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DAULATDIA FERRY TERMINAL Congestion 'created' for extortion

M ABUL KALAM AZAD, from Daulatdia ferry terminal

Brokers with the help of police and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) staff intentionally create traffic congestion at Daulatdia ferry terminal in a bid to increase their illegal earning from drivers, especially truckers.

Shortage of ferries and poor infrastructure of the terminal help them blackmail the drivers and realise toll as vehicles remain stranded in long queues for hours, terminal sources say.

Usually every driver pays an additional Tk 300 to Tk 400 to the brokers, locally known as 'dalals', for 'serial' and buying ferry tickets. The amount becomes double when there are long queues of traffic, they add.

"We even have to pay up to Tk 2,000 to Tk 5,000 sometimes to cross the river," said a driver at Daulatdia terminal. "Claims of the dalals rise with the rise in number of vehicles in the terminal," he added.

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The Daulatdia-Paturia route has plunged into a crisis as four ferries lie idle, awaiting repairs at Paturia terminal. The shortage of ferries results in a huge tailback of vehicles on either side of the Padma. Seven to nine ferries have been operating on the route for decades and they go for repairs more frequently than they should. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Self-finance not viable

Expert suggests
low-interest loan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Implementation of the Padma bridge project is very difficult without low interest loans, eminent civil engineer Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury said yesterday.

"The project won't attract private investors, unless a high toll is set," he told a discussion at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) in the capital.

The World Bank, lead financier of the 2.9 billion

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PRAYER TIMING July 20		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-58
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the government will be able to take action against the Chhatra League men if found involved in collection money from people for the construction of the proposed Padma bridge?

Yes (4.0%)

No (94.6%)

No Comments! (1.4%)

TOTAL VOTES: 497

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government decision to divert money from low-priority projects for the construction of the Padma bridge is justified?

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Fatal trip on brother's bike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young woman died after she was knocked off from behind her brother on a motorbike when it bumped over a road at Kamalapur in the capital early yesterday.

Minutes before the accident, 22-year-old Moon Zerin Alam and her elder brother Ziaul Alam were waiting at Greenline bus counter at Rajarbagh to receive their mother who was on her way from Kolkata.

Ziaul told The Daily Star that since the bus in which their mother had been traveling was late, Zerin had asked him to buy her a juice. Shops in the area were closed by that time and so they decided to go to Kamalapur.

The road near the Kamalapur Railway Station has



Zerin Alam

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Mojaheed-led Al Badr killed intellectuals

Prosecution tells tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As a leader of Al Badr, Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed was responsible for the atrocities the auxiliary force to then Pakistan army had committed during the Liberation War, said the prosecution in its opening statement yesterday.

"Jamaat-e-Islami had formed the Al Badr [during the Liberation War] just like the Gestapo and SS forces [Waffen-SS] of Hitler. The force comprised of educated Jamaat youths and activists of Islami Chhatra Sangha (ICS) [the then student wing of Jamaat] killed hundreds of intellectuals [in 1971]," chief prosecutor

Ghulam Arief Tipoo told International Crimes Tribunal-2.

"So the responsibility of the crimes committed during the war definitely lies upon the leader and activists of the organisation," he told the tribunal in presence of Mojaheed.

He also said it had been proved from the fortnightly report of the then East Pakistan special branch that Mojaheed had been the general secretary of East Pakistan Islami Chhatra Sangha since September 1971 until he became its president the next month.

Prosecutors Muklesur Rahman Badal and Mir Iqbal Hossain read out the

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India to send back remains of war heroes

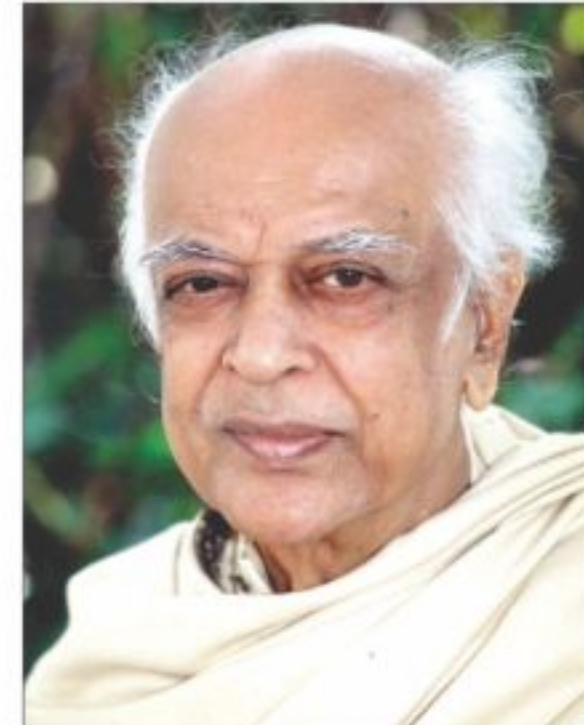
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India will hand over the remains of 2,416 Bangladeshi freedom fighters, who had been laid to rest on its eastern frontier in 1971, reports BBC Bangla.

Sayed Akbar Uddin, a spokesperson for Indian foreign ministry, yesterday told BBC that in June, a delegation from the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs of

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