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Shibly Mohammad, Shamim Ara Nipa to dazzle the opening ceremony

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Metro rail in 4 years possible

Study finds a ride from Uttara to Jatrabari will take only 45 minutes, Tk 50

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A commute by metro from Uttara to Jatrabari will take about 45 minutes and cost Tk 50, according to studies conducted as part of the government plans for improved public transport in the capital.

The planned electric railway will carry some 60,000 people an hour at peak times. Commuters will have to pay Tk 2.50 for each kilometre.

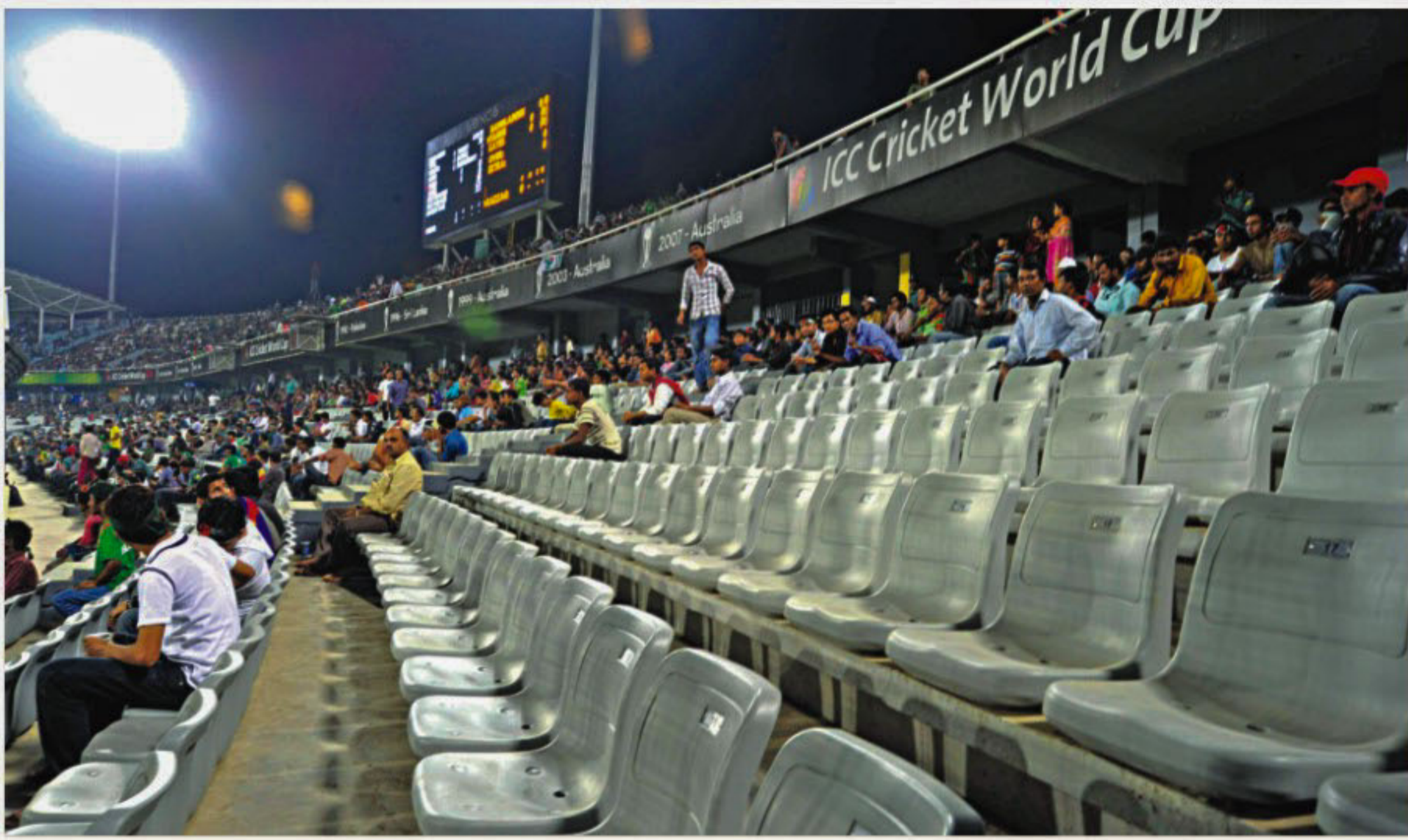


Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, consultant for the government's metro rail project, briefed journalists about the study findings after a meeting with Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday afternoon.

Held at the secretariat, the meeting discussed the status of various projects on the city's traffic systems.

"Metro rail project can be implemented within next four years, and once

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The match was sold out. Yet seats inside the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur are seen vacant long after the start of the World Cup practice match between Bangladesh and Pakistan yesterday because holders of either vouchers or venue tickets could not get in due to inefficient handling by the authorities.



Ticketing descends to farce

ANISUR RAHMAN And QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM

Thousands of waiting fans were left feeling furious and cheated by the inexplicable handling of ticketing measures by both Kyazooonga and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) for yesterday's warm-up game between Bangladesh and Pakistan.

According to the official

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Strike was called for Feb 21

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Preparations for the general strike called for February 21, 1952 went on in full swing throughout the day on February 20. A meeting of the All Party State Language Committee of Action took place in the evening at the Nawabpur office of the Awami Muslim League. Virtually the entire discussion at the meeting was given over to the question of whether to go ahead with the strike the next day by violating Section 144 imposed by the government of East Bengal. As Badruddin Umar notes, a majority of those present at the meeting were opposed to a violation of Section 144. Only a handful, including Oli Ahad, convenor of the Dhaka

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Father of Nation, display of his portrait to return

Special JS body on constitution amendment decides

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The parliamentary special committee on constitution amendment yesterday decided in principle to propose inclusion of a provision in the constitution declaring Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the Father of the Nation.

It also decided to incorporate another

provision on preserving and displaying the portrait of the father of the nation in every government, semi-government and autonomous offices.

In addition to that, the committee will also propose scrapping of the existing provision on preserving and

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Khaleda backs stockmarket demonstrators

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has expressed solidarity with the movement of the small investors against the fall in share prices.

"We are expressing our solidarity with the

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Stocks jump on stimulus

Govt steps attract mixed reactions from experts

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The benchmark index of Dhaka Stock Exchange saw a 6.2 percent jump yesterday, boosted by a government initiative involving five state enterprises in share buying.

Of the five institutions, Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) received a Tk 200 crore financial assistance from

the central bank to buy shares from the secondary market.

The four others -- Sonali Bank, Janata Bank, Agrani Bank and Rupali Bank -- were instructed by the government to buy shares from the troubled stockmarket with their own funds.

The central bank fund for the ICB is

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MORE IN STAR BUSINESS

After liberation, it's education

Rock legend Harrison's wife comes to Dhaka with another mission

SHARIER KHAN

Forty years ago he had made Bangladesh indebted to him through staging the Concert for Bangladesh. He died ten years ago at 58. But even ten years after his death, the world's one of the biggest rock icons George Harrison's legacy has returned to Bangladesh in a different way.

This time, Harrison's wife Olivia Harrison has

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Miladunnabi today

UNB, Dhaka

Eid-e-Miladunnabi, the birth and death anniversary of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH), will be observed across the country today with due religious solemnity.

On this day in 570 AD, the 12th of Rabiul Awal of the Hizri calendar, Muhammad was born in Makkah in Saudi Arabia with divine blessings and messages of peace for mankind.

He passed away the same day in 632 AD.

The day is a public holiday in the country.

HOLIDAY

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today on account of the Eid-e-Miladunnabi. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.

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