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The PM in an interview says she did not fire Prof Yunus

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## Fictitious

Abul on graft allegations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain yesterday ruled out corruption in the \$2.97 billion Padma Multipurpose Bridge project.

"It cannot be proved that corruption has

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# Govt to seek WB help for ACC probe

*Anti-graft body awaits a response to its letter from lead financier of Padma Bridge project*

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Finance Minister AMA Muhith will soon write to the World Bank asking it to provide the Anti-Corruption Commission with any evidence regarding allegations of corruption in the bidding process of the Padma Bridge project.

The World Bank has temporarily halted its \$1.2 billion loan for building the country's longest bridge amid allegations of corruption in the bidding process.

The World Bank's move is delaying the \$2.9 billion project, prompting concern in

the government and giving rise to public criticism. The government had hoped to build the 6.15-kilometre bridge by 2014 to connect Dhaka with the southwestern region.

"The World Bank is deliberately delaying the construction of the Padma Bridge by raising illogical excuses," said Kazi Shafikur Rahman, a leader of Sushasoner Jonno Procharavijan (Supro), a rights group, during a human chain programme outside the National Museum.

In a letter last week to the Integrity Vice

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A bus driver has his eyes checked by doctors at a camp at Mohakhali bus terminal yesterday. Poor vision of drivers is blamed for many road mishaps in the country. Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project organised the free eye check-up to mark World Sight Day. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

## COMMENTARY

### WAR CRIMES TRIAL

# Khaleda's remark unfortunate

MAHFUZ ANAM

Political rhetoric knows no bounds in Bangladesh. Our leaders say practically anything they feel like regardless of any respect for either facts or personal reputation. Because of the preposterous nature of their remarks we usually do not pay much attention to them.

There was, however, one point that Khaleda Zia made in her speech in Sylhet last Tuesday, while referring to the

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

700 students join Star-Robi fair in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The English Language Fair, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and Robi, kicked off in the city's St Joseph Higher Secondary School yesterday with some

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## N'GANJ CITY POLLS

# AL fails to back either candidate

STAR REPORT

Neither Shamim Osman nor Selina Hayat Ivy -- the two mayoral aspirants from Awami League in the Narayanganj City Corporation polls -- withdrew candidacy on the last day yesterday despite Prime Minister and party chief Sheikh Hasina's efforts to persuade one of them to stand down.

This means Shamim, a former AL lawmaker, and Ivy, vice-president of Narayanganj city unit AL, will both



Ivy

Shamim

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# Get Teesta deal beyond waters

*Govt asked to adopt new strategy, include dams, hydro-power in negotiations*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh should adopt a new strategy and go for negotiations with India on sharing not only the Teesta water but also the hydro-electricity generated at the dams built in the upstream of the river, Dr Akbar Ali Khan said yesterday.

The former adviser to a caretaker government however said in case of such a policy, Dhaka will have to share construction cost of the dams.

Akbar Ali came up with this view at a discussion on "Teesta Water Sharing Agreement and its Economic Impact"

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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks before thousands who attended a rally on Nilphamari Govt High School ground yesterday. The programme has been seen as countering the opposition's anti-government agitation.

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# Return people's money

*Hasina asks Khaleda at rally; says her rival out to save war criminals*

HASAN JAHD TUSHER, from Nilphamari

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday said opposition leader Khaleda Zia and her two sons must return the people's money they "siphoned off, including the money they took from orphans".

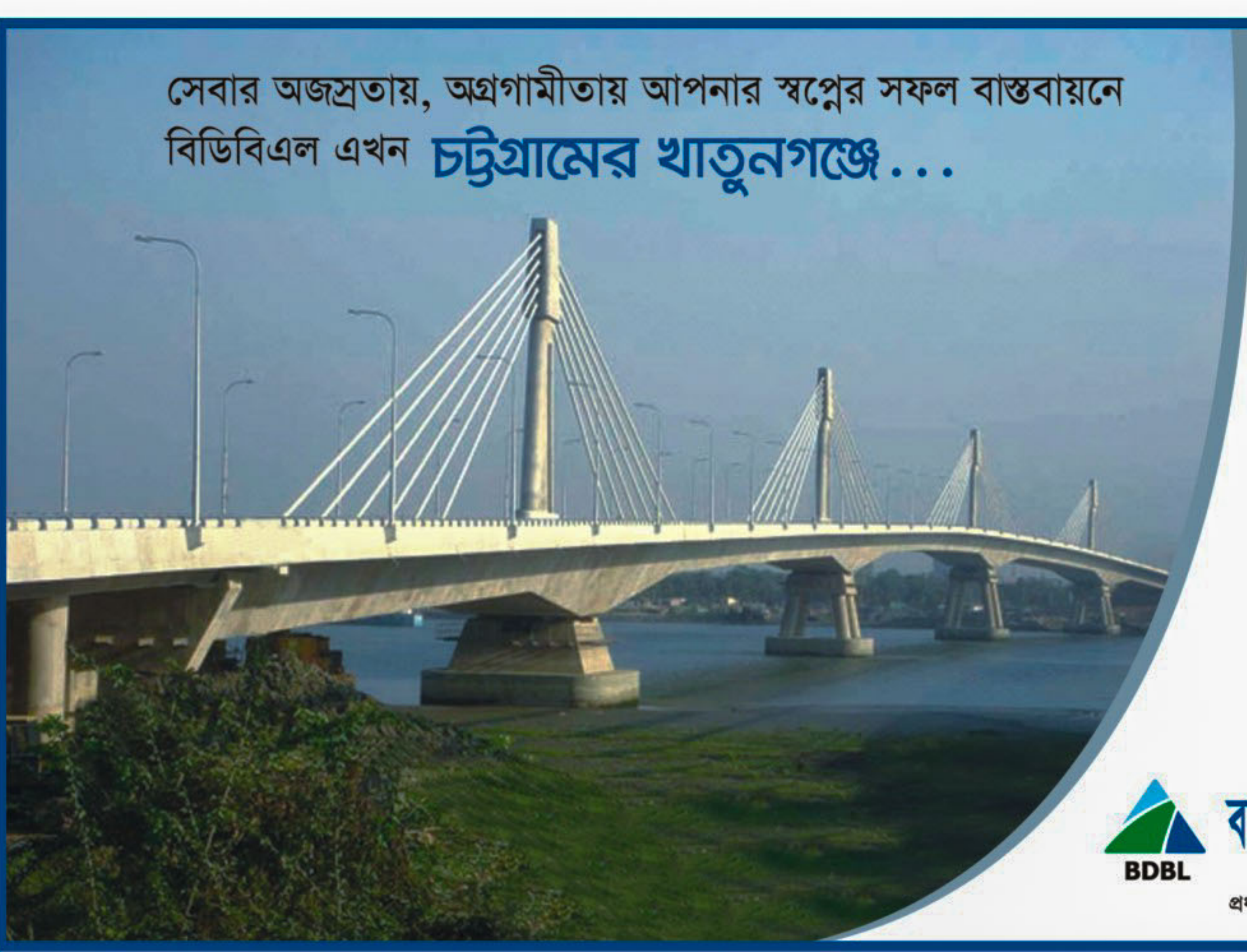
She vowed to bring Khaleda, the BNP chairperson, and her two sons, Tarique Rahman and Arafat Rahman Koko, to book on corruption charges they are currently facing. Khaleda and Tarique are also accused in the Zia Orphanage scam case.

"You [Khaleda] have misappropriated the money of the Zia Orphanage Trust and your two sons siphoned off hundreds of crores of taka of people's money when you were in power. You have whitened the black money," Hasina accused her political archrival.

"Their trial will definitely be held," she said, addressing a huge rally at Nilphamari Govt High School ground.

Hasina, who was the chief guest at the meeting, made the remark responding to Khaleda Zia's recent statement

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