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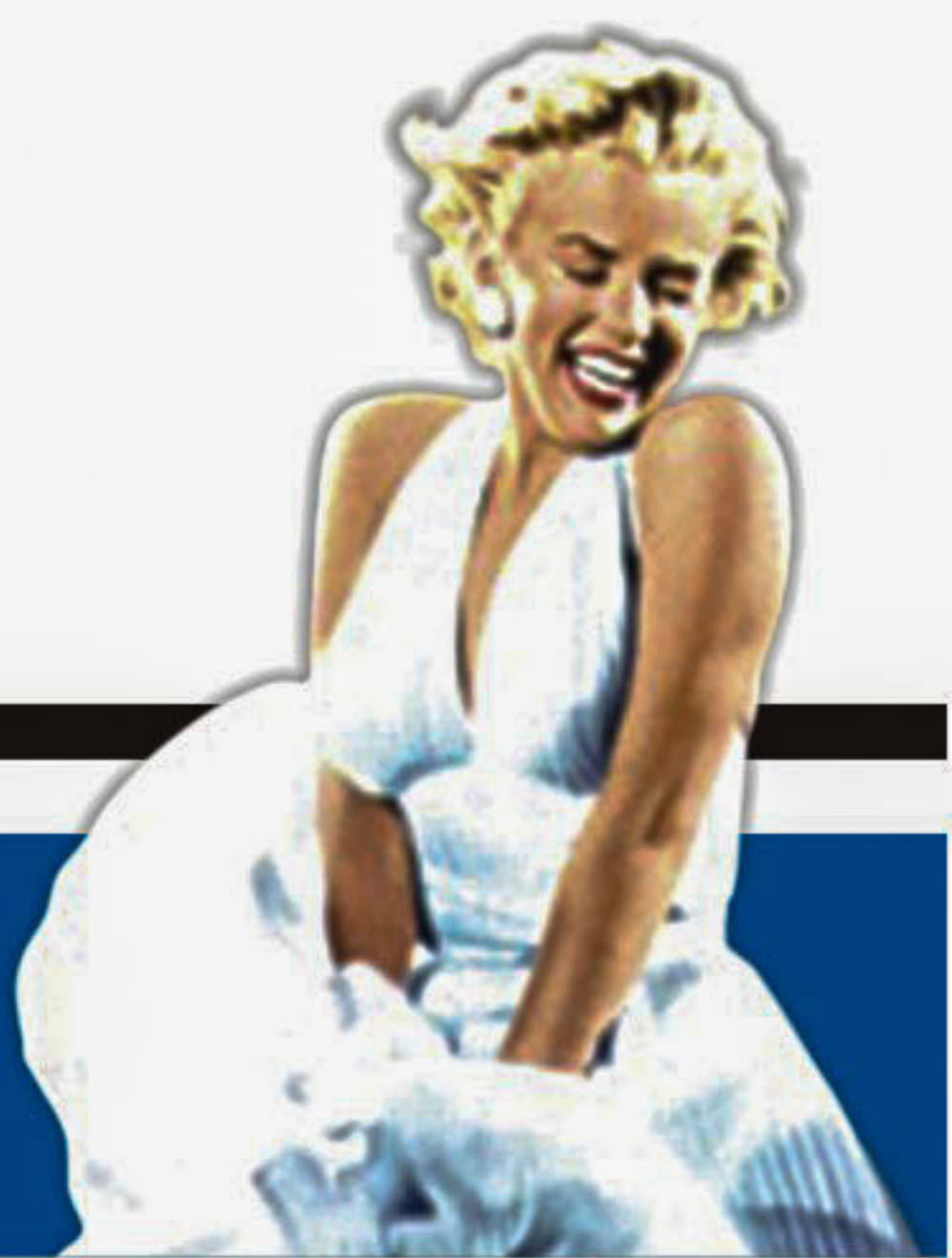
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# War tribunal to get more clout

### Bill on cards to plug loopholes

SHAKHAWAT LITON

A process is underway to bring a significant change to the country's constitution so the legality of trials of war crime suspects, who were not part of any armed force or auxiliary force in 1971, cannot be challenged in any court.

The law ministry is drafting a constitutional amendment bill, including this

change, to be placed in the House in line with recommendations made by the parliamentary special committee, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed told The Daily Star on Saturday.

"If the specific change is brought to the constitution, the individuals who are now facing trials on charges of war crimes cannot challenge the legality of the trials."

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# Trial starts next month with two

RASHIDUL HASAN and RAKIB AHAMMED

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) is finally going to start next month the trial of detained Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee and BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury who are facing charges of crimes against humanity, sources said.

The trial of four other detained Jamaat leaders will begin in phases from August on charges of committing similar crimes during the Liberation War in 1971, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed told journalists yesterday.

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# Acquitted in 14, 3 more to go

### Ershad says it proves cases against him politically motivated

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday acquitted former president and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad in a money laundering case filed during the tenure of the BNP government in 1995.

With the latest verdict, Ershad, who stepped down as president on December 6, 1990, has been cleared in 14 of the 17 lawsuits against him.

He was acquitted of corruption charges in four cases in

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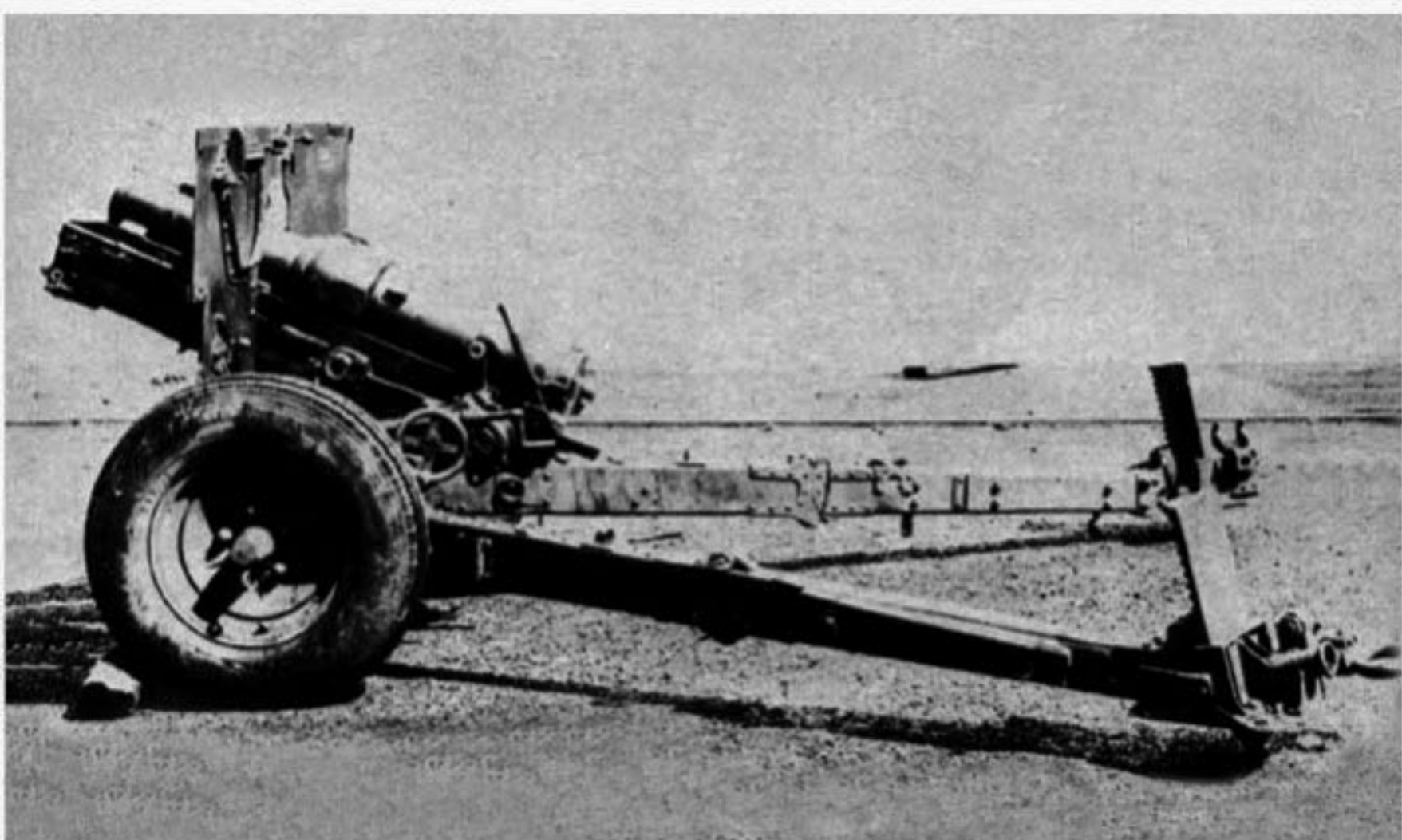
# More rice, urea import okayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet committee on purchase yesterday approved the proposed import of 50,000 tonnes of rice and 2.15 lakh tonnes of urea to build up a secure stock in the next fiscal year.

The approval came at a committee meeting chaired by Finance Minister AMA Muhith. As per a proposal of the food

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Two 3.7 inches Howitzer cannons, similar to the one in the photo, were used by first artillery unit of Bangladesh Army in the Liberation War, 1971. They will be brought back to the country from India to preserve as war memorabilia.

PHOTO: INTERNET

# MUJIB BATTERY Delhi to gift Dhaka two cannons

M RAHMAN

The Indian government is going to hand over to Bangladesh two cannons used by the "Mujib Battery" during the Liberation War as a gesture of goodwill.

Visiting Indian Chief of Army Staff Gen Vijay Kumar Singh is likely to present the cannons to his Bangladesh

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# KOKO, Tk 20CR SCAM

# Judgement on June 23



COURT CORRESPONDENT

On June 23 a Dhaka court will deliver the verdict of a case filed against Koko in connection with siphoning off over Tk 20 crore bribe money to Singapore.

If convicted, Arafat Rahman Koko, youngest son of BNP chief Khaleda Zia, could get a sentence of seven years' imprisonment.

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# POLITICAL SITUATION

# BNP talks to foreign diplomats

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP in a meeting yesterday briefed foreign diplomats on the country's latest political situation, particularly BNP's stance on the non-party caretaker government system.

BNP chairperson's Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan said it was a

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# 3 EU, German UK ministers due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Three ministers from the European Union, the UK and Germany arrive in the capital today to hold talks with the government and the opposition on political, economic, development and climate issues.

Dirk Niebel, German federal minister for economic cooperation and development, and Andris Piebalgs, commissioner for development cooperation of the EU, will stay in Bangladesh for five days.

Alan Duncan, UK minister of state for international development, also arrives in Dhaka today on a three-day visit.

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# Tk 1 lakh cr gobbled up

### Pro-BNP professionals want govt to apologise formally to small investors in stock market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition leaders and pro-BNP professionals yesterday claimed that ruling party men made away with an astonishing Tk 1 lakh crore from the share market since Awami League-led alliance assumed power.

Terming the recent share market collapse "biggest debacle in the country's economic history", they made an eight-point demand, including resignation of the finance and commerce ministers, the Bangladesh Bank

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# Houses looted in broad daylight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers looted around 255 tolas of gold ornaments, a licensed loaded revolver, six rounds of bullet and Tk 5 lakh in broad daylight from a flat in the city's New Eskaton yesterday.

Police said the robbers stormed a flat on the fifth floor of building-2 of Eastern Tower on New Eskaton Road around 1:10pm. Ekramul Kodor Bablu, owner of the flat, was not at home during the robbery.

A domestic help left the door open while going out to shop for groceries, Salma Sayed Polly, an assistant commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ramna zone, told The Daily Star.

A gang of five robbers stormed into the flat and held five family members at gunpoint, she said.

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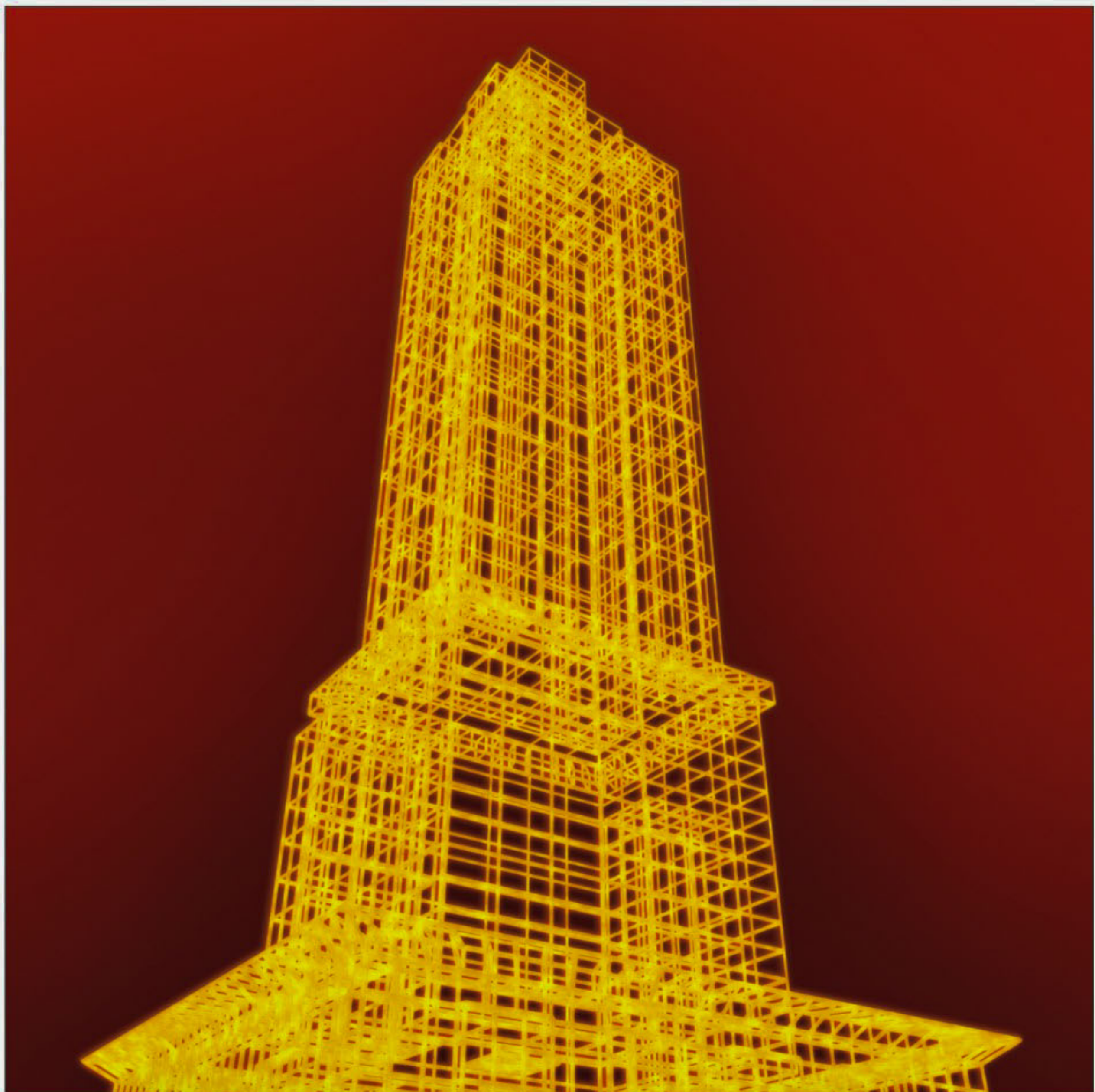
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