3rd Buriganga Bridge **Govt issues** work order Work to start in a month SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The government has issued work order for the third Buriganga Bridge at Basila, releasing Tk 33 crore fund

for it, the project director said. "We hope to start construction work of the bridge within a month," said Mozammel Haque, director of the Tk 49 crore project.

The construction work on the 2,300 feet long and 33 feet wide SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

REPORT ON HC Contempt rule issued on **Prothom Alo** editor, publisher STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a contempt rule on The Prothom Alo Publisher Mahfuz Anam, Editor Matiur Rahman and Reporter Zahid Hossain for publishing a report on harassment of justice seekers in the HC Division of the

Supreme Court. Following a contempt petition filed by a Supreme Court advocate, SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

SEL FAGE 15 COL 0			of 30,000 grabbers	
Prayer Timing			STAFF CORRESPONDENT ing	
August 10				decide
	Azan	Jamaat	About 30,000 land grabbers have gobbled up over 20,000 acres of public land in Dhaka, Narayanganj and Gazipur districts, local adminis- trations informed a parliamentary body yesterday. After discussing the issue, a	grabb tial, at On far be gabbe ted to the thr
Fajr	4-25	5-00		
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Maghrib	6-41	6-44		
Esha	8-00	8-30		
Source: Islamic Foundation			meeting of the parliamentary stand-	

Israel approves wider ground offensive

11 Israel soldiers killed; UN powers rethink Lebanon draft

The decision, approved by nine

ministers with three abstaining,

gave authorisation to Defense

ing committee on land ministry

far been recovered and the lists of

gabbers have already been submit-

ted to the land ministry, DC offices of

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the three districts reported to the

tial, at its next meeting

AGENCIES, Jerusalem

Israel's security cabinet yesterday approved a wider ground offensive in south Lebanon that was expected Lebanon. France and the US do not want major changes to their text and to take 30 days as part of a new diplomats say prospects for an early push to badly damage Hezbollah, the prime minister's office said. vote are fading. The decision by Prime Minister

Currently, some 10,000 soldiers Ehud Olmert and top ministers to are fighting Hezbollah in a four-mile send troops deeper into Lebanon, stretch from the frontier. "The assessment is it will last 30 possibly as far as the Litani river, up to 20 km (13 miles) north of the days. I think it is wrong to make this border, would bring a major escalaassessment. I think it will take a lot tion despite UN diplomacy to end longer," Cabinet Minister Eli Yishai

said

20,000 acres of land

gobbled up in 3 dists

JS body wants to disclose list

the war. The US and France, meanwhile, have started revising a draft Lebanon ceasefire resolution, after

Arab states appeal to the UN. An Minister Amir Peretz and the prime Arab League delegation argued that minister to order the wider offensive a resolution should call for an immeand to decide its timing. However, it did not obligate them to act. diate Israeli withdrawal from south

Such a decision is risky. Israel would set itself up for new criticism that it is sabotaging diplomatic efforts, particularly after Lebanon offered to deploy its own troops in the border area.

Meanwhile, Arab satellite TV Al-Jazeera reported yesterday that 11 Israeli soldiers were killed in heavy fighting with Hezbollah guerrillas near the border in southern Lebanon.

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Congress suspends Natwar's membership

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's ruling Congress Party has suspended its veteran leader Natwar Singh, indicted by an inquiry decided to disclose the names of the into the Iraqi oil-for-food swindle, grabbers, most of whom are influenfrom primary membership of the party on charges of indiscipline. Only 312 acres of land have so

The decision to suspend the 75vear-old former external affairs minister was taken around

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POVERTY-FREE BANGLADESH BY 2021 Fighting graft, rich-poor gap main challenges

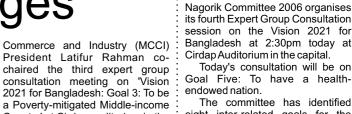
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fighting corruption, making public institutions creditable, bringing transparency in utilitising national resources and reducing inequality between the poor and the rich are some of the challenges Bangladesh

will face to be a poverty-free country by 2021, experts told a consultation meeting organised by the Nagorik



Eminent economist Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud and Metropolitan Chamber of



Country' at Cirdap auditorium in the capital yesterday. It is very natural that the political leadership will make commitments

মাহকোটোর রায় ও **ভোটারদের প্রা** তথ্য প্ৰায়িৰ অধিকাৰ

Participants of a roundtable on "The Verdict of the High Court and Voters' Right to know About the Election Candidates" organised jointly by The Prothom

Today's consultation will be on The committee has identified eight inter-related goals for the Vision 2021. Earlier it organised three consultation sessions on SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

Goal Five: To have a healthendowed nation.

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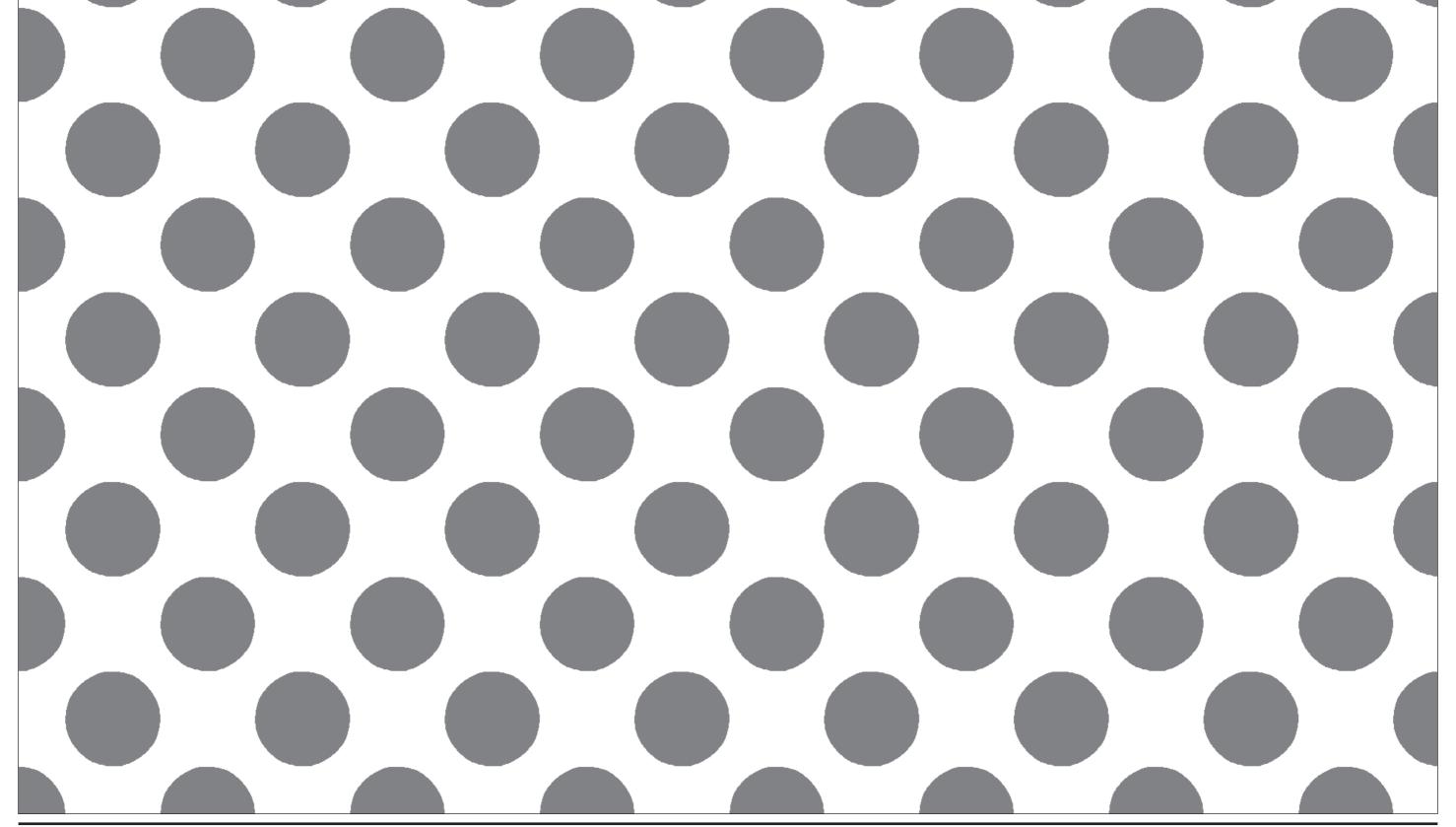
STAR REPORT

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The Daily Star Committee 2006

Alo, The Daily Star and Shujan at the English daily's office in the capital yesterday.





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