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### WHEN SHE IS READY

Pranab says he'll talk to Mamata, seek nod for his presidency bid PAGE 7

partners to judge WB decision REJAUL KARIM BYRON

No representative of the World Bank was present at the meeting Finance Minister AMA Muhith held yesterday with the development partners to brief them about the government's position on the : STAFF CORRESPONDENT Padma bridge project.

At the meet of the Local Consultative Group (LCG), a joint body of the government and the development partners, Muhith said there had been no corruption in the project and that the government showed "zero tolerance" for corruption.

The finance minister told reporters after the

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A witness yesterday told

International Crimes Tribunal-1

that he saw his family members

being brutally killed during a

Pakistani army raid in 1971, with

armed BNP leader Salahuddin

humanity charges at the tribunal.

Quader Chowdhury accompanying the army.

Salahuddin Quader is facing 23 specific crimes against

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Witness tells of

brutal killings

army during the attack

Says SQ Chy was with Pak

WB skips LCG: Padma Bridge Funding

## talks with govt Muhith asks dev Tartners to judge Japan hopeful of new framework

DPM says Japan will talk to other donors; Bangladesh govt decides not to request WB now for review of its fund cancellation

: Japan thinks the Padma bridge project could be "undertaken under a new frame-; work of donor arrangement" now that the World Bank has cancelled its funding · commitment in the project.

Japan's Deputy Prime Minister Katsuya · Okada conveyed this view to Foreign . Minister Dipu Moni at a meeting with her in Tokyo yesterday.

Okada also assured the Bangladesh minister that "Japan would pursue the donor groups, including the ADB, to meeting that he had urged · embark on a negotiated settlement in **SEE PAGE 6 COL 4** · respect of the project", said a Bangladesh

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foreign ministry press release issued from the Japanese capital.

Meanwhile in Dhaka, the cabinet yesterday decided that the government would not request the WB to reconsider its cancellation of the Padma bridge loan. However, it would be open to talks if the global lender realised its "mistake" and wanted to review its decision.

"The government firmly believes it did not make any mistake. The World Bank has made an unjustified decision. Discussions can take place if it realises its mistake and intends to review its decision, but the government will not make any SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

BRIDGE WITH OWN FUND

term it a farce

Ruling AL to encourage

people to donate money

The BNP-led opposition combine plans to gear up

campaign against the government's decision to con-

struct the Padma Bridge with its own fund even by issuing

A number of ruling Awami League lawmakers yester-

day said they would counter the opposition's campaign

and engage party men to collect donation from people

set to be focused on the bridge's construction, drawing

Given the prevailing situation, the country's politics is

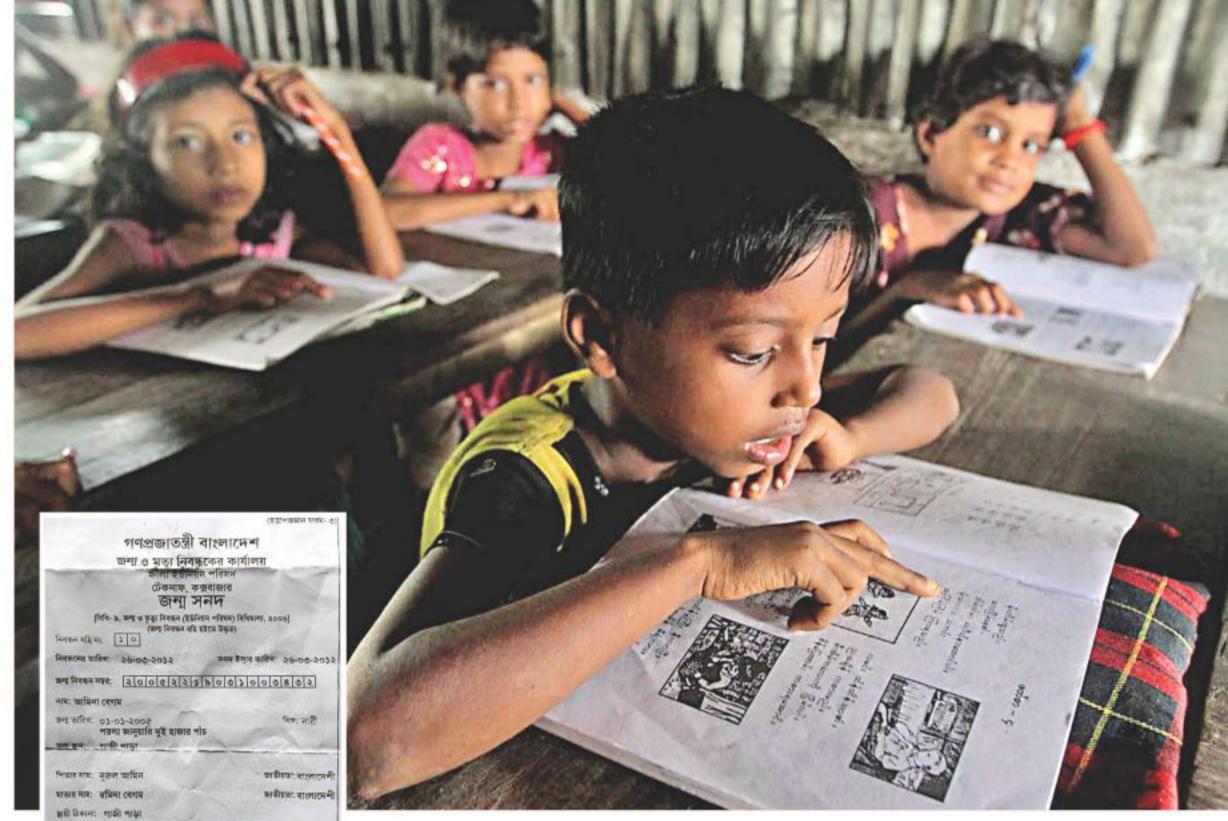
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SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

sovereign bonds to collect \$750 million.

for the construction.

Opposition leaders



Children of Nayapara Rohingya refugee camp at Teknaf in Cox's Bazar study Burmese

ROHINGYAS IN COX'S BAZAR

# Illegal stay thru' dubious means

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK, back from Cox's Bazar

A group of policemen last month came across a girl at the entrance to Nayapara Rohingya refugee camp in the district's Teknaf. She wanted to enter the camp "to meet her sister".

She claimed to be a Bangladeshi, showing her birth certificate.

Suspicious, the law enforcers challenged her claims. Faced with questioning, the girl finally admitted to being a

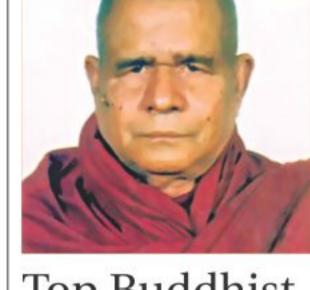
Rohingya Muslim living in the area. Police seized the birth certificate but took no further action.

Signed in March by No 2 Hnila Union Parishad Chairman Mir Qashem, the document mentioned the girl's nationality as Bangladeshi.

language. Inset, a fake birth certificate seized from a Rohingya girl.

This correspondent on a visit to the camp in the third week of last month learnt about the incident from a police official.

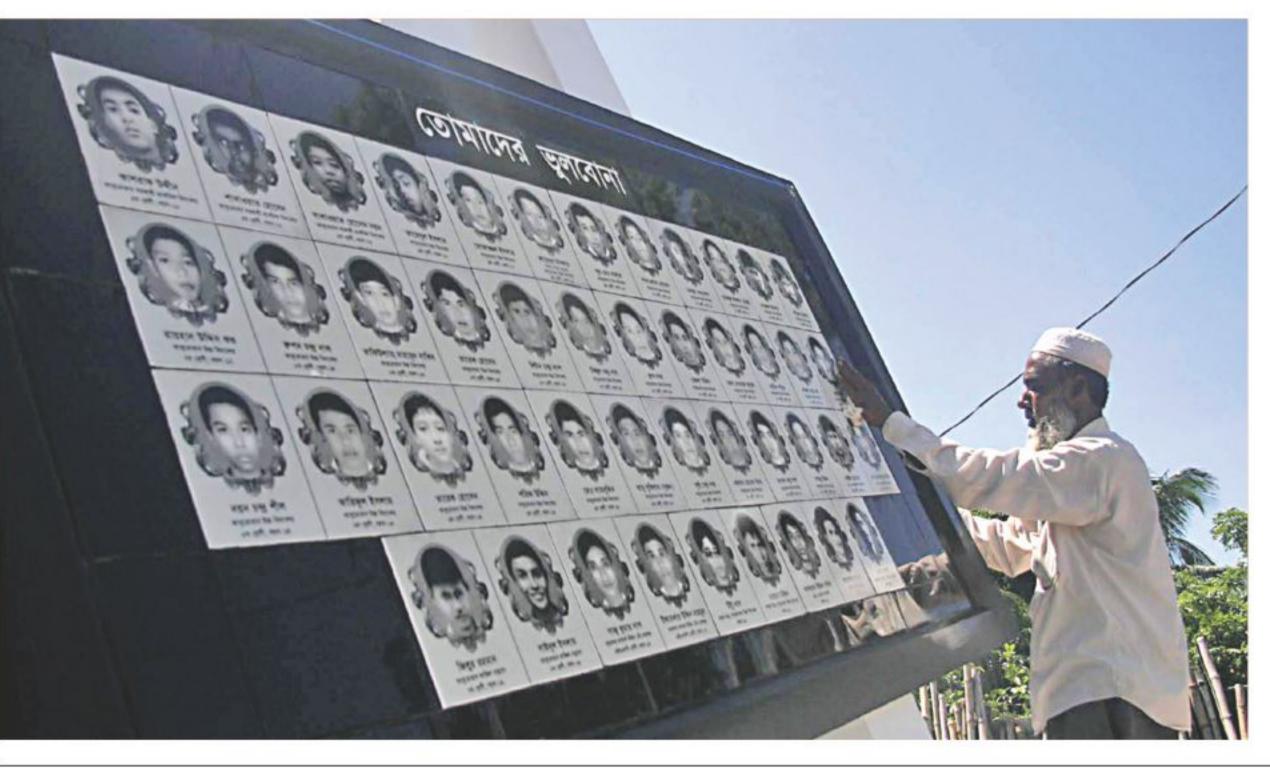
A common allegation and concern of locals is that many of the Rohingya intruders are enlisted as the country's voters and have Bangladeshi birth certificates, national identity cards and passports.



Top Buddhist spiritual leader passes away

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Moha Sanghanayak S Dhammapal Mohathero, supreme spiritual leader of the Buddhist community in the country, passed away yesterday at Sriraj **SEE PAGE 19 COL 7** 



Mason Nizam Uddin is almost done with this memorial on Abu Torab High School premises. Forty three students of this institution died in a tragic road crash in Mirsarai, Chittagong, on April 11 last year. The mason lost his youngest son in the accident but is still trying to keep him alive somehow. The photo was shot yesterday.

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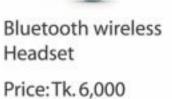
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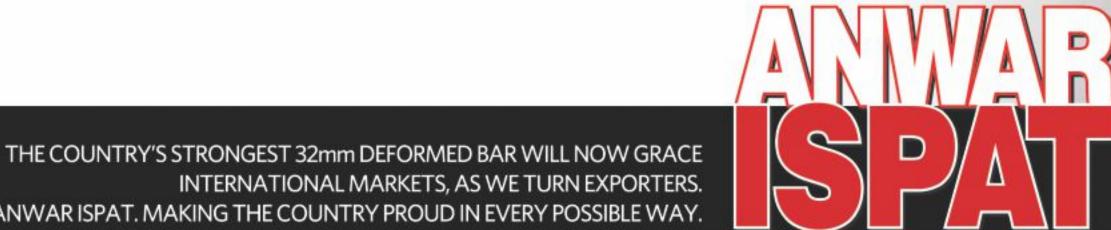


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