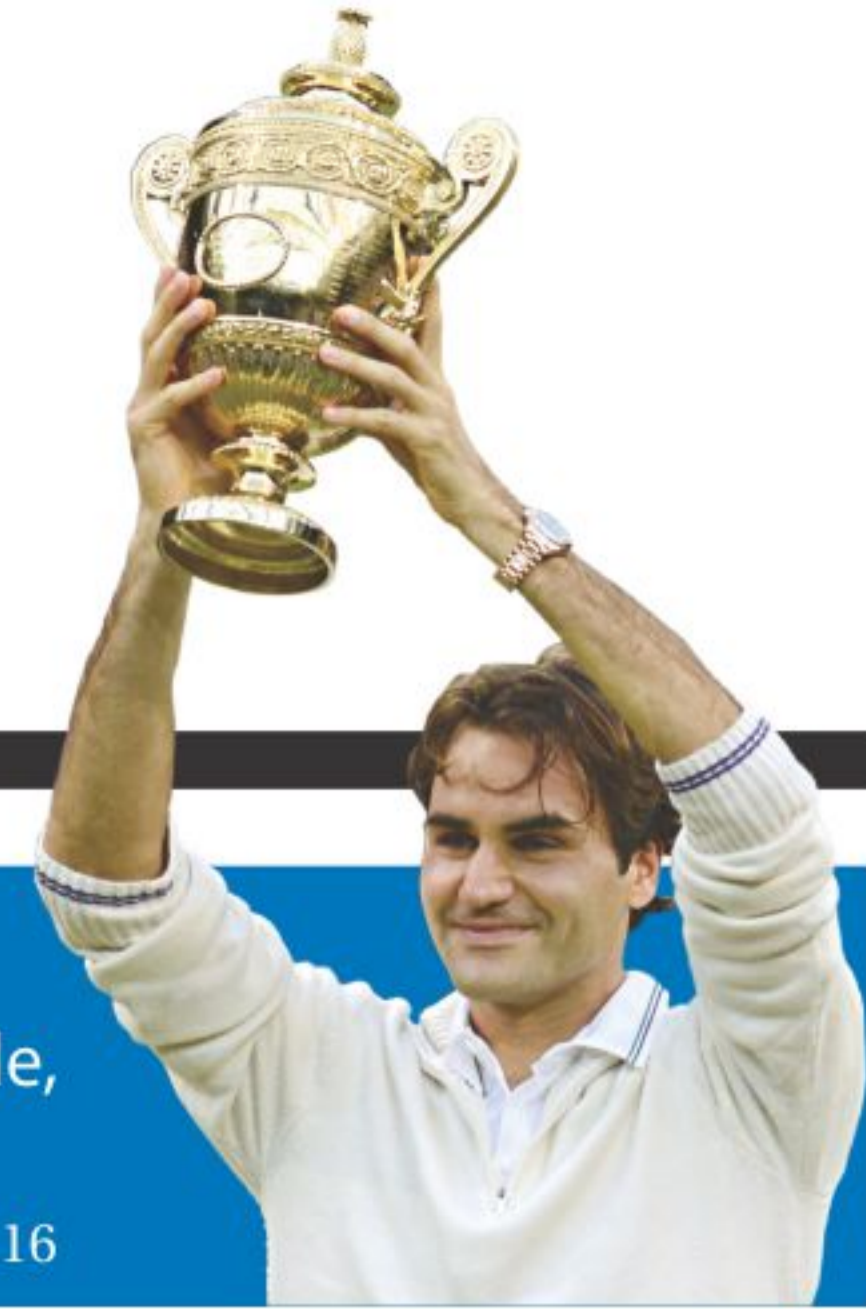


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## Padma bridge with own funds

PM lays out plan in JS, says construction begins this fiscal year and ends in 2015-16

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN  
The government will build the Padma bridge with its own funds and construction work will begin in the current fiscal year, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced in parliament yesterday.



completed within fiscal year 2015-16. The prime minister was delivering her concluding speech in the budget session of the House, which was prorogued last evening. She urged the global lenders not to put up "unnecessary obstacles" to Bangladesh's development efforts.

She said the mega project, estimated to cost around Tk 23,000 crore, would be

## Robbery, harassment rampant on highway

Businesses worried as truckers stop transporting rods from Chittagong to Dhaka

Owners of rod-carrying trucks in Chittagong went on an indefinite strike from yesterday demanding an end to frequent robbery of goods vehicles on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway. Businessmen said the incidents of robbery and subsequent strike might affect the supply of rods out of the port city, causing a price spiral of the construction material in other parts of the country.

They said transport of other goods, including export items and imported food items, might also be affected if the government failed to stop the robbery of goods vehicles on highways. It will also dent Bangladesh's image abroad, they said. "We have been appealing to the government to take necessary steps to stop robbery on highways. But it is still going on. What is happening now is an outburst

## DCs meet ministers tomorrow

PM to open 3-day conference

A three-day conference of deputy commissioners (DCs) will begin in the capital tomorrow, with law and order, prices of essentials, land management and strengthening local government bodies high on the agenda. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the



Two Rohingya women cuddle their newborns at a camp in Kutupalong, Cox's Bazar.

## LEGAL, ILLEGAL ROHINGYA SETTLEMENTS

### Climbing number, rising concern

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK, back from Cox's Bazar  
Bangladesh officially accommodates around 29,000 Rohingya refugees. However, different estimates suggest the number of the

Myanmarese minorities living in and around Cox's Bazar ranges between 2.5 and 5 lakh. In 2004, roughly around 2 lakh Rohingyas were living illegally in the region. According to locals this

number has risen to 5 lakh as illegal immigration remains almost unchallenged along the coastal borders. During a visit to the furthestmost southern district in mid-2004, this

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