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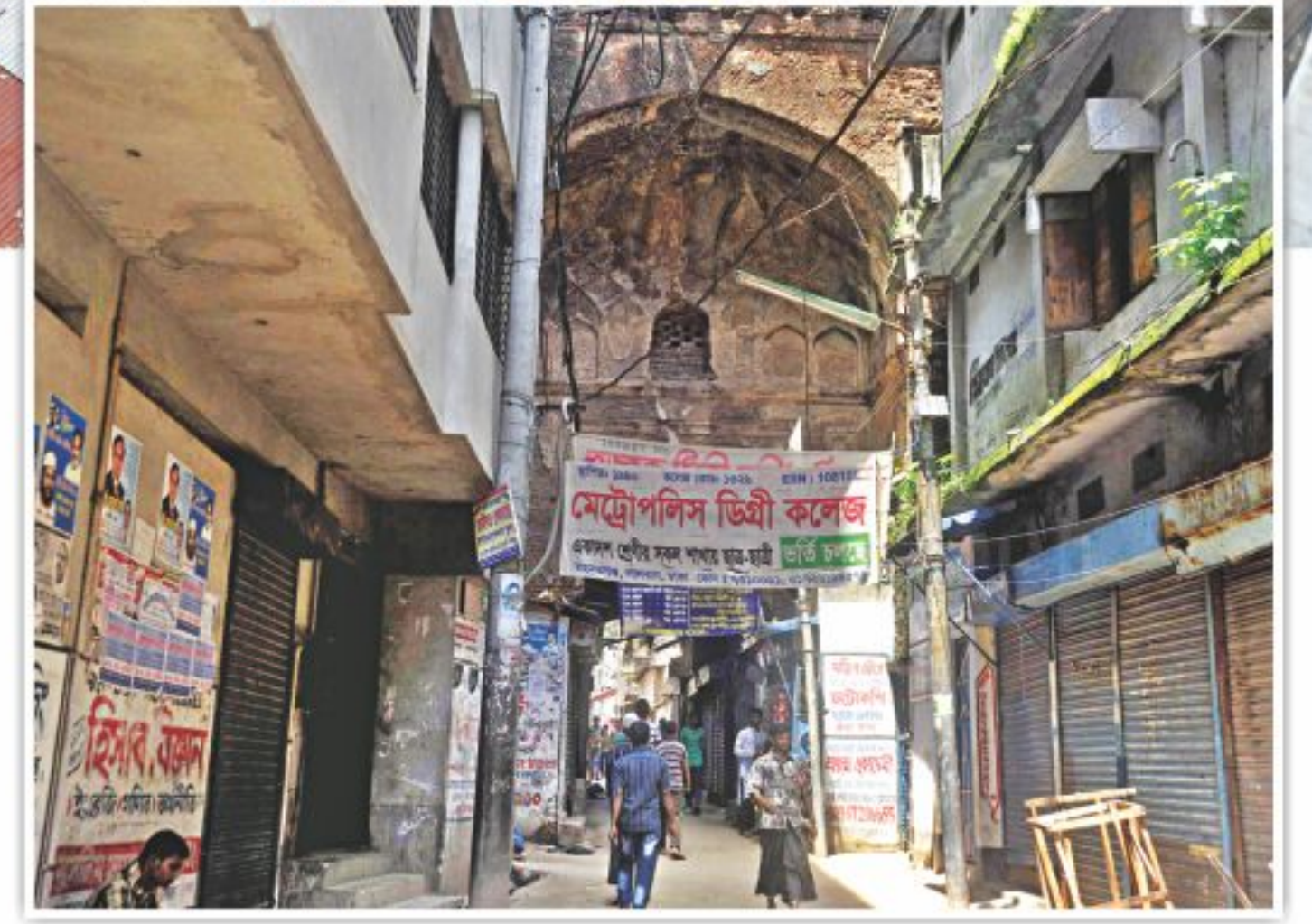
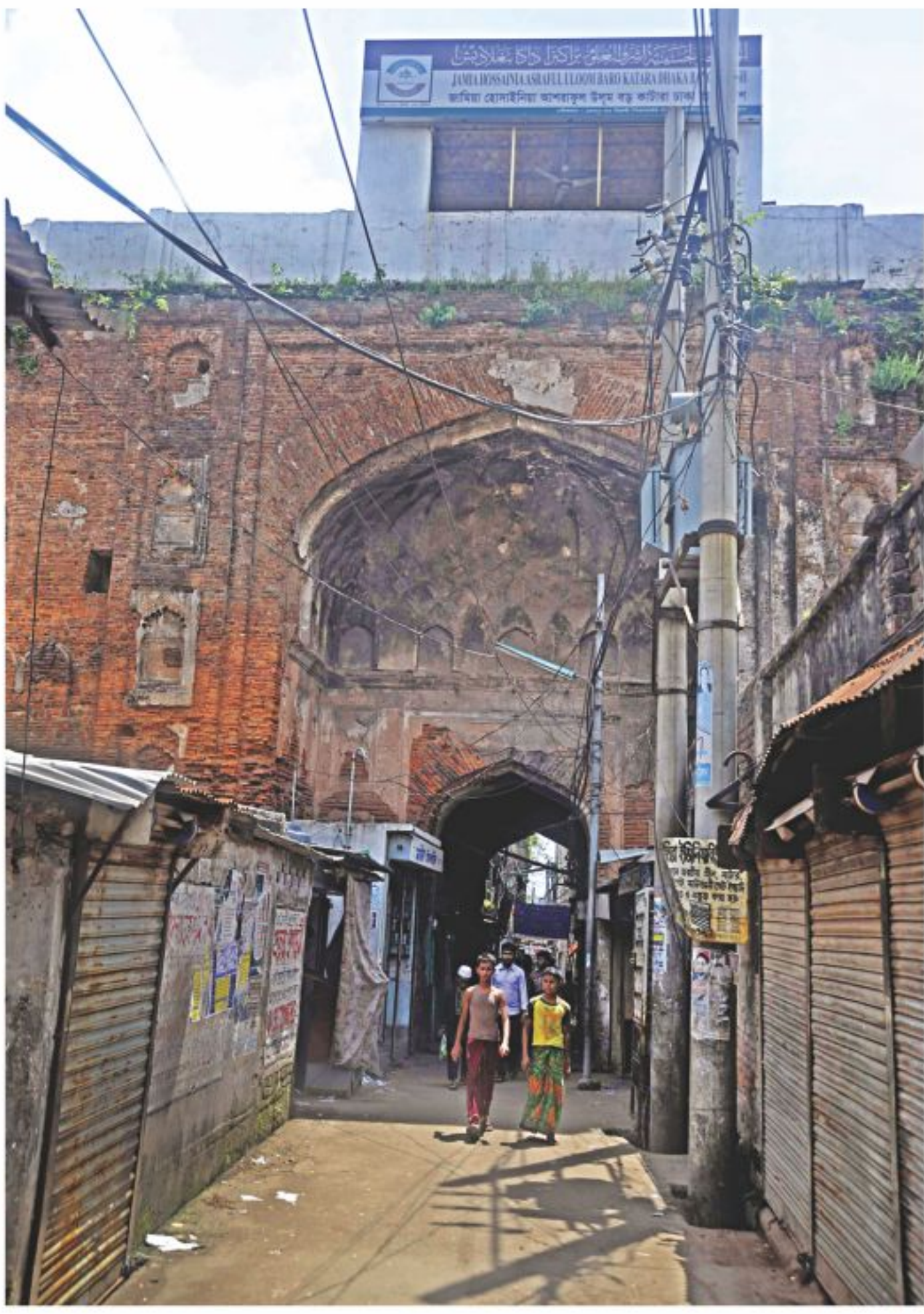
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Three architectural relics of Old Dhaka--Bara Katra, Ruplal House and Chhoto Katra (inset)--are in tatters. Declared as National Heritage Sites in 2009, hardly anything has been done to preserve them in three years. Owners' ignorance about the worth of the sites and shortage of public funds for repairs are turning the sites into ruins.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Heritage sites in ruins

ZYMA ISLAM

The laxity of property owners and lack of government funds for repair and maintenance have brought most of Dhaka's 103 national heritage sites to the brink of destruction.

After scouting the city for mosques,

temples, and buildings more than 100 years old, the authorities in 2009 had granted these sites the status of national heritage.

The Department of Archaeology (DoA) was given the responsibility to protect these sites.

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## RAJBARI, JESSORE BNP, Jubo League men shot dead

STAR REPORT

Unknown assailants gunned down an activist of opposition BNP's Rajbari district unit early yesterday allegedly over previous enmity.

Deceased SM Shamsul Alam Bablu was also the former convener of Rajbari district unit Jubo Dal, the youth wing of BNP, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

Protesting the killing, a half-day hartal was called in Rajbari district for today.

Meanwhile in Jessore, two youths including an activist of Jubo League, youth body of Awami League, were killed in separate incidents last night.



Shamsul Alam Bablu

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## France backs no-fly zone in Syria

2 lakh flee war-torn country after fresh raids

AFP, Paris

France indicated that it would consider supporting a partial no-fly zone over Syria, turning the screws on President Bashar al-Assad's regime as fighting spilled into Lebanon yesterday stroking fears of a spillover of bloodshed in the region.

French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian however warned that shutting all of Syria's air space would mean "going to war" and would require a willing international coalition that has not yet materialized.

Speaking on France 24 television, Le Drian called for considering a partial

closure of Syria's air space, as suggested by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius also indicated separately in a press conference that France was weighing a possible no-fly zone.

In his interview, Le Drian stressed that France would not accept a political transition in Syria without Assad stepping down.

Hillary said earlier this month that the issue of imposing safety and no-fly zones around ravaged cities such as Aleppo "need greater in-depth analysis." She said

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MASS KILLING IN NORWAY

## Breivik jailed for 21 years

REUTERS, Oslo

Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik was jailed for a maximum term yesterday when judges declared him sane enough to answer for the murder of 77 people last year, drawing a smirk of triumph from the self-styled warrior against Islam.

An unrepentant Breivik, 33, gave the Oslo court a stiff-armed, clenched-fisted salute before being handed the steepest possible penalty, 21 years.

His release, however, can be put off indefinitely should he still pose a threat to a liberal society left traumatized by

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Yes (90%)  
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TODAY'S POLL

Do you believe that Rab will be able to arrest the killers of the journalist couple Sagar and Runi after getting the full DNA profile of a person from the T-shirt of slain journalist Meherun Runi?

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Scaffoldings of makeshift shops built on the pavement across Dhaka College before the Eid are still there putting pedestrians in difficulty. Most pavements in the area were illegally occupied by hawkers before the Eid.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Doctor's killers still untraced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are yet to identify the killers of Doctor Narayan Chandra Dutta Nitai but they assume that he was a victim of robbery.

Nitai's relatives, however, claim that it was a murder. Nitai, assistant professor of the National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital (NIDCH), was stabbed to death by unknown criminals at his quarters in

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