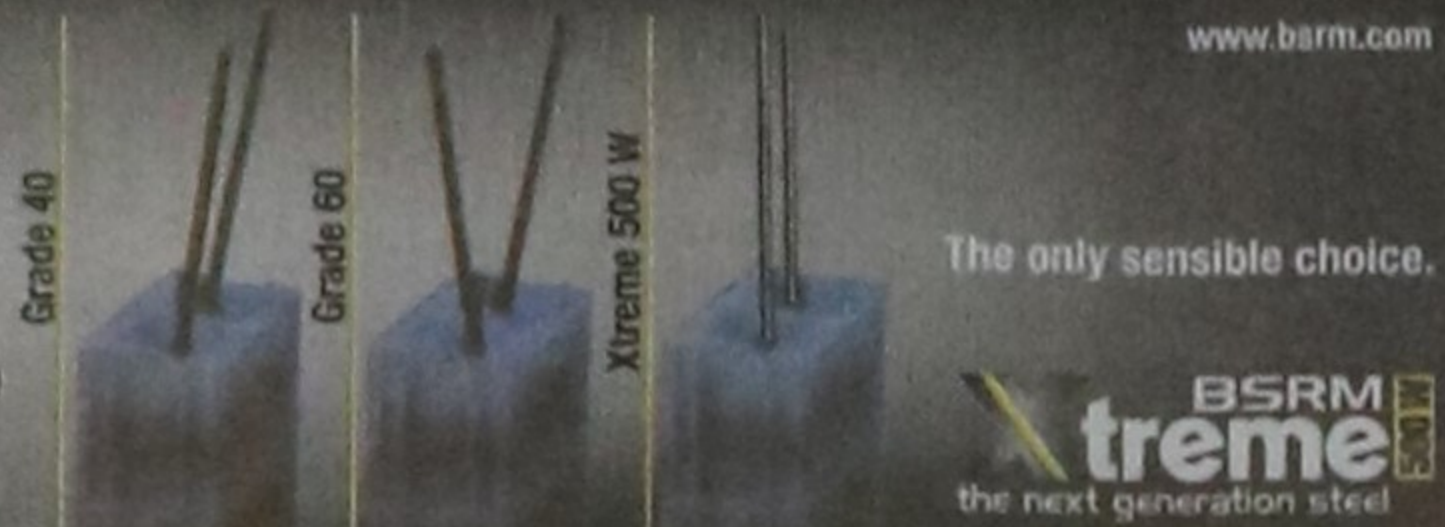


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WB's pledge for Padma may go up

Dhaka to seek additional assistance during Turkey meet

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The World Bank (WB) alone may provide \$460 million for the proposed Padma Bridge project to be built on the river Padma connecting Mawa in Munshiganj with Jazira in Madaripur.

When the WB Managing Director Ngozi N Okonjo-Iweala meets with Finance Minister AMA Muhith at Istanbul Congress Centre, Turkey on October 7, the WB is likely to convey to the government about the commitment on the sidelines of the meeting.

At the meeting, the Bangladesh side would project the impact of world recession and climate change on Bangladesh and seek additional assistance in this regard. The assistance for constructing the Padma Bridge would figure prominently during the discussion.

Sources said, the WB would convey Bangladesh government about the enhanced commitment. Earlier the WB said it would provide \$300 million and now it is going to provide \$460 million.

At the meeting, the WB would also discuss its assistance in the infrastructure, power and

agriculture sectors, social safety net programme, etc.

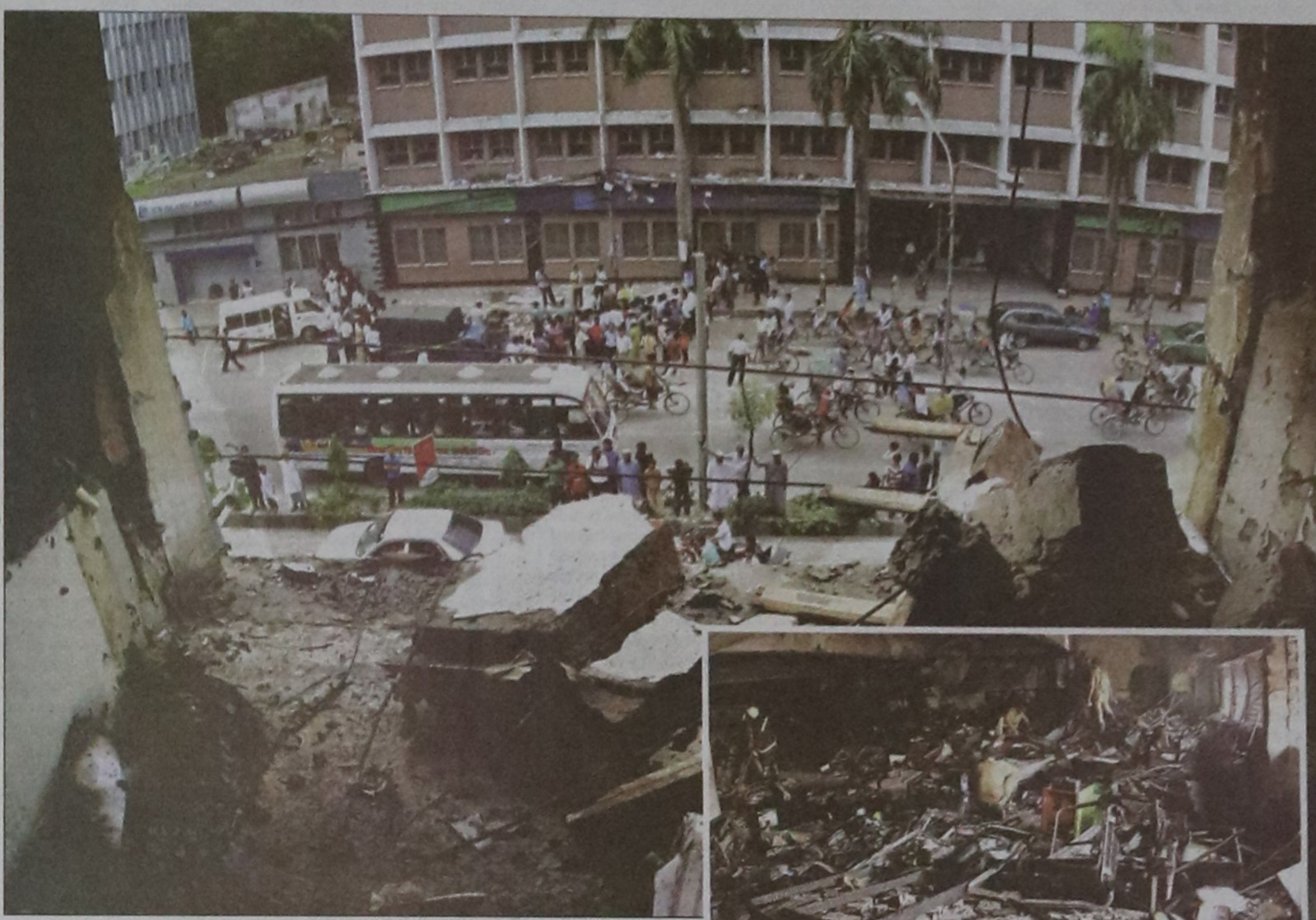
According to primary estimate, about \$2 billion would be spent to construct the Padma Bridge. Alongside the WB, Asian Development Bank, Japan and Islamic Development Bank would also provide assistance.

The WB has made a study on the positive impact of the Padma Bridge. It said the bridge would boost the country's GDP by 1.2 percent. It would enable 41,000 vehicles to cross over the bridge daily.

The Padma Bridge project is about 6km long with a four-lane roadway and railway connecting Southwest region. Gas and power transmission lines would be set up along the bridge. It would include 12km of approach roads and bridge end facilities.

The WB in its study said when the bridge is constructed about 27 percent area of the country and a quarter of the country's population would be benefited.

Now only 24 percent capacity of Mongla port is used. If the bridge is constructed the use of its capacity would increase substantially.



A devastating fire broke out on the second floor of BCIC building in Motijheel and engulfed the entire five-storey building. Inset, the destruction after the fire was put out.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Merkel moves to form new govt after polls victory

AP, Berlin

Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday set about laying the groundwork for her new, centre-right coalition with the pro-business Free Democrats after German voters returned her to office for a second term.

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Qaeda leader calls Obama a criminal

AFP, Dubai

al-Qaeda's second-in-command slammed US President Barack Obama as a criminal who turns a blind eye to the expansion of Israeli settlements, in an audio tape broadcast by Al-Jazeera news channel yesterday.

"Have we realised the truth of Obama the criminal, or do we still need more crimes to be carried out in Kabul, Baghdad, Mogadishu and Gaza to be sure of his criminality?" Ayman al-Zawahiri asked.

"Have we realised the lowliness of America under the leadership of the smiling and wooing Obama?" he asked in the recording, which

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OnlinePoll

Do you support the law enforcement agencies' wholesale arrest following the bomb hoax in the capital?

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No (58.7%)
No Comments (3.0%)

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BNP finds way to end Dhaka row

A senior leader to be picked to form city committee

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The BNP high command decided to nominate a senior leader as convener of the Dhaka city convening committee, which is to form a fully-fledged BNP city committee by holding a city BNP council. The convener would not be allowed to be part of the city committee.

BNP Vice-president MK Anwar or BNP Chairperson's Adviser Brig Gen (retd) Hannan Shah may be picked as the convener, said party insiders. BNP wants to reorganise the city unit and hold the city council by the end of this year.

Hannan Shah, also an adviser to the chairperson, said, "There are many qualified persons like me in the party to lead it in the capital."

MK Anwar, however, said that he is not interested in such matters and that he knows nothing about it.

Party insiders said the chairperson to put a cap on the conflict between rival BNP leaders Sadeque Hossain Khoka and Mirza Abbas, who are desperate to bag the post of convener, made the decision to appoint a senior leader as city convener.

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Outlaws threaten cops in south

Police file general diary against ex-AL lawmaker for forcing release of an operative

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bagerhat police stepped up security yesterday at all police stations of the district following threats to top police officials by outlaws.

Besides, police registered a general diary against a former Awami League MP Sheikh Ali Ahmed for forcing police to release an outlaw.

Members of Lal Pataka, a faction of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party, phoned Bagerhat's Superintendent of Police Md Mizanur Rahman and Officer-in-Charge of Fakirhat Police Station Salahuddin Mian Sunday night threatening of death, said the SP.

They also demanded release of four extremists arrested on September 26 and threatened to blow up Fakirhat Police Station and all puja mandaps of the district unless the demand was not fulfilled.

The extremists-- Humayun Morol, Azimuddin, Alam Sheikh

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Outlaw killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An outlawed party leader was killed in a 'shootout' between his cohorts and police at Zuranpur village under Damurhuda upazila in Chuadanga yesterday.

Kamirul Islam alias Hamdul, 45, of Chualia village under Damurhuda upazila was a regional leader of the outlawed Lal Pataka, one of the factions of Purbo Banglar Communist Party. He was also a close associate of Lal Pataka

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SUST asks students to vacate dormitories

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST) authority asked the students to vacate the dormitories by 2:00pm today.

The instructions came in line with a decision taken at an emergency syndicate meeting held on Sunday to end the ongoing trouble on the

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Coroner terms Sutopa's death as suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The post-mortem report of the forensic department of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) has described the death of Dhaka University student Mafruda Huq Sutopa as suicidal in nature.

However, the victim's family rejected the report terming it a 'partial' one.

The report says, "the death was due to asphyxia as a result of hanging which was ante-mortem and suicidal in nature." It was sent to Mirpur police on Sunday evening.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sutopa's brother-in-law Hafiz Akbar alleged that doctors concerned have given a 'partial' report to save Sutopa's husband Imrul Sadat alias Abeeran accused.

He also demanded a fresh post-mortem examination as police inquest report found the body bore several marks of injuries.

Sutopa, a master's examinee in mass communication and journalism department, died at her husband's

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni inaugurates the Chancery of the permanent Bangladesh mission in the UN at New York Sunday.

PHOTO: PID

Pakistan vows to act on Mumbai suspects

India urges quicker probe

AFP, New York

Pakistan's foreign minister assured his Indian counterpart here Sunday that Pakistani militants blamed for last year's deadly Mumbai attacks would be tried soon but urged a broader dialogue on all bilateral issues.

After nearly two hours of talks with SM Krishna of India, Shah Mahmood Qureshi told reporters: "the formal trial (of the seven Pakistani suspects) will start on Oct 3. Pakistan

wants to see the trial to its logical conclusion."

Earlier Krishna told a separate press conference: "The (Mumbai probe) process must gather further momentum."

The seven suspects are accused by India of carrying out the Mumbai attacks that left 166 people dead.

"The process must gather further momentum," SM Krishna told reporters after meeting here with his Pakistani counterpart Shah Qureshi.

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Prayer Timing

September 29

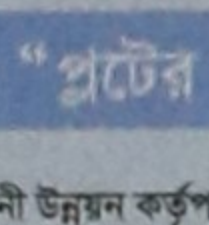
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Fajr	5-35	6-10
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	5-15	5-30
Maghrib	7-00	7-05
Esha	8-30	9-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

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"প্রটের জন্য আবেদনকারীগণের জামানত ফেরৎ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ (রাজউক) এর পূর্বচলন নতুন শহর প্রকল্পের অকৃতকার্য আবেদনকারীগণ জামানতের অর্থ (টাকা/ডলার) ফেরৎ প্রাপ্তির জন্য অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির তথ্যগুলো অনুসরণ করতঃ আবেদনপত্রটি যথাযথভাবে জমা দিয়ে জামানতের অর্থ (ডলার/টাকা) ফেরৎ দিন।

১। রাজউক নির্ধারিত নিম্নের ব্যাকসমূহ হতে ৩(তিন) পৃষ্ঠা সম্বলিত এক সেট জামানত ফেরতের আবেদনপত্র বিনামূল্যে পাওয়া যাবে।

সোনালী ব্যাকে সিঃ রাজউক ভবন শাখা, রমনা কর্পোরেট শাখা ও স্থানীয় কার্যালয় শাখা মতিঝিল, ঢাকা
অগ্রাধী ব্যাকে সিঃ রাজউক ভবন শাখা, আমিন কোর্ট শাখা ও রমনা কর্পোরেট শাখা, ঢাকা
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ছাত্তার্ড চার্চার্ড ব্যাকে রাজউক দারী থাকবে না।

২। রাজউক ওয়েব সাইট www.rajukdhaka.gov.bd/Purbachal/index.htm হতে জামানতের ফর্ম সন্গ্রহ করা যাবে এবং ফর্মের ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে। এক্ষেত্রে ৩(তিন) পৃষ্ঠা (১ম পৃষ্ঠা হিসাব শাখা, ২য় পৃষ্ঠা ব্যাক ও ৩য় পৃষ্ঠা এন্ট্রি শাখা) একত্র করে সেট তৈরী ও পূরণ করে জমা দিতে হবে।

৩। প্রবাসী আবেদনকারীগণ ওয়েব সাইট অথবা উপ-পরিচালক (এন্ট্রি-৩) রাজউক, এমসি ভবন, ৫ম তলা, ঢাকা-১০০০ হতে জামানত ফেরতের আবেদনপত্র সন্গ্রহ করে পূরণ করতঃ ডাকযোগে অথবা সরাসরি উক্ত দপ্তরে জমা দিতে হবে।

৪। আবেদনপত্রের নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী ফর্মের 'ক' অংশটি যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রে যে ব্যাকের প্রদান করা হয়েছে, জামানত ফেরতের ফর্মে অনুল্লপ ৩টি ব্যাকের করতে হবে। ব্যাকের গণনামূলক এবং অসম্পূর্ণ তথ্যের কারণে জামানত ফেরৎ বিলম্ব হলে রাজউক দারী থাকবে না।

৫। প্রবাসী আবেদনকারীগণ জামানতের ডলার উত্তোলনের ক্ষেত্রে জামানতের ডলার উত্তোলনের আবেদনপত্রটি যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করে জমা দিতে হবে।

৬। দেশীয় আবেদনকারীগণ প্রটের জন্য যে ব্যাকে আবেদন ফর্ম জমা দিয়েছেন সেই ব্যাকে নির্ধারিত শাখা হতে জামানতের টাকা উত্তোলনের আবেদনপত্র সন্গ্রহ ও জমা করতঃ উক্ত শাখা হতে জামানতের পে-অর্ডার/থ্রুচেক ড্রাফট সন্গ্রহ করতে পারবেন।

৭। সর্বশেষ ব্যাকের সাথে রাজউকের সম্পাদিত সমঝোতা শ্রাবক অনুযায়ী জামানত ফেরতের আবেদনপত্র জমা প্রদানের সময় জামানতের টাকা/ডলারের ড্রাফট প্রদানের দিন/তারিখ আবেদনকারীকে জানিয়ে দেয়া হবে।

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