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**Glass tower gets green light**

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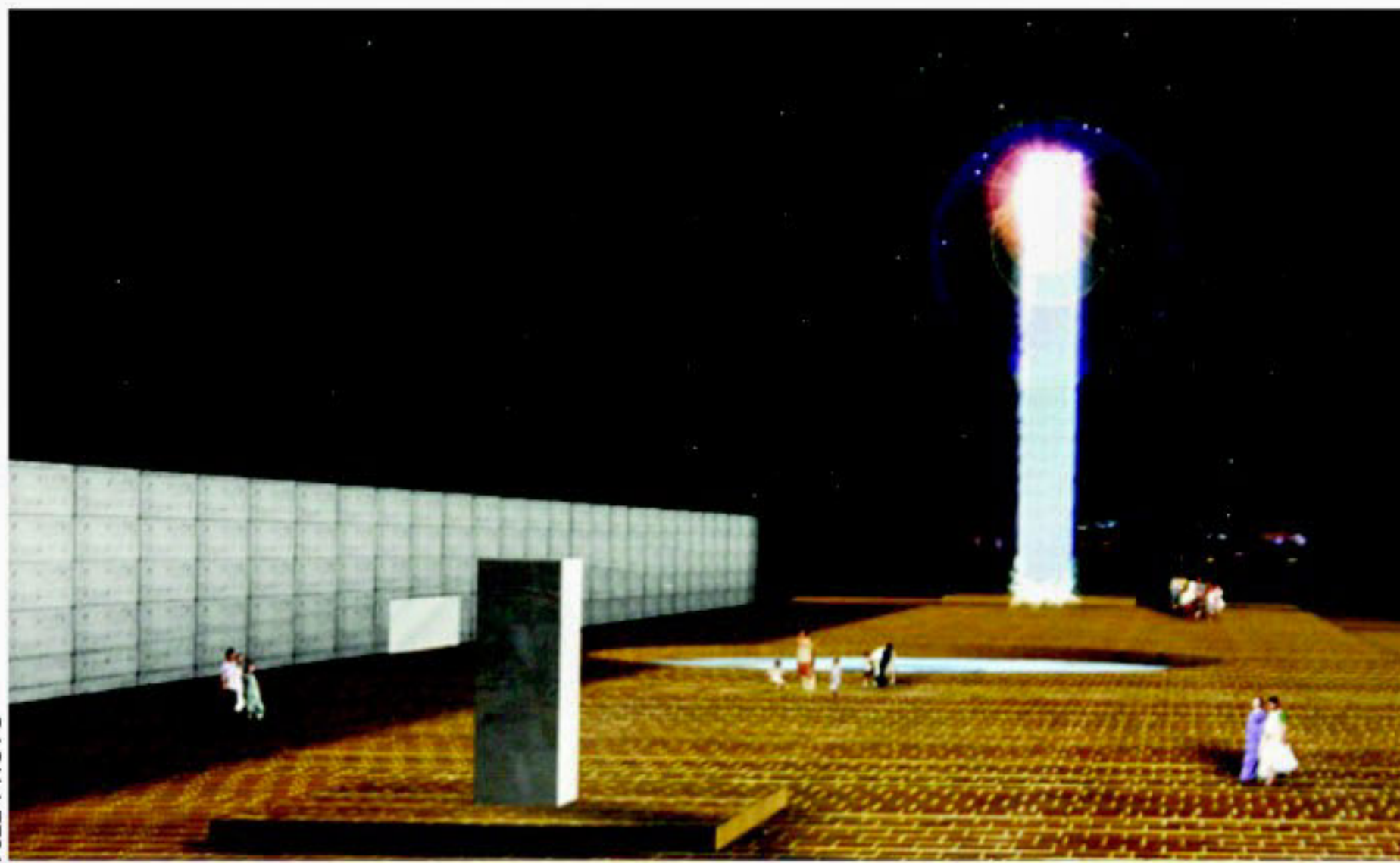
A 150-foot high glass tower, a major component of the Swadhinata Stambha complex in the capital, will be constructed by July next year, a decade after a project was taken to build the complex.

The structure named the Tower of Light will be installed for Tk 135 crore to commemorate the March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the historic Suhrawardy Udyan.

The Awami League government took the project in 1996 and built an underground museum, a 2,000-seat theatre, VIP and Service Blocks, walkways, walls with mural and marble work and the south plaza in the first phase. The completed structures were opened to public on March 7 this year.

Construction of the glass tower and other unfinished work at the 67-acre complex will be completed by July next year, said AB Tajul Islam, state minister for liberation war affairs.

An allocation of Tk 172 crore was made in 2001 for constructing other components including the glass tower.



The photo captures a proposed design of Tower of Light to be built to commemorate the historic March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital.

ANTI-GOVT AGITATION

**Khaleda to sit with grassroots**

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will sit with district-level party leaders as part of her plan to gear up the party grassroots for the anti-government programmes to be declared soon.

Party sources said preparations for the meeting will begin soon.

Khaleda is now in Saudi Arabia, and is expected to arrive home on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the BNP chief has asked all her party members to be ready.

**5 injured in bomb attack**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Five including two municipal councillors in Meherpur of the district were injured in a bomb attack last night.

The councillors are Mizanur Rahman Ripon, 40, and Abdullah Bin Hasem, 44.

Mizanur and Hasem were at Rajdhani Store, a cosmetics shop owned by Mizanur, last night and were injured.

**Libyan rebels battle for oil town Brega**

*Agree on conditional ceasefire; Gaddafi's forces bombard Misrata*

AGENCIES, Ajdabiya, Rabat

Libyan rebels were digging in yesterday in their battle with Muammar Gaddafi's forces for the oil town of Brega as leaders proposed a ceasefire under the right conditions.

But the West backed off from arming the rag-tag band of fighters and pushed for a political solution instead.

An AFP correspondent citing rebel commanders said fighting had erupted around Brega, about 800 kilometres east of Tripoli yesterday morning.

Rebels prevented reporters and civilians from leaving the strategic town of Ajdabiya for Brega, about 80 kilometres to

the west, but it was unclear exactly where the frontline was or who controlled the refinery town.

The rebels had the previous day been beaten back by heavy shelling from Gaddafi's forces when they launched a counter-offensive at Brega in a bid to resume their march on Tripoli, started soon after the uprising against the hard-liner's rule was launched on February 15.

The opposition is ready for a ceasefire provided Gaddafi's forces end their assaults on rebel-held cities, Transitional National Council leader Mustafa Abdul Jalil said yesterday.

**10 Hizbut Tawhid men held in Rajshahi**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested 10 activists, two of them women, of Islamist outfit Hizbut Tawhid from Baje Kajla in Rajshahi city last night.

The elite force members also seized compact disks (CDs), jihadi books and leaflets of the organisation from their possession.

Acting on a tip-off, officials of Rab-4 conducted a drive at Baje Kajla at about 8:30pm where the activists were

**ONLINE POLL**

Do you think the shopping centres should always close by 8:00pm to save power?

Yes (65.5%)  
No (32.9%)  
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Fajr	4-40	5-15
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