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CHT LAND DISPUTE Commission's activities suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The national committee for implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord in a meeting in Khagrachhari yesterday decided to postpone all the activities of the CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission.

The meeting also decided to postpone today's hearing on land related appeals until

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Extortionists shoot shop staff dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of armed extortionists shot dead a grocery shop employee in the city's Pallabi last night after the shop owner filed a general diary against them seeking police help.

A gang of three armed extortionists shot three round bullets at Mohammad Sajeeb, 22, of Matlab General Store at Kalshi Road, around 8:00pm, said locals and police.

Sajeeb, son of Anwar

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PM stresses parties' role in boosting democracy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said political parties of the country have to be built up as institutions to strengthen democracy.

"We are working to establish Awami League as an institution," she said while addressing as chief guest the publication ceremony of "Uttaran", ruling AL's monthly voice.

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ROAD ACCIDENTS IN CITY

Intersections most risky

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

Some busy intersections of Dhaka have been identified as accident hotspots where more than half of the city's fatal crashes occur every year.

Accidents Research Institute (ARI) of Buet has detected 54 such intersections, many with engineering faults.

Most of them are exposed to jaywalking and uncontrolled movement of vehicles.

In 1998-2008, a total of 1,643 people lost their lives in road accidents on these intersections while 3,250 were killed in rest of the capital, Dhaka Metropolitan Police sources said.

Of the 54, the most accident-prone ones are Jatrabair, Farmgate, Bijay Sarani, Sonargaon-

Panthaph-ETV, Topkhana-Purana Paltan, Shabbagh, Shonir Akhra, Staff Road Crossing (Dhaka-Mymensingh road), Kakoli (Mymensingh Road-Kamal Ataturk Avenue), Sayedabad, GPO (Zero Point-Abdul Gani Road) and Shapla Chattar intersections.

On Jatrabair intersection alone, 105 people were killed during the period.

The intersection connects five busy roads allowing heavy traffic. Often pedestrians and drivers look puzzling out which direction other vehicles will go in, the ARI detected.

It recommends introduction of traffic management with provision for a special lane for taking left or right turn.

Another example of dangerous engineering

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Tribunal says it has no role in probe, arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday urged the media and others to refrain from running reports or making statements on it without knowing much about its jurisdiction.

Speaking at a press conference, its Registrar Shahinur Islam said the tribunal is independent and its job is to discharge judicial duties as per the laws and the rules.

The briefing was organised at his office at the city's old High Court building against the backdrop of some noted individuals making "confusing" statements and newspapers publishing "misleading" reports about the activities of the tribunal.

"The tribunal has no primary responsibilities with regard to investigation of cases and arrest of anyone," said Shahinur.

It can only issue necessary judicial directives after hearing and analysing the prosecutors' pleas for arrest, he added.

For instance, the registrar cited a news story in a national daily that said "the tribunal and the government have given the green signal to arrest four top war criminals".

The report added that the groundwork for arresting the four had already been done; profiles of the four had been prepared

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FACTIONAL CLASH

6 BCL men hurt at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Six Rajshahi University (RU) students were injured in clashes between two groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists over establishing supremacy on the campus yesterday.

Motihar police arrested four BCL men for assaulting an assistant sub-inspector as they tried to resolve the dispute.

The arrestees are Takim Ahmed of philoso-

phy department, Ashikur Rahman Ashis of applied physics department and Abu Saleh Babu and Jewel Rana of language and culture department of RU.

The BCL committee of the university has been suspended following the incident.

The clash ensued when a group of BCL activists led by Takim Ahmed, Tamim Ahmed and Ashikur Rahman beat up Sabuj Sarwar, a

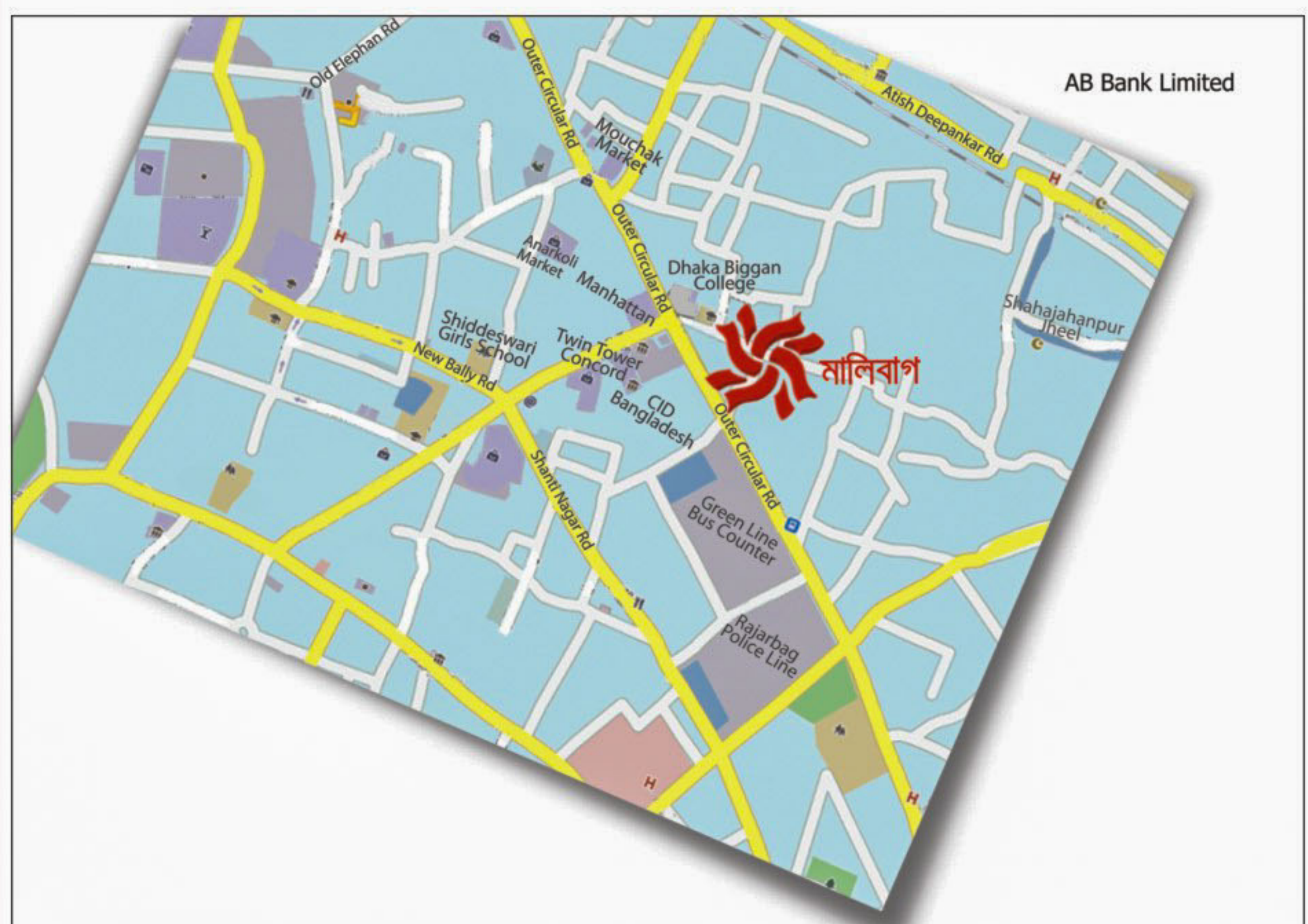
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Assange to write memoir for \$1.5m

AFP, London

WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange said in an interview published yesterday he had signed deals for his autobiography worth more than one million pounds (1.2 million euros, 1.5 million dollars).

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ATM inaugurated at Bangladesh Bank



Dr. Atiur Rahman, honorable Governor, Bangladesh Bank inaugurated a co-branded ATM booth at the premises of Bangladesh Bank on 26 December, 2010. Mr. Murshid Kuli Khan, Deputy Governor and other senior officials of Bangladesh Bank, Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman EC of the Board, MD and executives of DBBL were present in the inauguration ceremony.

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