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### Eidgah Maidan

#### Residents of Dhanmondi protest Works Ministry decision

By Staff Correspondent.  
Several people residing in Dhanmondi have protested the decision of Works Ministry to hand over the part of historic Eidgah Maidan to the Mosque Committee which had illegally occupied the site more than a year ago.

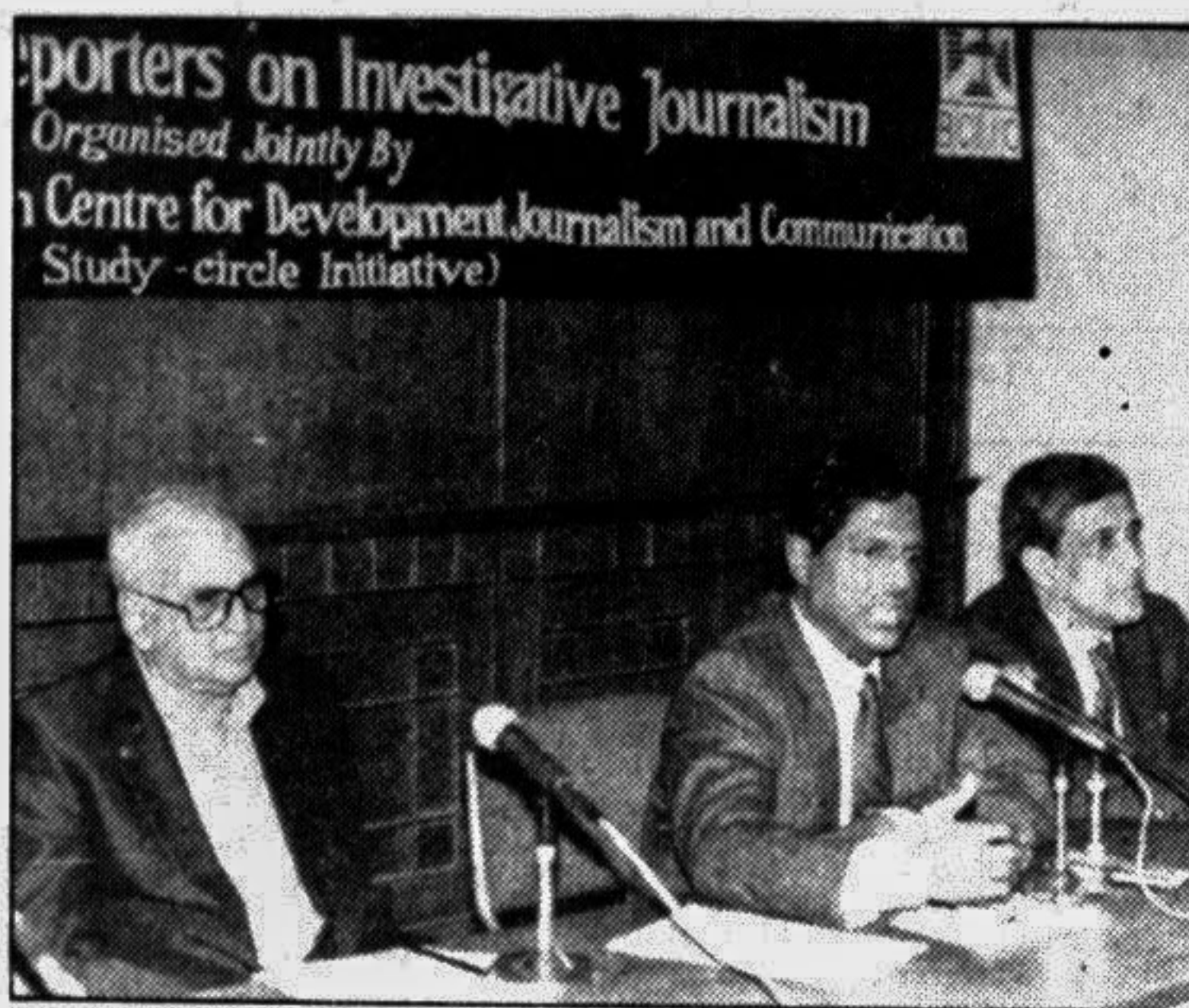
Several residents telephoned The Daily Star office and said by handing over the site to an illegal occupier the government was encouraging such unlawful acts.

One caller who said he was a retired government official and a long time resident of the area questioned the authority of the committee to represent the local residents.

Meanwhile, sources at the Public Works Department (PWD), which owns the site and had lodged a complaint with the Dhanmondi thana during the illegal occupation, said their investigation showed that the site had never been a Waqf estate as claimed by the committee.

One resident said he had talked to some committee members who said they would eventually construct a market on the 1.5 bigha land.

The authorities gave the road No 7 mosque of Dhanmondi to construct a madrasa adjacent to the mosque," he said adding, "but the mosque committee there constructed a business centre instead."



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Deputy Minister,  
Ports and Shipping,  
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Dhaka.

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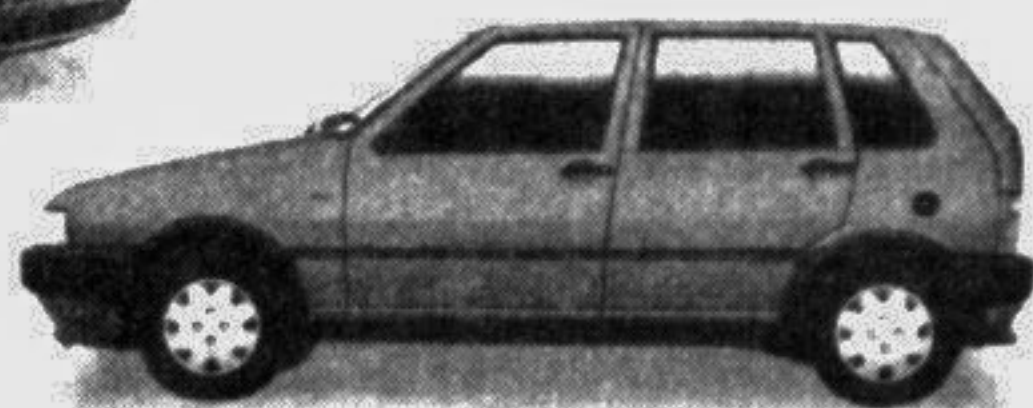
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