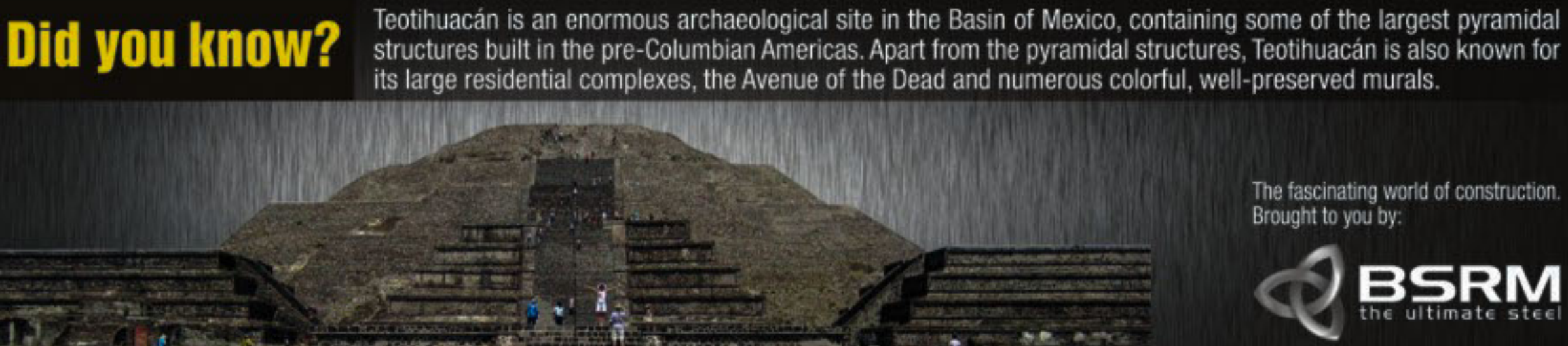


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Dinajpur relics in ruins

Brick kilns threaten existence of 1,200-yr-old archaeological site

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An archaeological site, with around 1,200 years of history, at Nawabganj upazila in Dinajpur lies in ruins due to illegal brick kilns activities and recklessness on the part of locals.

In 2001, villagers first traced a Bouddha Bihar of the site in Domail village.

An excavation team from Jahangirnagar University Archaeology department found another two Bihars in 2006 and 2008 within a 500-metre radius.

Swadhin Sen, an assistant professor of JU who led the excavation, said the site developed between 7th and 8th centuries.

Three villages of the upazila -- Domail, Hasarpara and Khayerghuri -- are rich with archaeological sites, which are yet to draw government's attention, he added.

Syed Md Kamrul Ahsan, another member of the excavation team, said villagers took away a large number of bricks of the ancient structures for building their houses.

He also alleged brick kiln operators dug out the earth around the site to make bricks.

Som Hazra, an elderly person from Domail village, told The Daily Star that in the area there was a temple, which was destroyed following the construction of brick kilns.

The brick kilns are reportedly using the land without relevant documents.

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This photo shows the close proximity of the 1,200-year-old remains of the Bouddha Bihar in Domail in Dinajpur with an illegal brick kiln.



PHOTO: STAR

2 Ctg students arrested with Tahrir posters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday detained two students of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) on charge of pasting posters of banned Islamist outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir from the port city.

The detainees are Anwar Parvez Sikder, 22, of Gojaria upazila in Munshiganj and Mohammad Habibullah, 22, of Delduar upazila in Tangail. Both are third year students of Electrical and Electronics Department of Cuet.

A police patrol of Panchlaish Police Station noticed a group arguing with the security guard of Sanai community centre at OR Nizam Road over pasting posters on the wall of the

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COUPLE MURDER IN GULSHAN Killers now target two daughters

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

Five months into the killing of their parents, teenaged Sumaiya Yasmin Bithi and Nilufar Yasmin Iti are passing their days hiding and fearing attacks on their lives by the killers.

Bithi is the lone witness of the killing of her parents Sadequr Rahman, 55, general secretary of Bangladesh Nursery Owners' Association, and Romana Nargis, 45, at their Gulshan residence.

On March 24, local goon Rubel shot dead the couple as they declined to marry Iti off to him and tried to prevent him from dragging her from the house.

Cut off from rest of the world and haunted by the memory of the murder, Bithi, 19, and Iti, 17, are now living at a secluded house of their brother's-in-law.



The family sources said on several occasions the killers have threatened over the phone to kill the sisters if they dare to give statement in the court of law.

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'Outlaw' held after gunfight with police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police arrested an alleged outlaw after half an hour of gunfight with his gang at Santhia upazila of the district yesterday.

A rifle, a shutter gun, seven rounds of bullets, 11 powerful bombs, and three machetes were recovered from the spot.

The arrestee, Md Rashed Pramanik, 30, is son of Jitu Pramanik of Bilshalangi village under the upazila. Rashed is a diehard operative and a faction leader of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Jana Judhha), police said.

Rashed underwent treatment at Pabna General

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BNP CHIEF'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Falu seeks to quit his job

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Rumours are spreading within the main opposition that Mosaddek Ali Falu, once very powerful in the party, has sought exemption from the chairperson's advisory council.

He even submitted a letter to the chairperson seeking release from the party committee, said party insiders, adding that the matter is still pending as Khaleda Zia did not accept his resignation letter while Falu has yet to withdraw it.

Falu, former personal aide to the chairperson, however denied it saying that he did not send any letter to the chairperson.

"It's not true, I did not send any letter," Falu, also a former lawmaker of the party, told The Daily Star over the phone on Thursday when asked whether he had resigned from the advisory council.

A number of party leaders, however, claimed that Falu had tendered his resignation from the advisory council just after

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Schoolteacher beaten to death at Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The wife and in-laws of a teacher of Jahangirnagar University School and College (JUSC) beat him to death in his Savar home yesterday, the victim's mother alleged.

The deceased was identified as Sarwar Alam Shaheen, a teacher of the computer science department at JUSC

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August 14		
	Azan	Jamaat
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