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No int'l treaties placed in JS

All governments overlooked the constitutional provision

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None of the international treaties that Bangladesh signed with different countries over the last three decades has been placed in parliament.

This clearly undermines article 145A of the constitution that says: "All treaties with foreign countries shall be submitted to the President, who shall cause them to be laid before Parliament."

The provision was introduced in 1978 to ensure transparency of the government and let people know about the treaties through parliament, a number of senior lawmakers told The Daily Star.

In an amendment to the Constitution in 1991, a clause was included which says

if any treaty involves national security, it would be placed in a secret session of parliament.

Bangladesh later signed numerous treaties, conventions, protocols, and charters. Though they all are considered as treaties, none of those has been placed in parliament in the last three decades, said the lawmakers.

According to foreign ministry officials, more than a dozen treaties are signed between Bangladesh and different countries every year.

A senior official at the Parliament Secretariat said in the beginning of the ninth parliament, the communications ministry sent copies of a treaty, which

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Gold eludes Brazil again

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM from London

Romario couldn't do it, Bebeto couldn't do it, Rivaldo couldn't do it, Ronaldinho couldn't do it. Neither could Brazil's latest poster boy Neymar. The weight of history proved far too much for Mano Menezes's young Selecao and their dreams of Olympic gold crumpled to dust on the picture-perfect Wembley turf on Saturday.

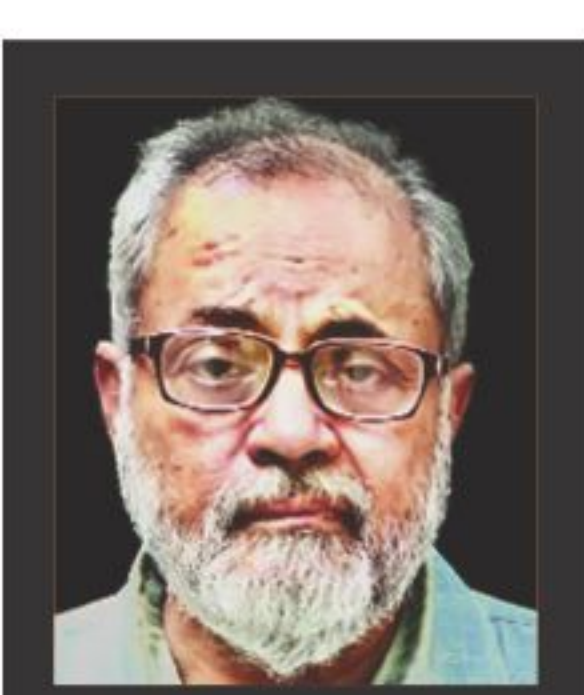
Mexico were their latest conquerors, as two goals from the dynamic Oribe Peralta saw them coast to a 2-1 win at the home of football. It also provided a re-run of football's oldest narrative; that collective discipline beats individualism every time.

For Brazil, the galling part was that both goals came from largely avoidable errors. The first, after just 25 seconds, came after

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Brazil's star striker Neymar sits all alone inconsolable after their heart-breaking 2-1 defeat against Mexico in the men's football final at Wembley yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP



Shafaat Jamil
(1940-2012)

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The passing of Colonel Shafaat Jamil brings to an end the life of yet one more heroic soldier in the war for national independence.

Jamil's finest hour came on November 3,

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Rohingyas with green passports

They find no problem in managing Bangladeshi papers; 7 held at Dhaka airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The intrusion of Rohingyas from Myanmar and their overseas travel on fake Bangladeshi passports are big headaches for the authorities.

Once abroad, they commit different kinds of crime, thus tarnishing the image of Bangladesh. The problem has been unchallenged for long.

In June, these issues again came to the fore as several hundred Rohingyas fled sectarian violence in Myanmar and into Bangladesh through the bordering area of Cox's Bazar.

The government high-ups have also expressed their concern about the problem and asked the authorities concerned to be on a state of alert.

Yesterday, the Armed Police Battalion (APBn) at Shahjalal International Airport arrested seven Rohingyas with Bangladeshi passports, all trying to depart through the airport.

One of them managed a Machine-Readable Passport (MRP), while others got forged ones -- passport books recently stolen from a Dhaka passport office, police say.

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Thirteen auto-rickshaw and taxi drivers are made to stand on one leg holding their ears at the plinth of the Santrash Birodhi Raju sculpture on Dhaka University campus yesterday. Fed up with drivers not willing to go wherever the passengers want and their refusal to use the meter, a few university students gave them the punishment.

Meter means nothing

CNG-run vehicles violating all rules

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Hop on an auto-rickshaw, tell the driver where you want to go in the capital, go there and pay him what the meter says. This was probably the original idea behind installing meters in every CNG-run auto rickshaw in the capital. The authorities had presented city dwellers with a rosy picture indeed.

A few years down the line the

picture is very different. Now, city dwellers go out to work every morning and virtually beg auto rickshaw drivers to take them to their destinations.

Paying them as per the meter is a thing of the past. Now, one must haggle before getting into an auto rickshaw and one may consider oneself lucky even if the fare charged is just double that of the meter.

A ride to Kakrail from the city's Farmgate should cost no more than Tk 60 on a CNG-run auto rickshaw considering even the heavy traffic, when waiting charges apply.

Fakhrul Islam recently had to pay Tk 130 when he along with his family went to visit his relatives in Kakrail.

Selin Cruze had even worse experience.

The embroidery artisan, who

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The Daily Star readers are sending their love to the orphans. It's time you joined them too !

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