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DCC sitting on billboard mess

HELEMUL ALAM

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has failed to take any effective measures to prevent random installation of advertising hoardings, mostly illegal, posing serious risk to city dwellers, especially during storm.

Only in the last week, three billboards collapsed in different parts of the capital.

On May 6, a young man died and three others sustained injuries when a billboard broke down on a phone shop near the Zia International Airport during storms. However, no one was reported injured in two other incidents—one in front of Siddheswari Girls High School on Bailey Road on May 3 and another at Technical in Mirpur yesterday.

The haphazard setting up of billboards and other advertisement boards are also impairing the beauty of the city, said residents of different areas.

When it came to launching the drive against illegal advertising hoardings the DCC has been conspicuous by its absence over the last eight months, said a DCC official.

The hoardings are not only put up along the roads but also on

This mono-pillar hoarding, right, at Technical intersection in the capital collapsed on electric cables yesterday morning and it did not even require a breath of wind. The rusty pillar, inset, broke from the mounting.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Another billboard collapses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A billboard collapsed on a high voltage electric line above Darus Salam police outpost at Technical in the city's Mirpur early yesterday.

Sources said nine policemen who were asleep at the outpost narrowly escaped accident, as the billboard could not fall on the outpost because of the electric wire.

This is the third case of billboard collapse within a week. A young man died and three others sustained injuries when a billboard collapsed on a phone shop near the Zia International Airport during storms on May 6.

However, no one was

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Top JMB operative arrested in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police arrested an Ehsar (full time) cadre of outlawed organisation Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) at Basail upazila yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Mohammad Yunus, 32, son of Idris Ali of Habla Dakkhin Para village in Basail.

Acting on a tip off, police raided Yunus's house at Habla Dakkhin Para early in the

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Extortionists gun down boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of extortionists yesterday gunned down a teenage boy and injured his brother after they failed to realise extortion from a firm constructing a building in the city's Kazipara area.

The injured man was the labour supervisor of the construction site.

Following the killing, the extortionists threatened to kill more workers if their demand was not met.

The threat was made over a cellphone.

The dead boy was identified as Mohammad Sharif, 16. Sharif was visiting his brother Mohammad Abdullah, 21, who worked as the labour supervisor of the under construction building at North Kazipara in Kafrul.

Abdullah said a gang of five to seven men armed with machetes attacked the labourers at around 5:30am, as they were

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5 drown as motorboat capsizes in Meghna

UNB, Chandpur

At least five people drowned and 25 went missing as a motorboat with around a hundred passengers on board capsized in the Meghna near Ekhlaspur in Uttar Matlab yesterday afternoon.

According to police and local sources, the poor people boarded the boat after taking relief rice from Zahirabad union parishad office to go to

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200 killed in Pakistan anti-Taliban push

Over 100,000 people flee fighting as authorities lift curfew

AFP, Islamabad/Peshawar

Pakistan's military said yesterday they had killed between 180 and 200 insurgents in the last 24 hours in their fierce offensive to push Taliban fighters out of the Swat valley in the northwest.

"During the last 24 hours, as many as 180-200 miscreants have been killed in various areas of Swat / Shangla by security forces," the military said in a statement written in English.

The military has been pounding the Swat

valley and several nearby districts since late last month after Taliban fighters advanced to within 100 kilometres of Islamabad despite a February peace deal.

Earlier Pakistani security forces killed 26 militants in a gunbattle with Taliban fighters Sunday after they attacked a security post in a tribal area near the Afghan border, officials said.

About 150 armed militants stormed a paramilitary Frontier Corps checkpoint in Ambar district in the rugged tribal region of Mohmand

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Bomb-making materials seized from madrasa

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

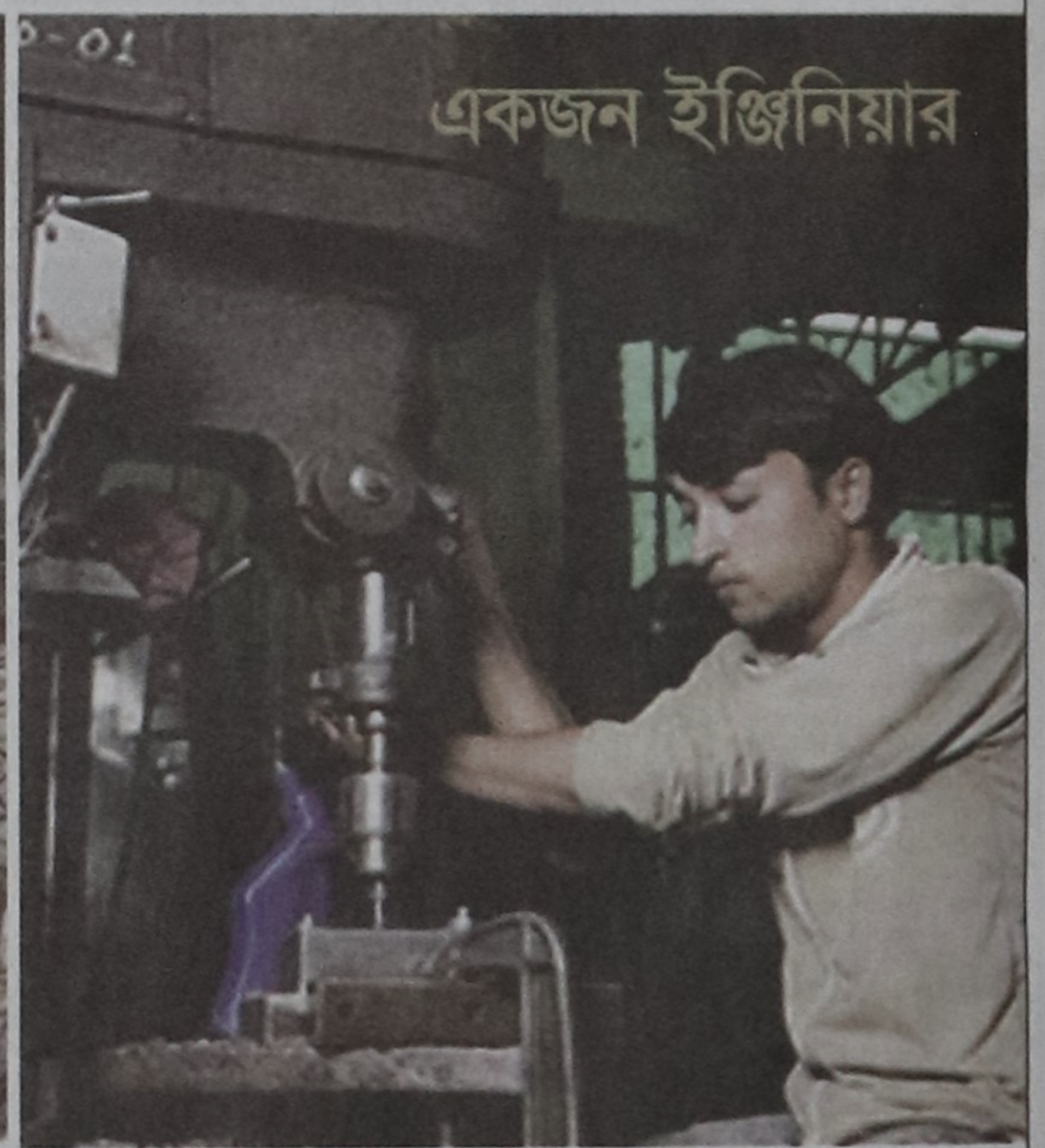
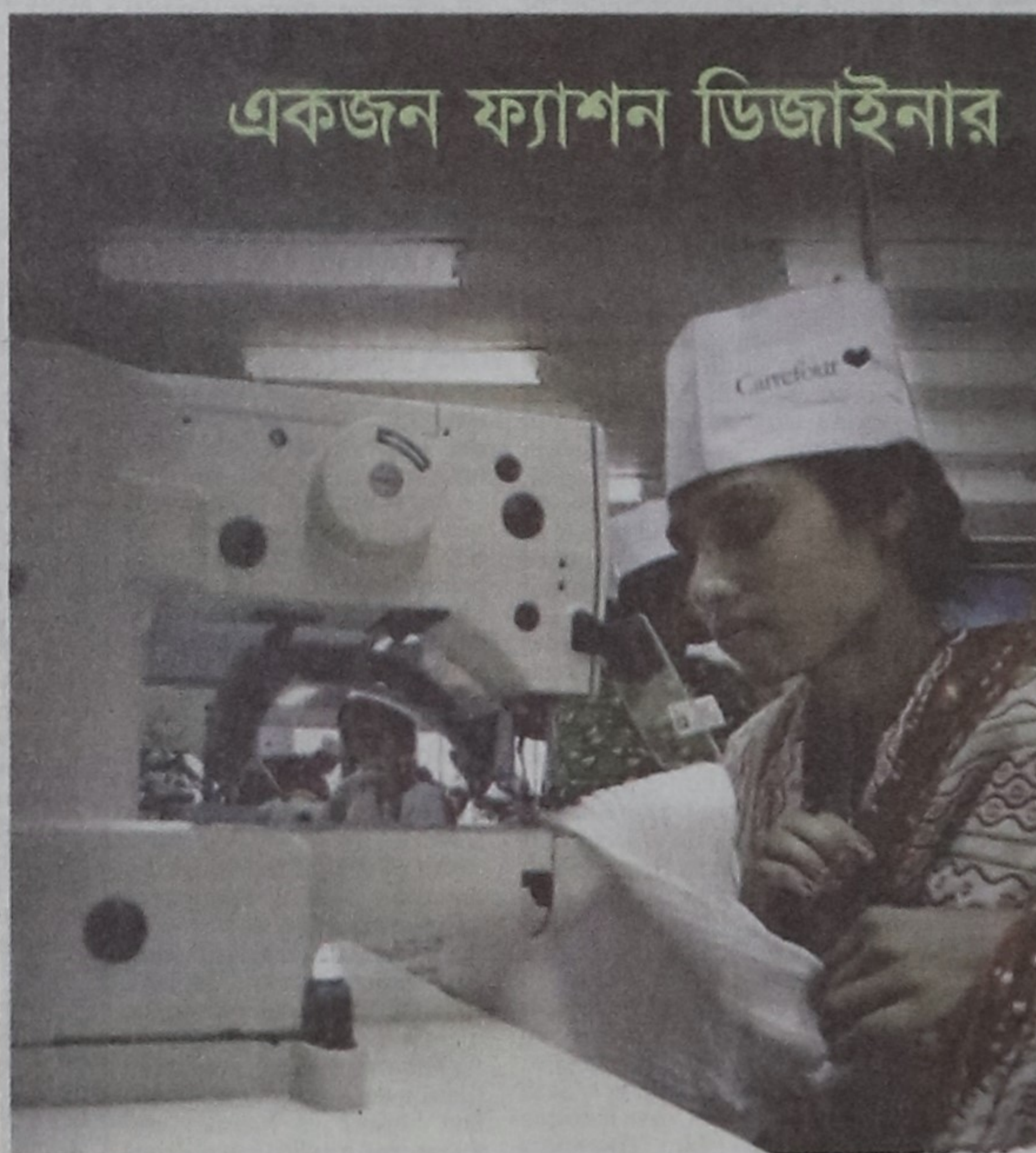
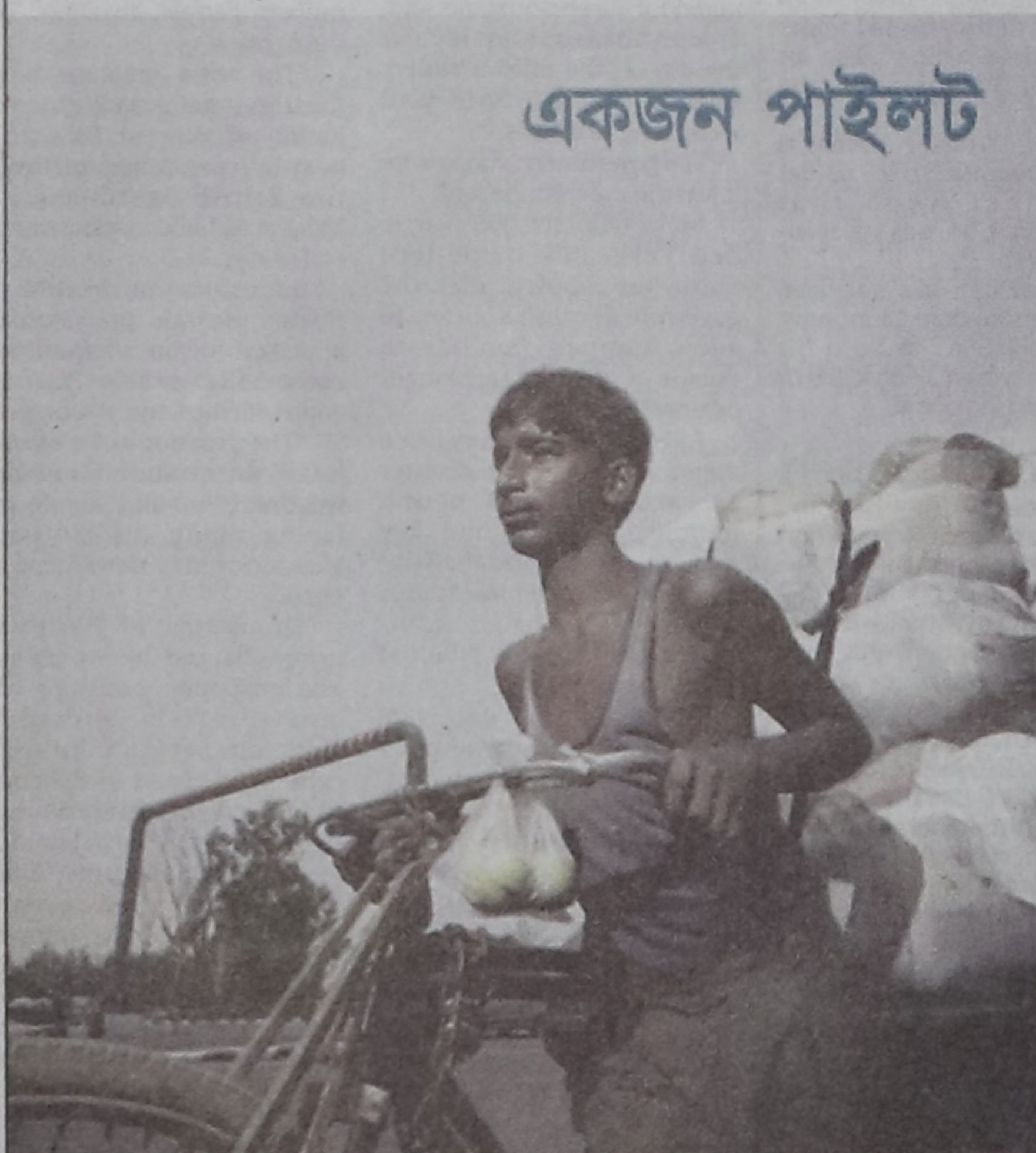
Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized chemicals and other materials used for making bombs, and leaflets of Hibur Tawhid from Jameya Arabia

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Prayer Timing			
May 11			
	Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-10	4-45	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	5-00	5-15	
Maghrib	6-36	6-40	
Esha	8-00	8-30	

Source: Islamic Foundation

এখনো হতে চায়...



আর্থিক সামর্থ্যের অভাবে আমাদের দেশে ব্যাহত হচ্ছে এরকম অসংখ্য সম্ভাবনাময় ছাত্রছাত্রীর উচ্চশিক্ষার স্বপ্ন। আমাদের বিশ্বাস সুযোগ পেলে ওরাও একদিন পৌঁছে যাবে তাদের কাম্বুকিত গন্তব্যে। ওদের উজ্জ্বল ভবিষ্যতের প্রতিটি পদক্ষেপের পাশেই আছি আমরা। আর তাদের এই স্বপ্ন বাস্তবায়নে আছে আমাদের বিশেষ উচ্চশিক্ষা বৃত্তি।

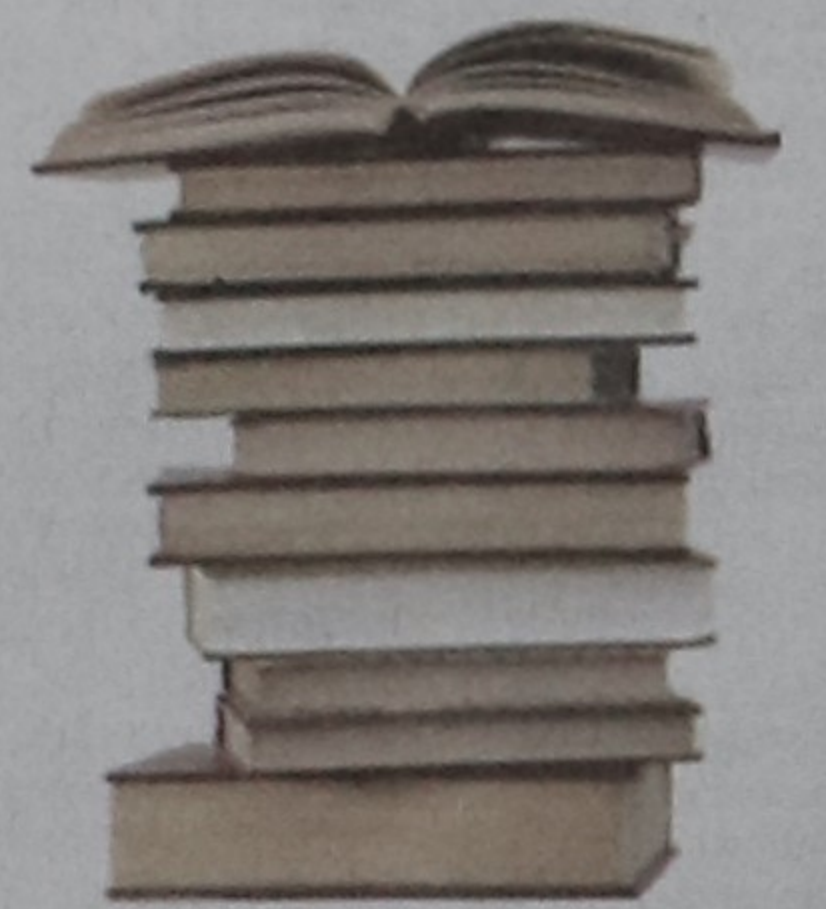
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