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# Total 231 persons killed in June 2013

**Human Rights Report:**  
The documentation section of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) furnished this survey report (Human Rights Report) on the basis of daily newspapers and information received from its district, sub-district and municipal branches. As per survey it appears that 231 people were killed in June 2013. It proves the law and order situation to be not satisfactory. The commissions extremely anxious at this situation.

country. Commission deeply expressed its concern on huge killing in June 2013 and violation of human rights. The Law enforcing agencies and related Govt. departments should be more responsible so that percentage of killing may be brought down to zero level. To institutionalize the democracy and to build human rights based society the rule of law must be established everywhere. Both physical and mental torture have been prohibited in constitution of Bangladesh and UN charter of human rights. But in practice the law enforcing agents

of the government are neglecting those constitution of the land and as well UN charter. Through enforcing rule of law only such violation against human rights can be minimized. It appears from documentation division of BHRC:

# Prices of kitchen items rising

Prices of vegetables and fishes have risen in the city's kitchen markets, but that of the other essentials remained stable. Again the price of a single item differed between markets for no valid reason.

The Commerce Ministry officials fear that prices of most of the essential commodities might shoot up ahead of the Ramadan, as did the traders in the past to earn excessive profit.

In a recent meeting, price-monitoring committee discussed how to regulate the prices of most consumed commodities in order to keep them within the purchasing capacity of the lower income group of people during the month. The meeting was presided over by the Commerce Secretary Mahub Ahmed and attended by leaders of different monitoring teams. The Ministry official said that the govern-

# We must pursue democracy for progress

**Human Rights Report:**  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Saturday highlighted the economic achievements of her government in the country during the last four years and said the nation must move forward on the path of democracy for continued progress and prosperity. Winding up a three-week general discussion on the national budget for fiscal 2013-14 in the parliament, the prime minister said we must continue our march on the democratic road; otherwise there would be no progress and prosperity and our country would fall far behind.

to 18, snake gourd at Tk 35 to 40, bitter gourd at Tk 40 to 45, green bean at Tk 35 to 40, luffa at Tk 40 to 50, okra at Tk 30 to 35, cucumber at Tk 30 to 35, cauliflower at Tk 30 to 35, cabbage at Tk 30 to 35, carrot at Tk 60 to 65, radish at Tk 30 to 35, parbal at Tk 30 to 35, teal/gourd at Tk 25 to 30, colocasia esculenta at Tk 35 to 40 and coriander leaves at Tk 250 to 300 per kg. An ash gourd and pumpkin were selling at Tk 35 to 40 and Tk 30 to 50 per piece respectively on basis of its weight and quality.

to 180, mola Tk 250 to 260, climbing fish Tk 250 to 600, lata at Tk 200 to 240, tatkin at Tk 200 to 220, sheat fish 300 to 500, small fry fish Tk 250 and butter fish at Tk 660 to 700. A pair of medium size river shad (hilsha) was selling at Tk 1000 to 1400. Loose soybean oil was selling at Tk 110-114 per litre, palm oil at Tk 74-Tk 76 and super palm at Tk 78-80. Soybean in one-litre bottle was selling at Tk 130-Tk 135 and in five-litre bottle Tk 655-Tk 670.

# CG issue can be resolved through talks: Khaleda

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Leader of opposition and BNP chairperson, Begum Khaleda Zia, in a speech in Parliament on Saturday, made a clarion call for forging greater national unity, withering political conflict and clash, and urged the government to take steps to hold the next general election under a neutral and non-party government. She also noted that the ongoing crisis over the poll-time government can be resolved through compromise, instead of conflict.

bridge project, freedom of press, human rights, and observed that the government has miserably failed to ensure governance in the country.

including India, but that should be on the basis of equal respect. In this regard, she pointed out that the killings of Bangladeshis by Indian border guards, along the border, was a major impediment for establishing good relations with India, and urged the Indian government to stop such killing. Terming the abusive words used in Parliament as shameful, Khaleda regretted that decent people have been hurt by irresponsible comments coming from remarkable leaders of the ruling party, ministers, and even the leader of the House, against the opposition and its national leaders.

# Yunus vows to foil govt plans on GB

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Nobel Laureate Dr. Yunus, seen with the delegates came from 30 countries to attend the Social Business Day Programme at a city hotel yesterday. Grameen Bank founder Nobel laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus on Friday vowed to resist the government's plans regarding the future of Grameen Bank. "The government won't be able to implement its plans. Rather, people's wishes will be fulfilled," he told journalists on the sidelines of the 4th Social Business Day programme in a city hotel.

about her party's demand for the caretaker government, she said, "The Prime Minister, often, cite the example of the immediate past military-backed government of Dr Fakhruddin, to defend her government's move to scrap the caretaker government system, but, the fact is that government was not a caretaker government, it was an unconstitutional government."

Shahid president Ziaur Rahman, myself, my family members, and the leaders of the opposition, are not civilised workers. We are not used to hearing such abusive statements. It is against my decency and family education, to reply to these indecent speeches. That's why, we feel embarrassed and are ashamed of taking part in parliamentary activities," she said. The opposition leader said sometimes it is best to ignore indecent remarks and remain silent.

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