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AUG 21 PROBE
CID seeks
2 more
months

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department yesterday sought two more months to complete the investigation into one of the two cases following the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally in 2004.

The CID so far got more than 18 months in six phases to complete the investigation into the case filed for killing 23 people, including AL leader Ivy Rahman, and injuring scores in the attack.

Judge Fozila Begum of Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court will hear

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BOGRA LAND GRABBERS
Cops asked to
appeal for
scrapping bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the police of Bogra to appeal to the local court for cancelling the bail of three people, who allegedly damaged and grabbed land of the Mahasthangarh archaeological site.

The accused are Khokon Sarkar, Sabuj Sarkar and Saiful Islam, who were arrested earlier but were released on bail.

The three appeared before the HC yesterday as per an earlier order.

Hearing a writ petition, the HC bench of Justice AHM

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India allows
mobile towers
near borders

PTI, Barmer

The Department of Telecom in India has decided to permit mobile towers within 500-meter of international border in a bid to counter incoming signals from neighbouring Pakistan and Bangladesh.

"Earlier, the rule was not to have any mobile tower within 10 km of international border, but we observed that signal of other countries are entering our border areas in North-East, Rajasthan and Gujarat. But now anyone can place the tower with permission within 500 metre of the border," Minister of State for

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PRAYER TIMING March 7

Azan Jamaat	5-15	5-50
Fajr	12-45	1-15
Zohr	4-30	4-45
Asr	6-05	6-10
Maghrib	7-30	8-00

Sources: Islamic Foundation

RIVER-GRABBING NOW & THEN



ANISUR RAHMAN

The 2009 photo shows the authorities of Uttara University put up a signboard on the floodplain of Turag river with a plan to setup their campus on the vast wetland. The recently taken photo on the left shows the signboard is still there and earth-filling is going on grabbing more of the river.



FILE PHOTO

Hospital in need of care

Ill-equipped Infectious Diseases Hospital fails to provide comprehensive treatment

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH) premises in the city's Mohakhali look to be a long abandoned place. Cattle graze freely, while a dustbin near the main gate overflows with garbage. The air stinks with stray dogs feasting on rotten leftovers all around.

Street kids scavenge through piles of waste dumped along the boundary wall. Besides discarded bandages, polythene bags and other substances, they collect used syringes.

While it all points to poor hygiene standards at the hospital, patients and people concerned attest to inadequate care it provides.

Patients with HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B, flu, rabies, tetanus and diphtheria come for treatment at IDH. But they get only partial support, as the hospital is ill-equipped to ensure comprehensive treatment.

"We give symptomatic treatment to patients. We don't have enough funds or

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Coarse rice price rose by 31pc in a yr

Minister tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prices of coarse rice shot up by more than 31 percent and wheat by 48 percent in the last one year, Commerce Minister Faruk Khan told parliament yesterday.

In response to queries from lawmakers in the House, the minister said palm and soybean oil saw

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India stave off Ireland

SPORTS REPORTER

Ireland provided further evidence that they are the most improved of the Associate nations after stretching India during their match at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore yesterday. They had astonished the world with their scarcely believable defeat of England at the same ground four days earlier, but yesterday India's batting proved to be too strong for them.

Chasing a modest 207 to win, India lost explosive opener Virender Sehwag (5) in the second over, with Trent Johnston (2-16) pouncing a simple return catch. Gautam Gambhir (10) followed suit with



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the score on 24 before Virat Kohli (34) and opener Sachin Tendulkar (38) steadied the ship somewhat with a 63-run partnership.

Tendulkar was then trapped in front by young left-arm spinner George Dockrell (2-49), and

the run-out of Kohli caused a flutter with India on unsure footing at 100 for 4. Yuvraj Singh (50 not out), India's hero with the ball, combined with skipper MS Dhoni (34) to take the team close to their target with a 67-run partnership. Dhoni's fall at 167 brought big-hitting Yusuf Pathan (34 not out), returning after missing two games due to injury, to the crease. The gap

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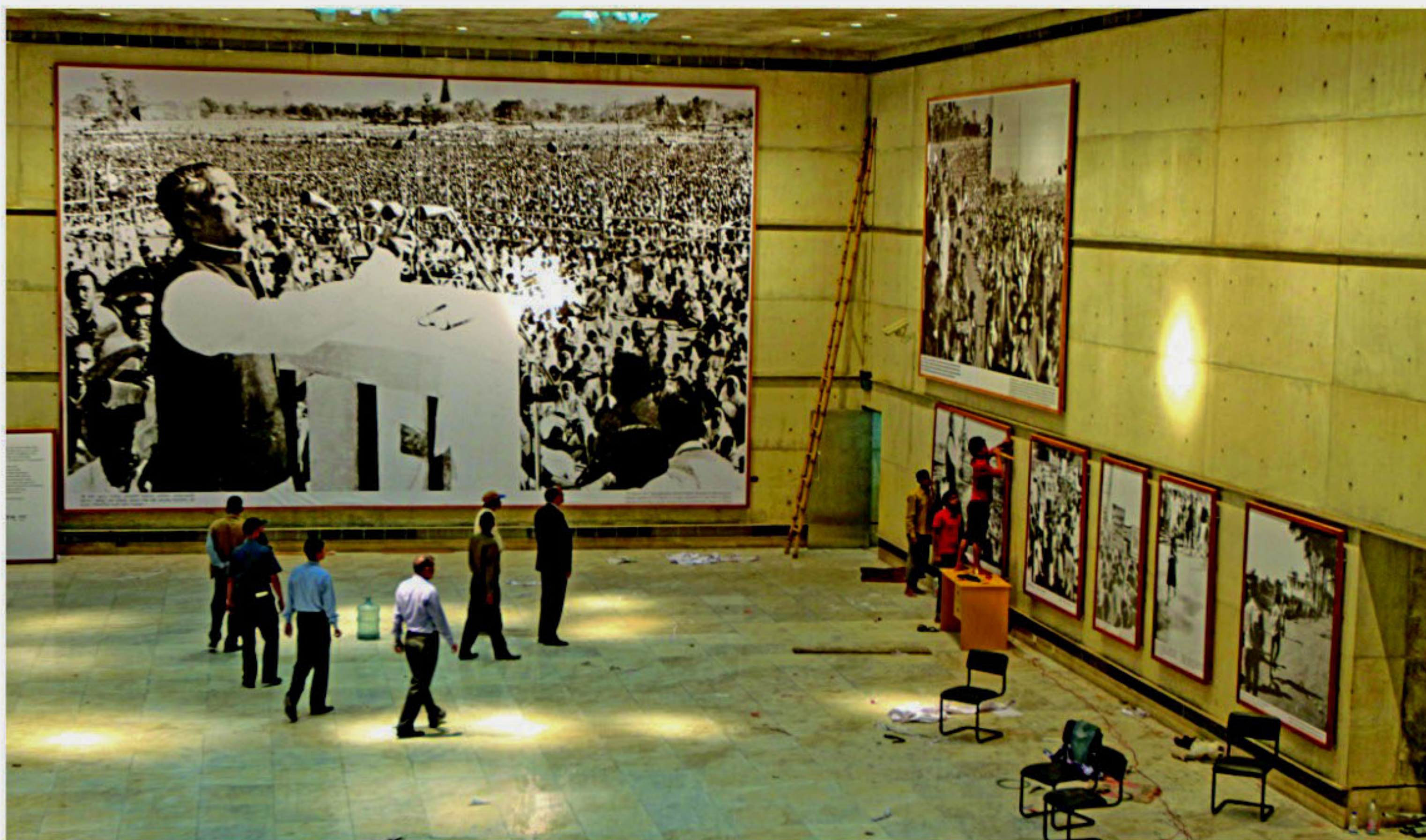
Unfinished Swadhinata Stambha opens today

TAWFIQUE ALI

The government opens for public today the much-talked-about Swadhinata Stambha complex at historic Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital without instituting an authority to look after it or completing much of its work.

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Captain (ret'd) ABM Tajul Islam is scheduled to open the Swadhinata Stambha (independence memorial). It includes an underground museum, terracotta murals on heroes and events of the Liberation War, a 2000-seat auditorium, an open air theatre and a water body

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The exhibits are being put on display at the underground museum of Swadhinata Stambha complex at the historic Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital yesterday. The government opens the complex today.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

WAR CRIMES PROBE
Witnesses tell of torture at instruction of Golam Azam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Investigators of International Crimes Tribunal have gathered evidence and statements of witnesses who were forced to convert to Muslim in Rajshahi following directives of former Jamaat-e Islami Ameer Ghulam Azam during the Liberation War in 1971.

They also collected fortnightly secret reports of Special Branch of the then police department that were sent to police stations across the country from police headquarters in Dhaka in 1971.

The investigators

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Stalker stabs 12-yr-old girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 12-year-old girl was stabbed in the neck by a stalker yesterday at Burhanpur in Hazaribagh of the city, while she was going home from school.

The victim, Hira Akhter, was a student of class three at an NGO-run school at Ganakutli lane. According to witnesses, Mamun, 27, a rickshaw-puller, who was lurking near Hira's house at about 3:00pm, swooped on her and left a long gash on the neck. Hira was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), where the doctors stitched up the cut.

Daughter of a poor rickshaw-puller, Hira said Mamun used to stalk her to school often and threw vulgar remarks which embarrassed her in front of her classmates.

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Hira Akhter

VICTIMS OF SHIP-BREAKING ACCIDENT
HC asks owner to give Tk 5 lakh each

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the owner of MAK Corporation, a ship-breaking yard at Sitakunda in Chittagong, to pay within 15 days Tk 5 lakh in compensation to each of the families of the four workers killed in an explosion at the yard last month.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain also

asked the owner, MA Kashem, to provide the treatment cost of the workers injured in the blast.

Delivering verdict on a suo moto rule, the HC directed Kashem to take steps for providing a permanent job for each of the family of the dead workers.

In addition, the bench ordered the police to proceed with the case filed against Kashem in connection with the deaths of the workers.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Grameen Bank that Finance Minister AMA Muhith's comment on Prof Yunus is incorrect and does not reflect real situation?

Yes (74.3%)
No (23.7%)
No Comments (2.0%)

TOTAL VOTES : 672

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government should withdraw the decision to remove Prof Muhammad Yunus from the Grameen Bank's managing director post?

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