

## নতান্ত্রিক উত্তরণে জাতীয় সংলাপ

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Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed speaks at a national dialogue at the Engineers Institute, Chittagong yesterday. On his right are LGRD Adviser Anwarul Iqbal and Law Adviser AF Hassan Arif and on his left are Communications Adviser Maj Gen (ret'd) Ghulam Quader and Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman.

### One held for extortion in name of Subrata Bain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) police yesterday arrested one Amit Mitra, 43, who was demanding money from businessmen and industrialists in the name of Subrata Bain, a fugitive top terror in the city, from Rayerbazar in the city.

DB officials arrested him on the basis of complaints from some garment traders in Narayanganj.

DB officials also seized two SIM cards and addresses of industrialists and businessmen from his possession.

### TIME INT'L ACADEMY Admission fair begins

A five-day-long admission fair began at Time International Academy (TIA) in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The academy, established to balance between western education system and Islamic values, is situated at House- 49, Road- 35, Gulshan-2.

TIA is the joint venture of FQE (Foundation for Quality Education), London and TIAT (Time International Academy Trust), Dhaka.

## Vow to establish good governance 251-member PDP committee formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) at its national conference yesterday vowed to work towards establishing good governance in order to ensure basic rights of the people.

The party also formed a 251-member committee with Ferdous Ahmed Quarishi as its chairman and Noor Mohammad Khan as secretary general. Golam Sarwar Milan was made additional secretary general.

Addressing the conference, Quarishi called on the party leaders and activists to come forward to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

He said the Awami League and BNP were voted to power several times but they could not establish good governance. Rather, they tried to establish dynastic politics through corruption and nepotism, he added.

"We have to move ahead by fighting corruption and nepotism to bring about positive changes in the country," the PDP chief said.

He said PDP would work towards building a new Bangladesh where the people would not face food crisis and unemployment problems.

The two major political parties tried to take the country into dark ages. They had beaten people to death on the streets. But the patriotic army has saved the country from a civil war through 1/11," Quarishi said.

He also said less than one percent of the population in the country are involved in corruption and crimes and over 99 percent of the people are honest.

"PDP will involve only the honest

people in its activities," he said.

Noor Mohammad Khan, Tajul Islam, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Kamrun Nahar, HMA Gaffar and delegates from across the country also spoke.

The new committee of PDP was formed at the conference held at Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city.

The standing committee members are former ministers Tajul Islam

Chowdhury, Lt Col (ret'd) HMA Gaffar Chowdhury and Kamrun Nahar Zafar, former state minister Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Maj Gen (ret'd) NA Rafiqul Hossain, advocate Abdul Hye, Prof Shayestha Khan, Sharfuddin Ahmed Santu, Fakhru Imam, Skhawat Hossain and Mohammad Korban Ali.

Quarishi said the full-fledged committee would be announced soon at a press conference.



Prof Muzaffer Ahmad opens the national convention on 'Institutional Good Governance of NGOs' by lighting lamps at LGED Bhaban in the city yesterday. Supro organised the event. (Story on Page 16)

### Contribution of Manekshaw to War of Liberation recalled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More organisations yesterday expressed profound shock at the death of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, who was the chief of Indian army during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

In a statement, President of Gono Forum Dr Kamal Hossain and Acting General Secretary Advocate Subrata Chowdhury recalled with gratitude the contribution of Manekshaw to the liberation war as the chief of the allied force, saying that his contribution helped Bangladesh achieve a quick victory in the war.

South Asian People's Union against Fundamentalism and Communalism, Sammita Samajik Andolon, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Ainjibi Parishad, Jatiya Gonoantrik League and Bangladesh Nari Mukti Andolon also expressed deep shock at the death of war veteran.

Bangladesh has lost a sincere friend at his death, they said and prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family.

Communist Party of Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh National Awami Party, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad and Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Nou Commando Association also paid tribute to Manekshaw.

The people of Bangladesh will always remember him with respect and love because of his association with a glorious epoch in the history of the country's independence, they said in separate messages.

In another message, Mujib Nagar O Muktiyoddha Officer-Karmachari Kendrio Kalyan Samity called on the government to build a memorial to the Indian soldiers who were killed during the War of Liberation.

### City AL leaders pledge to work unitedly

UNB, Dhaka

City Awami League (AL) leaders yesterday vowed to work together in order to strengthen the party by ironing out differences among themselves.

In a meeting of the executive members of the unit at the party office, the leaders reached a consensus that they would no more discuss the matters of those who have deserted the party.

"The city Awami League (lead-

ers) would abide by any decision to be made about the breakaways by party President Sheikh Hasina in concurrence with the central working committee," says a resolution of the meeting.

Presided over by acting city AL President MA Aziz, the meeting was attended by Fayezeuddin Miah, Sheikh Bajlur Rahman, Abdul Haque Sabuj, Abdus Quddos, advocate Mehbub Alam, Makbul Hossain, Dr Dilip Roy and Jahanara Begum.

### Moderate quake felt in city

BsS, Dhaka

An earthquake was felt at the Dhaka Seismic Centre at Agargaon in the city at 9:27am yesterday.

The intensity of the tremor was 5.0 on the Richter scale which was moderate in magnitude, said a Met office press release.

The location of the earthquake was near Andaman Islands in India and the distance of the epicenter was 1,551 kms south-south east from the Dhaka Seismic Centre, the release added.

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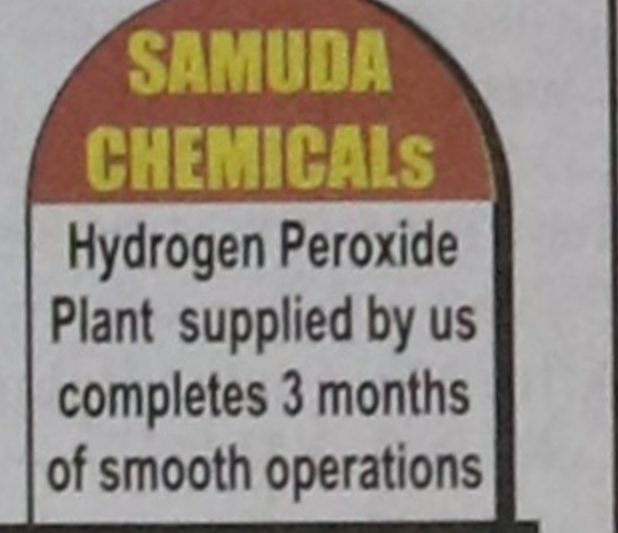
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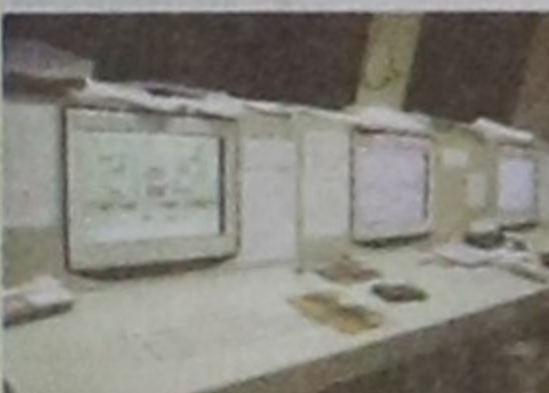
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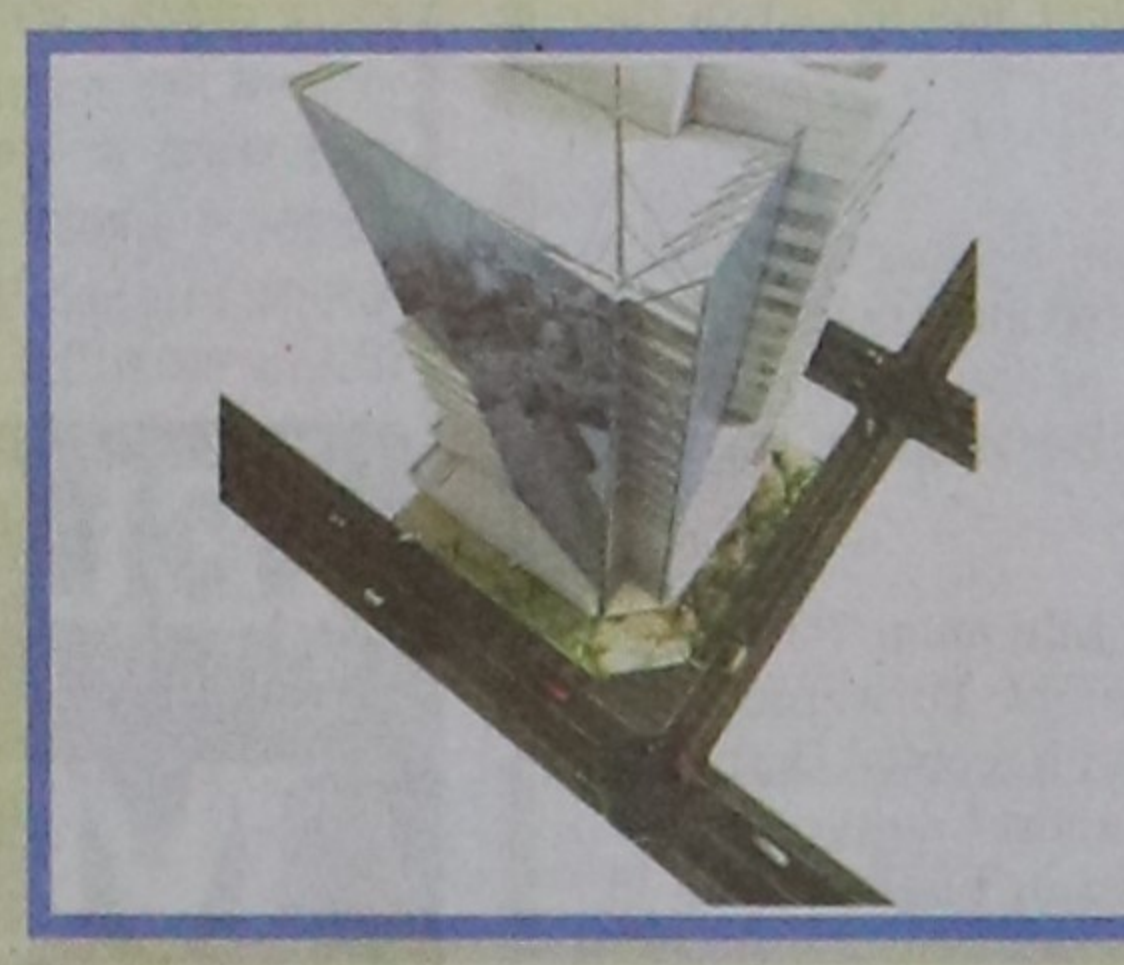
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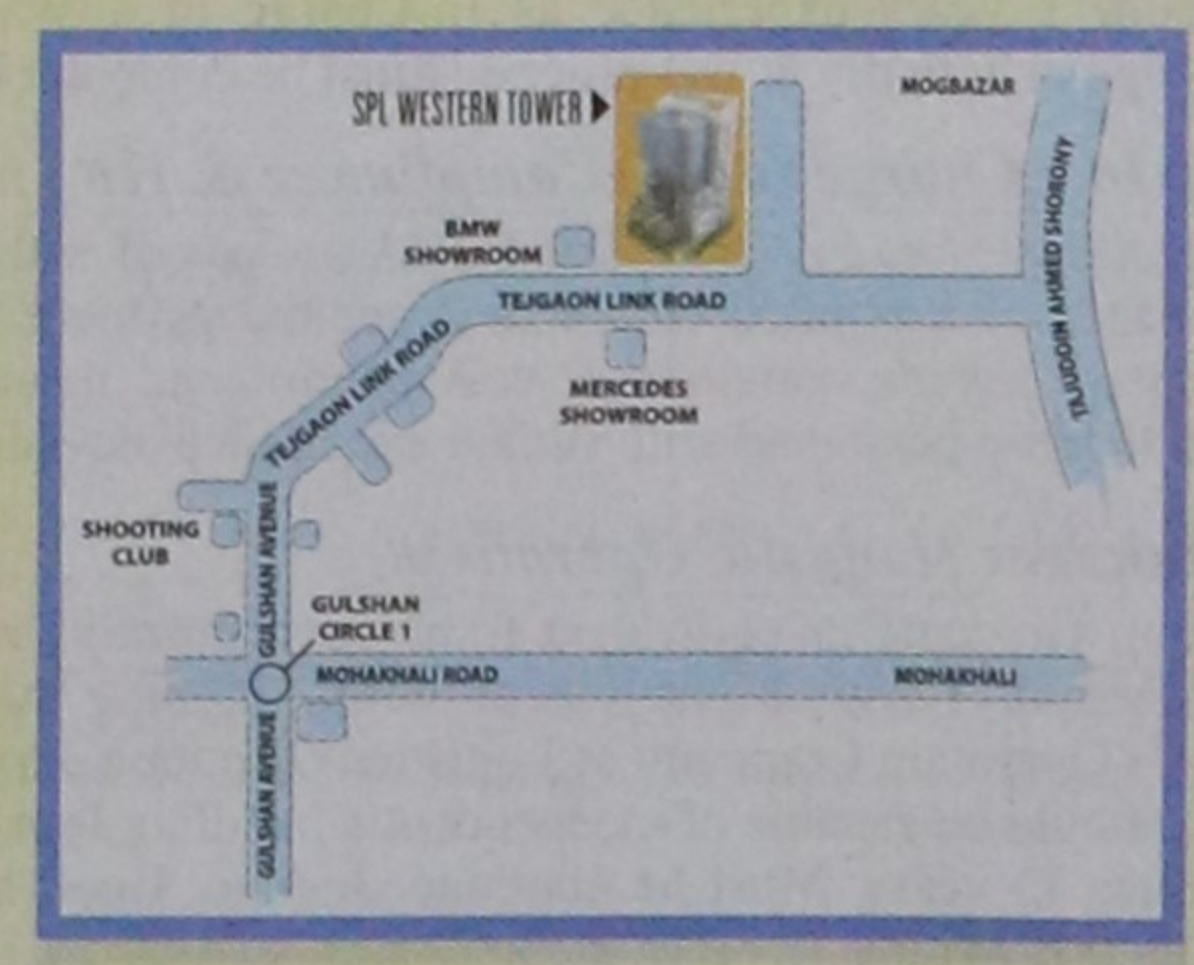
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