঝি না।

জনি ক্রে আমাদেরকে এই "Exigency" তে "Pragmatic" হতে হবে, এক্সে কাউকে "  
Indictment" করা হবে আর সে "Refute" করবে সেটাতে তো লাভ হবেনা। হয়তো এটা  
"Inadvertent" কিন্তু "Mischievous" কেউ যে আমাদের মধ্যে  
ছিলোনা সেটা তো বলতে পারি না।

মিসবা ক্রে হ্যা হয়তো কেউ দুর্বল নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা "Exploit" করেছে। এই ঘটনা আমাদের "  
Infuriate" করেছে কিন্তু এখন আমাদের "Exaggeration" না করে "Taciturn" হতে  
হবে। যাকে তাকে "Impute" না করে "vacillation" বাদ দিয়ে "Stern" পদক্ষেপ নিতে হবে।  
"Treacherous" যেই হোক "Lackadaisical" না হয়ে দেশের জন্য "Sinister"  
"Recidivist" মানুষ কে আইনের আওতায় এনে ক্ষতির "Recuperative" ব্যবস্থা নিতে হবে  
এবার অর্থ দেখি

১) Aloof = একান্তে, পৃথক

২) Sequester = ( নিঃস্বংগ করে রাখা)

৩) Plunder ( ডাকাতি, লুণ্ঠরাজ)

৪) Chicanery ( প্রতারণা, চাতুরি)

৫) Placatory ( আপোষ)

৬) Exigency ( জরুরী অবস্থা, সংকট) ক্রে Crisis, emergency

৭) pragmatic ( বাস্তববাদী) ক্রে Practical

৮) Indictment ( অভিযোগ/ অভিযুক্ত হওয়া বা করা)

৯) Refute = অস্বীকার, খন্ডন ক্রে Disprove

১০) Inadvertent ( অনিচ্ছাকৃত) ক্রে unintentional

১১) Mischievous = অনিষ্টকারক, দুষ্ট, ক্রে Derogatory

১২) Exploit = খারাপ ভাবে সুবিধা নেয়া

১৩) Infuriate ( অত্যন্ত ক্রোধান্বিত)

১৪) Exaggeration ( অত্যুক্তি, অতিরঞ্জন)

১৫) Taciturn ( স্বল্পভাষী)

১৬) Impute ( দোষ চাপানো) ক্রে accuse, charge, indict

১৭) Vacillation ( দ্বিধা) ক্রে hesitation

১৮) Stern ( কঠোর)

১৯) Treacherous ( বিশ্বাসঘাতক)

২০) Lackadaisical ( অবসাদগ্রস্ত, নিরুদ্যম)

২১) Sinister ( অশুভ)

২২) Recidivist ( মজাগত ভাবে অপরাধ প্রবণ)

২৩) Recuperative ( ক্ষতিপূরণমূলক, পুনরুদ্ধার হয় এমন)

# আজ 'D' দিয়ে বিভিন্ন পরীক্ষায় আসা এবং জানা থাকা

দরকার এমন কিছু শব্দ

- ১) **Dauntless** (অদম্য, ভীতিহীন) ☞ **Intrepid**
- ২) **Deadlock** (অচলাবস্থা) ☞ **Stalemate, gridlock**
- ৩) **Dearth** (অভাব) ☞ **Scarcity, deficiency**
- ৪) **Debacle** (পতন, ধ্বংস) ☞ **Fiasco, Catastrophe, calamity**
- ৫) **Debase** (অধঃপতন ঘটানো, খারাপ করা) ☞ **Demean, Defile**
- ৬) **Debonair** (খোশমেজাজি, মার্জিত) ☞ **Cultivated, urbane**
- ৭) **Decry** (নিন্দা করা) ☞ **Disparage, deprecate, Condemn**
- ৭) **Defile** (অপবিত্র করা/ অসম্মান) ☞ **profane, Dishonor**
- ৮) **Deleterious** (ক্ষতিকর) ☞ **Harmful, Deadly, lethal**
- ৯) **delineate** (বর্ণনা করা) ☞ **Portray, Describe, define**
- ১০) **Delude** (প্রভারনা করা) ☞ **Deceive**
- ১১) **Deluge** (প্লাবিত করা, হতভম্ব করা) ☞ **Inundation, overwhelm**
- ১২) **Demagogue** (বক্তৃতাস্বর্ষস্বনেতা) ☞ **False leader**
- ১৩) **Demise** (মৃত্যু) ☞ **death**
- ১৪) **Demographic** (জনসংখ্যাতাত্ত্বিক) ☞ **Related to population**
- ১৫) **demur** (হিতস্তত করা, আপত্তি উপস্থাপন করা) ☞ **delay, object**
- ১৬) **Denigrate** (মানহানি, কালিমালেপন) ☞ **Disparage, degrade, Defame**
- ১৭) **Depict** (বর্ণনা করা) ☞ **Portray**
- ১৮) **Deplete** (শেষ করা, কমানো) ☞ **Exhaust, Reduce**
- ১৯) **Derelict** (পরিত্যক্ত) ☞ **Abandoned**
- ২০) **Deride** (উপহাস করা) ☞ **ridicule, disdain, mockery**
- ২১) **Dermatologist** (ত্বক বিজ্ঞানী) ☞ **One who studies the skin and its diseases.**
- ২২) **Derogatory** (অবমাননাকর) ☞ **disparaging, deprecating**
- ২৩) **Desecrate** (ধ্বংস করা, অপবিত্র করা) ☞ **Damage, Vandalise, profane**
- ২৪) **Destitute** (হতদরিদ্র) ☞ **extremely poor**
- ২৫) **Detremental** (ক্ষতিকর) ☞ **damaging**
- ২৬) **dexterous** (দক্ষ) ☞ **Skillful**
- ২৭) **Diabolical** (নারকীয়, অতিমন্দ, শয়তানসুলভ) ☞ **devilish**
- ২৮) **Diatribes** (গালিগালাজ) ☞ **bitter scolding**
- ২৯) **Dilapidated** (পরিত্যক্ত, অবহেলিত) ☞ **the worse for wear**
- ৩০) **Dilettante** (অগভীর জ্ঞান সম্পন্ন) ☞ **dabbler**
- ৩১) **Diligence** (অধ্যাবসায়) ☞ **persistent hard work**

- ৩২)Dire( মারাত্মক) ☞ *disastrous, terrible*
- ৩৩)Disburse( প্রাপ্য অর্থ প্রদান) ☞ *pay out*
- ৩৪)Discerning(প্রাজ্ঞ) ☞ *having insight*
- ৩৫) Disconcert( বিব্রত বা উত্তেজিত করা) ☞ *disturb, emmbarrass*
- ৩৬) Discordant (বেসুরো) ☞ *inharmonious*
- ৩৭)Discrepancy ( অমিল) ☞ *lack of consistency*
- ৩৮) Discrimination ( বৈষম্য) ☞ *distinction*
- ৩৯)Disinterested (নিরপেক্ষ) ☞ *unprejudiced, impartial, neutral*
- ৪০) Dislodge( সরানো) ☞ *remove( forcible)*
- ৪১)Disparity ( অসমতা) ☞ *basicly different*
- ৪২)Dissiminate ( প্রচার, ছড়িয়ে দেয়া) ☞ *Broadcast, Circulate*
- ৪৩)Dissipate( অপচয় করা, দূর করা) ☞ *Squander*
- ৪৪)Docile( বাধ্য) ☞ *Obedient*
- ৪৫)Dogmatic( গোড়া) ☞ *inflexible*
- ৪৬)Dormant( সুপ্ত) ☞ *latent, torpid*
- ৪৭)Droll( অদ্ভুত ও মজাদার) ☞ *queer and amusing*
- ৪৮)Dubious(সন্দেহজনক) ☞ *Doubtful*
- ৪৯)Dupe( বোকা) ☞ *Someone easily fooled*
- ৫০) Dwindle(হ্রাস পাওয়া) ☞ *reduce*
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## বিভিন্ন পরীক্ষাতে আসা 'P' দিয়ে শব্দ

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- 1) Palpable ( বোধগম্য, স্পষ্ট ) ☞ *Tangible*
- 2)Paltry( তুচ্ছ, সামান্য) ☞ *insignificant*
- 3)panacea(মহৌষধ) ☞ *Cure all*
- 4)Pandemic ( পরিব্যাপ্ত) ☞ *widespread*
- 5)Parallelism ( সাদৃশ্য) ☞ *similarity*
- 6)Paramount( সর্বোচ্চ) ☞ *supreme*
- 7)Parsimony( কৃপন) ☞ *stingy*
- 8)Pastoral( গ্রামীণ) ☞ *Rural*
- 9)Paucity ( অভাব, দুস্প্রাপ্যতা) ☞ *scarcity*
- 10)pedagogue ( শিক্ষক) ☞ *Teacher*
- 11) Pedantic ( পন্ডিতসুলভ) ☞ *Bookish*
- 12) paediatrician ( শিশু চিকিৎসক)
- 13.Pellucid ( স্বচ্ছ, নির্মল)
- 14)Penury( দারিদ্র্য) ☞ *extreme poverty*
- 15)Perennial ( দীর্ঘস্থায়ী) ☞ *something long lasting*
- 16)Perjury( মিথ্যা শপথ) ☞ *false swearing*
- 17)pernicious ( ক্ষতিকর) ☞ *Very destructive*

- 18)perpetrate( অন্যায় কাজ করা) 𑌧 *Commit offense*
- 19)Perpetual ( অন্তহীন) 𑌧 *Everlasting*
- 20)pervasive ( ব্যাপক) 𑌧 *spread throughout*
- 21)philanthropist ( মানবদরদী) 𑌧 *Lover of mankind*
- 22)philistine ( অসভ্য) 𑌧 *narrow minded person*
- 23.philology ( ভাষাবিজ্ঞান) 𑌧 *study of language*
- 24)piquant ( বাঁঝালো কিন্তু সুখকর) 𑌧 *pleasantly tart testing*
- 25)pithy ( সংক্ষিপ্ত, বলিষ্ঠ) 𑌧 *Concise*
- 26)pittance ( সামান্য ভাতা) 𑌧 *A small allowance or wage*
- 27)placate ( শান্ত করা) 𑌧 *pacify*
- 28)plagiarism ( অন্যের লিখা চুরি) 𑌧 *steal another Idea*
- 29)plausible ( আপাত গ্রাহ্য) 𑌧 *having a show of truth but open to doubt*
- 30)plethora( প্রাচুর্য) 𑌧 *Excess*
- 31) posterity ( ভবিষ্যত প্রজন্ম) 𑌧 *Descendants*
- 32)Postulate ( সত্য বলে ধরে নেয়া) 𑌧 *assume, Claim*
- 33)Pragmatic( ব্যাবহারিক) 𑌧 *Practical*
- 34)Pretext ( ছল, ছুতা) 𑌧 *excuse*
- 35) Preposterous ( ভুল) 𑌧 *erroneous*
- 36)Prevaricate ( সত্য বলা থেকে বিরত থাকা) 𑌧 *Hedge,*
- 37)Prodigal( অপব্যায়ী) 𑌧 *Wasteful*
- 38)Profane( অপবিত্র করা) 𑌧 *desecrate*
- 39)Proliferate ( বংশবিস্তার) 𑌧 *Multiply*
- 40)Propensity ( প্রবণতা) 𑌧 *natural inclination*
- 41)Protocol( শিষ্টাচারবিধি) 𑌧 *Set of Rules*
- 42)Prudent (সতর্ক) 𑌧 *Cautious*
- 43) pseudonym ( ছদ্মনাম) 𑌧 *pen name*
- 44)Prompt( অনুপ্রেরিত করা) 𑌧 *Cause*
- 45)Prominent ( বিশিষ্ট) 𑌧 *Notable*

## The Daily star Editorial 25-08-16

@Words from 1st editorial

**Errant** ছটকো, বিপথগামী (Aberrant, stray, deviant)

**Stern** কঠোরভাবে (Seriously, drastically)

**Imprudence** অদূরদর্শিতা, হঠকারিতা, অন্যায় (Indiscretion, carelessness)

**Reluctant** অনিচ্ছুক (Unenthusiastic, unwilling)

**Intervene** হস্তক্ষেপ করা, কথা বলা (Mediate, interfere)

**Hooliganism** গুণ্গামি (plunderage, disruption)

**Stab** ছুরিকাঘাত (incision, wound)

**Resort** অবলম্বন করা, আশ্রয় নেয়া (shelter, use)

**Arrogance** দাস্তিকতা (pride, egotism)

**Resentment** বিরক্তিভাব, অসন্তোষ (Discontent, anger)

@Words from 2nd editorial

**Avert** প্রতিহত করা (thwart, avoid, prevent)

**Relieve** উপশম করা (allay, lessen, let up, alleviate)

**Probe** অনুসন্ধান, তদন্ত (Investigation, detection)

**Ascertain** অবধারণ করা, নিশ্চিত করা (make sure, confirm)

**Rectify** শোধরানো, ত্রুটিমুক্ত করা (Correct, amend)

**Trivialising** নগণ্য বা গতানুগতিকভাবে কথা বলা (talk trivially)

**Shrug off** মুক্তি পাওয়া (to get rid of)

**Foretold** পূর্বেই বলা (predict, forecast)

**Due diligence** যত্নসহকারে পরীক্ষা করা (the process of carefully examining something or someone)

**Party tag used as license for illegal acts?**

**Ruling party should deal with errant members sternly**

**We want to alert the prime minister to the very acts of gross imprudence committed in her party's name by party cadres over the last few days. When such acts are done using the ruling party tag, law enforcers and other authorities are naturally reluctant to intervene. Law enforcers themselves are, in fact, quite frequently at the receiving end of their hooliganism. The attack on police by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists when stopped from riding a motorcycle with three on board, injuring six law enforcers recently is the latest example of that. Worse still, they resorted to exploding cocktails even, simply for being stopped from doing something illegal. This, of course, is nothing new. BCL men recently injured two policemen and the Chittagong University proctor on August 11 when stopped from stabbing a fellow student. Such arrogance was again on display in Joypurhat where the Jubo Mahila League and the Awami League occupied government land to set up offices. A similar incident of illegal occupation happened in Sadullapur upazila also, where two ruling party front organisations blocked the quarters of the agriculture department supervisor. And there are, of course, numerous other such examples.**

**But what needs to be realised is that such behaviour does nothing but create public resentment against the ruling party. In its self interest,**

*the ruling party must take action against such hooligans. Non-action in such cases is often taken as 'licence' resulting in more people joining in on such activities. We cannot over-stress the fact that it is high time for the ruling party to act.*

*2nd editorial* ☞

*Explosion at fertiliser factory*

*Take measures to avert future accidents*

*We are somewhat relieved that the fertiliser factory blast at Chittagong did not cause much physical damage. However, we are surprised at the statement issued by the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) Chairman where he termed the explosion and subsequent release of ammonia into the atmosphere at the fertiliser factory as "just an accident". We do not know what we should make of it. We would like to differ with him. It was not just an accident. Had it been that, hundreds of people in the locality would not have fallen sick. It is fortunate that there were no casualties. And It is too early to assess whether there was any damage to the environment, although evidence of dead fish from a pond 50 yards from the plant points to the likely adverse effects.*

*We are informed that a probe committee has been formed. While the committee investigates and ascertains the causes of the blast, we are more concerned with what safety measures BCIC intends to put in place to prevent future accidents. Whether it was faulty design of equipment or whether requisite safety measures were lacking need to be identified and rectified. Trivialising the matter with instant comments appears to be an attempt to shrug off from the shoulders any responsibility for the blast. What if "just an accident" had caused deaths. Accidents cannot be foretold but adequate preventive measures and constant alertness can forestall it. We hope that the administration would address the safety issue with due diligence.*

## The Daily star Editorial 26-08-16

**Trafficked** ৳ পাচার (barter, trade, exchange)

**Trace** ৳ চিহ্ন, সন্ধান, খোঁজ (sign, vestige, news)

**Whereabouts** ৳ হদিস, সন্ধান (Information, news)

**Lure** ৳ প্রলুব্ধ করা, লোভ দেখানো (attract, entice, seduce)

**Destination** ৳ গন্তব্য (target, aim)

**Underprivileged** ৳ অবহেলিত, সুবিধা বঞ্চিত (Deprived, handicapped)

**Desperate** ৳ আশাহত, (Disconsolate, depressed, unhappy)

**Dignity** ৳ মর্যাদা (strature, prestige)

**Lethargic Pace** ৳ মন্থর গতি (slow or idle motion)

**Prey** ৳ লুঠ, শিকার (victim)

**Seldom** ৳ কদাচিৎ (Infrequently, hardly)

**Exacerbate** ৳ বর্ধিত করা, খারাপ করা (increase, make worsen)

**Curb** ৳ সংযত করা (Check, restrain)

**Trafficked without a trace**

**Address the root causes**

*The mystery regarding the whereabouts of the seven Bangladeshis who were reportedly lured and trafficked to Myanmar instead of Malaysia, their promised destination, is no mystery at all. Rather it is a tragic story—all too familiar—of a group of underprivileged, desperate people falling victim to human trafficking, where human lives are bought and sold without any regard for human dignity.*

*The victims are in various jails in Myanmar, according to a list prepared by the Special Branch of Police last year. But neither the Bangladesh Embassy in Myanmar nor the Myanmar Embassy in Bangladesh has confirmed that. It doesn't come as a surprise given the absence of proper cooperation among law enforcement agencies and a lethargic pace of investigation, as revealed at a seminar jointly organised by the government and USAID earlier this year. Human trafficking in Bangladesh has complex origins. Many victims, poor and unemployed, come from areas affected by natural disasters and climate change. In the absence of formal migration channels, they become easy preys of human smugglers. And trafficking cases are seldom filed under the proper law, making the job of prosecutors extremely difficult. A delay in setting up special tribunals, and an inoperative state of counter trafficking committees at the local levels also exacerbate the situation.*

*Time and again we have talked about enhancing the capacity of law enforcement agencies and legal practitioners, increasing coordination among relevant ministries and departments, raising awareness and implementing the National Skills Policy. But without a firm political will of the regional governments to address the root causes, it will be impossible to curb the crisis that has alleged links to influential people in concerned countries.*

## The Daily star Editorial 28-08-16

**Creditable** ৳ প্রশংসনীয় (praiseworthy, admirable)

**Maintain** ৳ বজায় রাখা (Keep up, carry up, continue)

**Momentum** ৳ প্রবল চেপ্টা, উদ্দীপনা (Impetus, force, strength)

**Take Out** ৳ ধ্বংস করা, হত্যা করা (Destroy, kill, remove)

**Compliment** ৳ প্রশংসা করা (Praise, condemn)

**Robust** ৳ বলিষ্ঠ, শক্তিশালী (Strong, vigorous)

**Breakthrough** ৳ সাফল্য, উন্নতি (Advance, progress)

**Heels** ৳ অনুসরণ (Follow)

**Decisive** ৳ নিষ্পত্তিমূলক, দৃঢ়সঙ্কল্প (Definite, absolute)

**Engender** ৳ জন্ম দেওয়া, সৃষ্টি করা, তৈরী করা (create, generate)

**Thrust** ৳ খোঁচা, ধাক্কা, প্রাথমিক প্রচেষ্টা (Push, primary effort)

**Perpetrating** ৳ সাধন করা, অপরাধ মূলক কাজ করা (Commit,)

**Neutralise** ৳ প্রতিরোধ করা, ব্যর্থ করা (Resist, thwart)

**Distort** ৳ বিকৃত করা (pervert, corrupt)

**Scripture** ৳ ধর্মশাস্ত্র (Holy book)

**Gullible** ৳ অতিসরল (Naive, innocent)

**Another credible anti-terror operation**

**Maintain the momentum**

**A joint forces raid at a house in Narayanganj Sadar upazila has taken out three militants, including Tamim Chowdhury, the mastermind behind the Holey Artisan Bakery killings. We compliment the law enforcing agencies for the quick and robust operation in the form of "Operation Hit Strong 27". This is another breakthrough which indicates successful follow-up of leads. The latest action, coming on the heels of the decisive strike against militants in Kalyanpur, which killed nine militants, shows the government's determination to root out militancy.**

**We feel it will go a long way in engendering confidence in the public. It would have been more useful if Tanim was captured alive. We could have learnt about their master plan, sponsors and financiers, in the wider scope of things. But in this incident, it is obvious that the extremists had no intention to surrender.**

**What we are witnessing is a major thrust of the law enforcement agencies in the use of human intelligence. We hope the momentum against the extremists will continue. To keep them on the run and not to allow them to regroup will help in preventing them from perpetrating their terror acts, and that the public will be taken into confidence in the government's efforts to combat and root out militancy and extremism from our soil. And now that efforts of the security agencies to physically neutralise the militants have borne some fruit, we need to focus equally to counter their narratives that they use to distort the scripture to influence a section of the gullible youths.**