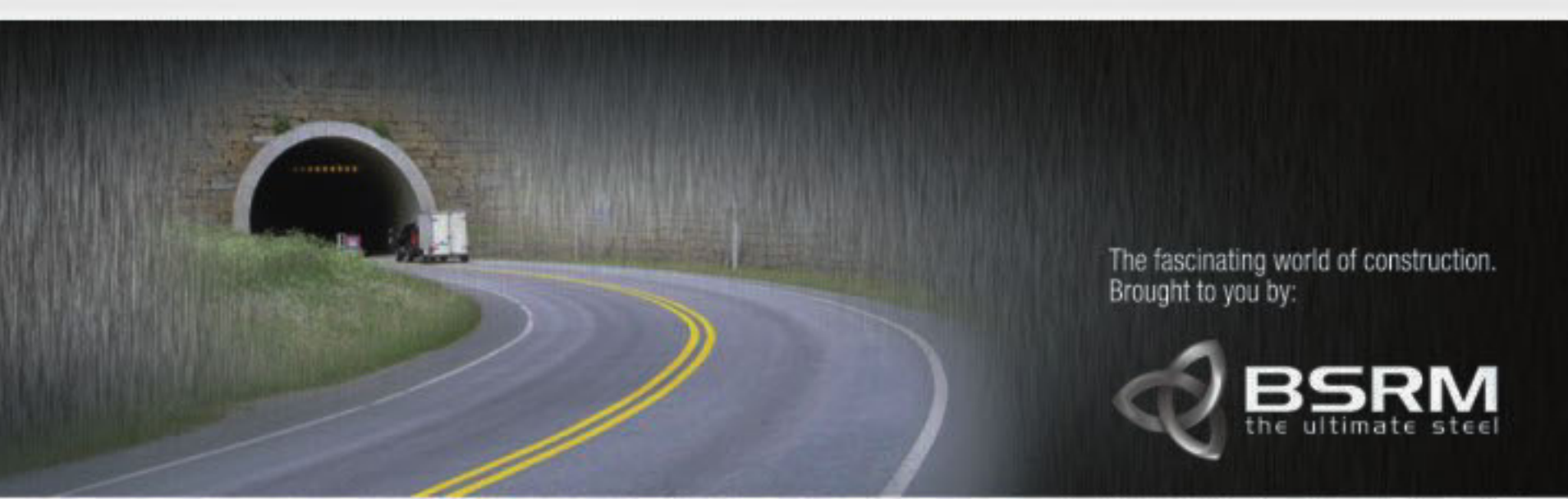


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Mahmudur remanded in Hizbut case
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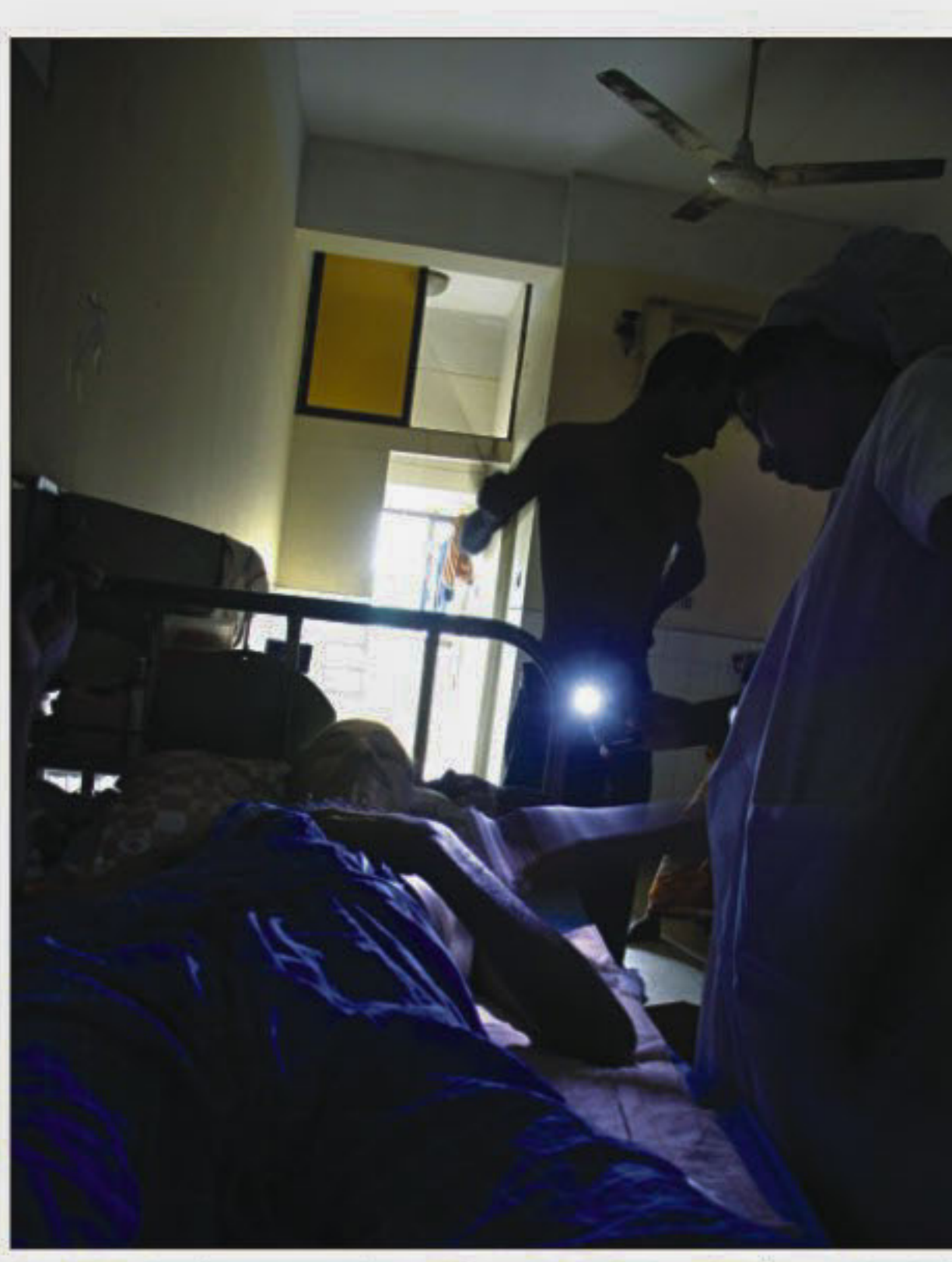
COURT CORRESPONDENT
Detective Branch of police yesterday took Mahmudur Rahman on a four-day remand for his alleged involvement with leaders of banned Hizbut-Tahrir.
On June 8, Mahmudur, the acting editor of recently closed daily Amar Desh, was shown arrested, and the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court granted the remand in a
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8 accused in death of mother, 2 kids

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Eight people have been accused in a case concerning the death of a mother and her two children whose bodies were recovered Friday morning from their house at Jurain in the capital.
The dead are Farzana Kabir Rita, 35, her son Ishrat Kabir Pabon, 12, and daughter Raisa Rashmi Payel, 10.
The accused in the case filed with Kadamtoli Police
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Kidney patients outage-struck
Sufferings mount as electricity gone for 6 hours on trot

MAHBUBA ZANNAT
Suffering of around 250 patients at National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and National Institute of Kidney Diseases and Urology (NIKDU) took acute turn yesterday due to power outage for six hours at a stretch.
When power goes off, the hospital authorities usually try to get it from generators to run the activities partially. But the generators could not bear the burden for over four and a half hours. So, the services at the hospitals were hampered and deteriorated much on the day.
The patients suffered bitterly in this hot and humid weather, said Dr Golam Rabbani, director of NIMH. The power supply was disconnected in the area for removing the trees fallen on the electric lines, he said.
Though the power supply authorities were supposed to issue a notice in this regard, the hospital authorities did not get any, said Rabbani.
"Our activities were almost stopped for sudden power outage and I had to work sitting under a tree," he added.
When contacted, the power supply authorities claimed that they served notice earlier.
While visiting NIKDU, attendants of the patients were seen holding hand fans while children were crying in darkness.
Only four emergency operations out 12 were carried out with the help of the generator. The serial for the operation theatre will be longer as very few surgeries were conducted today (Saturday), said nurses at NIKDU.
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A nurse checks on a patient with a torch during the five and a half hours long power outage at National Institute of Kidney Diseases and Urology in the capital's Shyamoli yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Rainwater can meet 15pc of Dhaka's need

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Rainwater harvesting by city dwellers can meet 15 percent of the annual water demand in the capital, said experts yesterday.
The provision of rainwater harvesting system should be included in the building code, they told a seminar on Urban Rain Water Harvesting for Domestic Use and Groundwater Recharge organised jointly by Institute of Architects Bangladesh and WaterAid Bangladesh at Spectra Convention Centre in the city.
According to the system, residents of a building would use rainwater stored on the roof. The experts said alternative sources like rainwater and surface water should be utilised to meet the increasing water demand in Dhaka.
At the seminar architects, environmentalists and urban planners suggested mass awareness in this regard and urged immediate move for rainwater use in the city as the rivers surrounding Dhaka are polluted.
Architects Mustafa Khalid and Qazi M Arif presented the keynote paper.
They said groundwater of the city is going low by three metres every year but Dhaka Water Supply Authority (Wasa) is still
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Youths for development
British Council study reveals 74pc not interested in politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A survey revealed that three-quarters of the youth in Bangladesh are not interested in politics but a whopping 79 percent are interested in development.
They think they have little or no influence over government decisions.
The British-Council-commissioned survey also points out that young people are happy in the country but a large portion of them would prefer to live abroad for better job opportunities and education facilities.
Only one in four young people in Bangladesh would firmly agree with the statement, "I am interested in politics". The other three would express indifference and be unsure about their capacity to influence national decisions.
Less than one-third of the youth did
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YOUNG MINDS THINK

- Graft to get worse in 5 years (60pc)
- Student politics harmful for education (36pc)
- Govt decisions not influenced by them (76pc)
- Sheikh Mujib, Kazi Nazrul Islam key role models

Excess ministry spending goes unchecked by JS

SHAKHAWAT LITON
The House like previous years cannot examine the reasons behind excess expenditure by ministries in the current fiscal as no move was taken to allow the parliamentary body to do it as per the rules of procedure.
Finance Minister AMA Muhith on Thursday placed the supplementary budget in parliament along with the budget for next fiscal.
The revised budget shows a good number of ministries and divisions spent additional amount than the parliament-granted allocation for the current fiscal.
The House is scheduled for passing the revised budget tomorrow after holding a brief discussion, approving the excess expenditure of the ministries without examining the justification.
The section 233 (4) of the Rules of Procedure of Jatiya Sangsad says if any money has been
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Nepal's ruling parties recruit private armies

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Kathmandu
Fourteen years after Nepal's Maoist party formed its own army and waged a decade-long war on the government, the republic's ruling parties have now begun to recruit their own private armies, triggering a fresh controversy bound to impact the fragile peace process.
The Nepali Congress (NC), the biggest party in the ruling alliance, is set to present to the public Saturday the Tarun Dosta, a 'young force' of 900 cadre trained in defence arts.
The NC, which saw the Maoist insurgency start during its government in 1996 and escalate due to misgovernance and corruption, has recruited the private army for the security of party leaders, according to former prime minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.
Deuba and former NC home minister Khum Bahadur Khadka left for Sindhupalchowk district in northern Nepal Saturday to unveil the private army.
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