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PM wants end to state power grab

Defends move to amend constitution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in parliament yesterday said the constitution will be amended in such a way that none can grab power again through extra-constitutional ways.

She said the constitution will be amended to better protect the people's rights and serve their needs.

Hasina was speaking on the thanks-

giving motion on the president's speech. Ending over 41 hours of discussion, in which 227 MPs from treasury and opposition benches took part, the House passed the motion yesterday on the speech delivered on January 25.

Prior to passing the motion at 9:15pm, the BNP-led opposition lawmakers walked out protesting against the speaker's refusal to hold votes on each of

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Talks on for honourable solution

Muhith says on Yunus issue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday talks are on to reach a compromise on the issue of Grameen Bank founder Prof Muhammad Yunus.

"Various proposals have to be considered to reach an honourable solution to the issue," he told journalists.

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West strikes deep inside Libya

Nato to lead soon

AGENCIES, Tripoli

Western warplanes hit military targets deep inside Libya yesterday but failed to prevent tanks re-entering the western town of Misrata and besieging its main hospital.

The continued violence has strained the interna-

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Flights inadequate

Slow repatriation worries stranded people, aid workers

MORSHED ALI KHAN, from Choucha, Tunisia-Libya border

ON TUNISIA-LIBYA BORDER



MORSHED ALI KHAN writes from the spot where thousands of Bangladeshi workers have taken shelter after fleeing the Libyan upheaval

Repatriation of stranded Bangladeshis in Choucha camp is set to suffer further upsets unless the government arranges more flights, aid workers said yesterday.

As the number of Bangladeshis crossing Tunisia-Libya border of Ras Jdir is rising again, slow repatriation is not solving the problem at all, they said.

Top International Organisation for

Migration officials yesterday said there was no possibility for the IOM to increase the number of its flights for Bangladeshis.

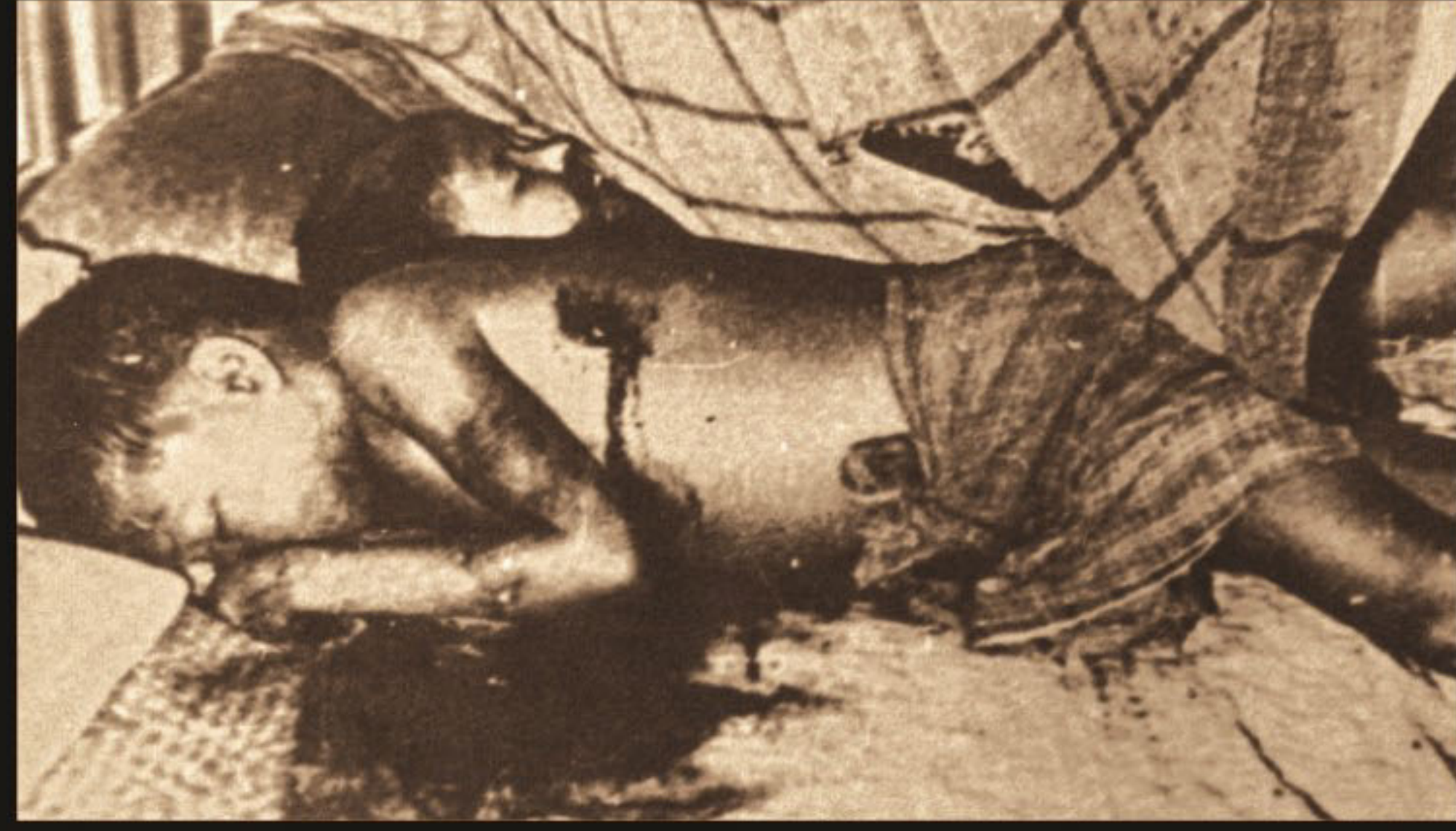
Chris Hoffman, the IOM's chief of operations, said the IOM does not have the funds for all out repatriation programme at the moment. "We have newer fronts like

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Even sleeping children were not spared on the horrific night of March 25, 1971, when the Pakistani army attacked the Bangalees.

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MARCH 25
Pak army launched genocide

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Dr Kamal Hossain spent the whole of March 25, 1971 waiting for the call which General Peerzada had promised he would make. He as well as

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Haunted forever

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SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE and JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

It was unlike any other evening of March in 1971. An eerie calm hung on the air of March 25 at the Dhaka University. The campus was always abuzz with some form of jingoistic activities-- be it rally, procession or strategy-planning --



throughout the month. But this day looked awkwardly different. No drama staged, no patriotic song sang, no fiery speech hurled at the rulers in West Pakistan. It's very unusual, they, a group of five friends, muttered at their usual hangout at Room No 119 of the

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