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Allocate more funds for indigenous people

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday called on the government to allocate more funds in the national budget for the development of indigenous people.

The allocation in the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the indigenous people is too inadequate and that the tribal people living in plain land are more deprived than those living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts in terms of allocation of funds, they said.

Research and Development Collective (RDC) in association with Oxfam-GB organised the roundtable on 'Budget and Indigenous People' at the National Press Club in the city.

Md Iftekhar Hossain, assistant professor of economics department of Dhaka University, and Sheikh Md Shahid Uddin Iskander, lecturer of Macro Analysis' at the roundtable.

and only 7.62 percent of the allocation people living in plain land.

It recommended allocating more funds for the tribal people and utilising them in a planned way so that



Prof Md Iftekhar Hossain presents a research report on 'Allocation for Adivasis in the ADP-A Macro Analysis' at a roundtable at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

not deprived. Speaking as the chief guest, indigenous people and more alloca-

tions in the ADP for them.

Criminals fire gunshots at transport office in city One injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of armed criminals fired gunshots at Sohag Paribahan office at Malibagh in the city yesterday afternoon, leaving one of its sales executives injured

The victim, Ruhul Amin, 30, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He received a bullet in his

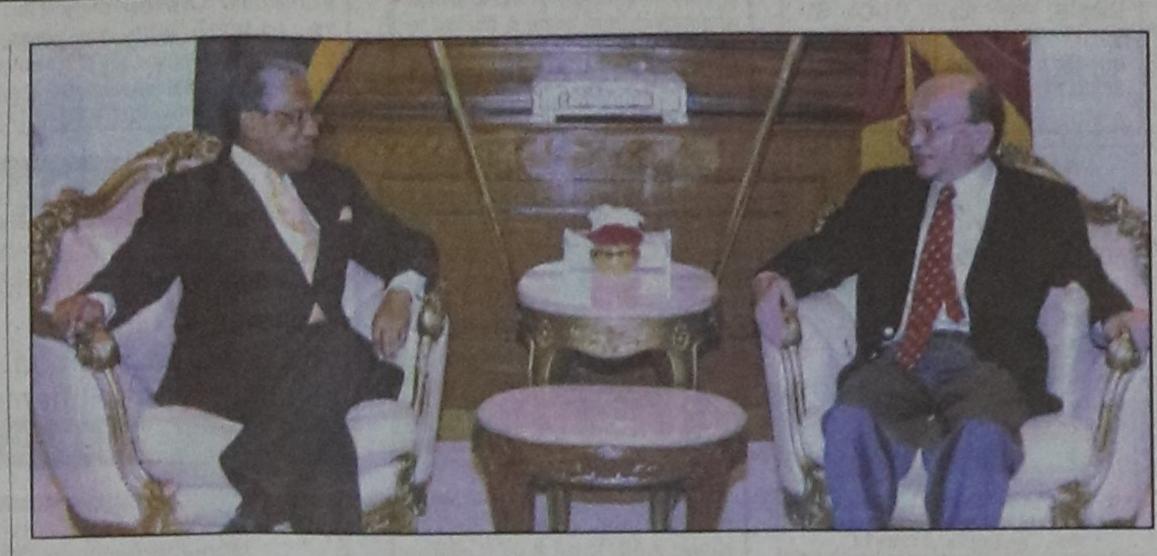
left thigh, hospital sources said. "The armed criminals stormed into the office at around 3:00pm and

started firing indiscriminately, Ruhul told The Daily Star. Soon after the firing, the criminals

fled the scene, he said. Sub-Inspector Jahangir Alam of Ramna Police Station said the gang of four armed criminals made the

attack but did not loot anything. The reason behind the attack is yet to be ascertained, he added.

Clay art exhibition



Outgoing World Bank Vice President Praful C Patel calls on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at the latter's office in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

Meghna-Gomati bridge opens to traffic

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Meghna-Gomati bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong highway opened to traffic yesterday afternoon after an emer-

gency repairing on its segment joints. The roads and highways authorities imposed a ban on the movement of heavy transports, including truck, bus and cargo van, on the Meghna-Gomati Bridge for emergency repairingfrom May 15 this year.

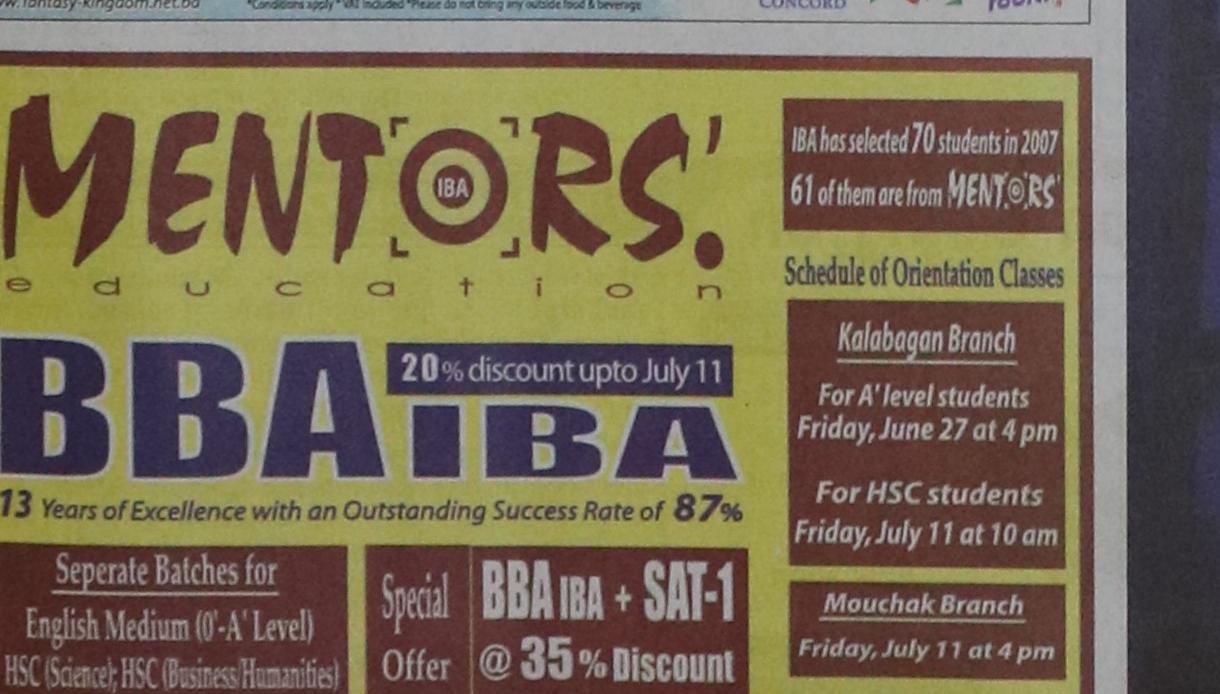
The bridge opened at about 3:40pm yesterday before four days of the scheduled date after a Japanese construction farm completed its repairing work at 17 joints of the bridge.

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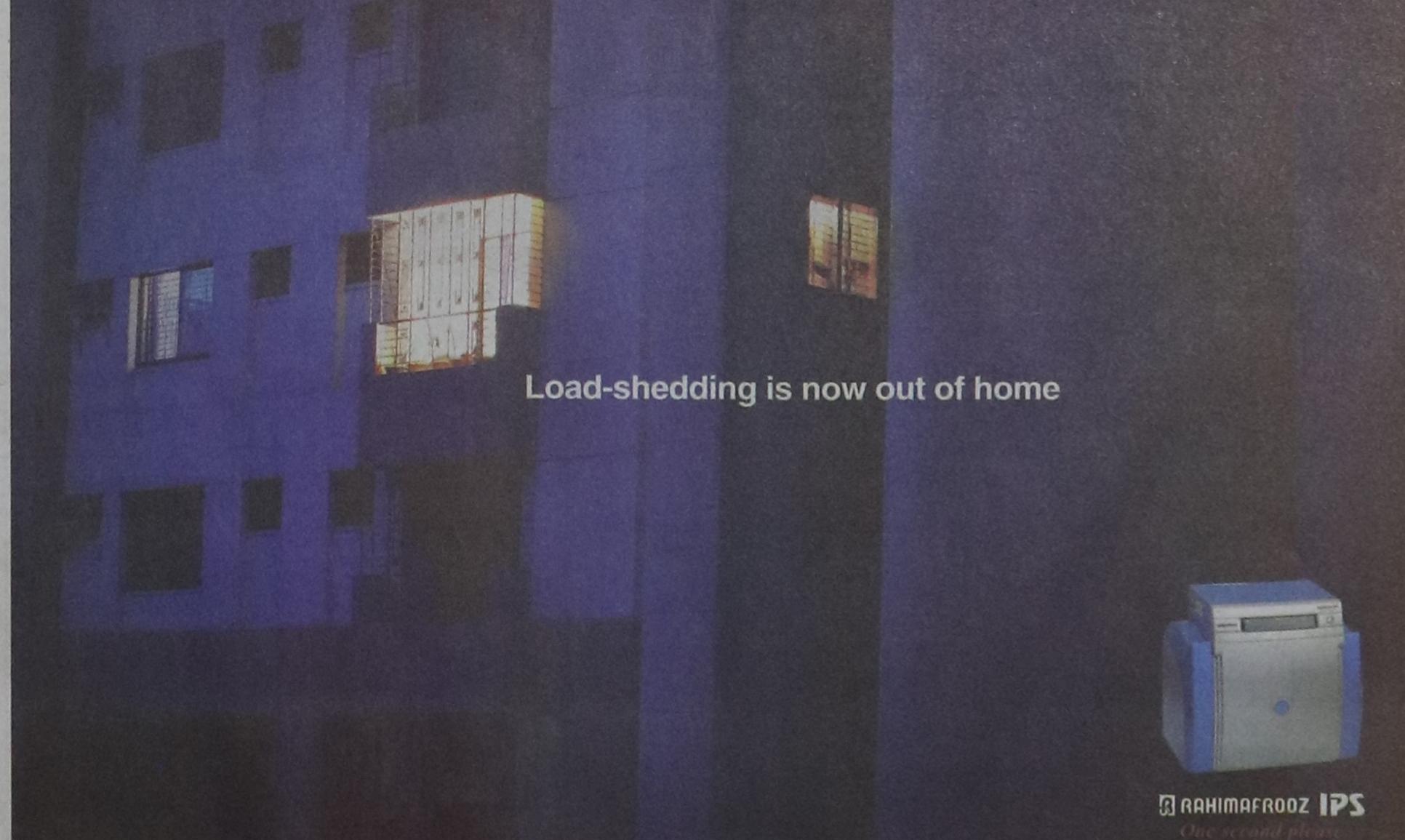
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