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## STRATEGICALLY SPEAKING

There is more to what happened in Ramu than merely religion

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Arrest the culprits  
PM asks home minister not to spare anyone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the home minister not to spare anyone, whoever they might be and irrespective of their political affiliation, in connection with the attacks on Buddhist temples and houses.

She issued the directive after a cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's Office.

"All the culprits responsible for the mayhem must be brought to book," the premier told Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir.

Cabinet sources said the premier and the home

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## HC weighs in

Asks govt to ensure security of all places of worship, explain police inaction; Ramu locals pledge harmony

STAR REPORT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to provide all mosques, temples, churches, pagodas and other places of worship across the country with adequate security measures.

It expressed concern about the recent violence in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong during which several pagodas and homes of Buddhists were burnt down.

In response to two writ petitions, it also asked the government to explain within a week as to why its "failure" to ensure secu-

rity of the citizens of the country, including people of religious minorities, should not be declared illegal.

The home secretary, inspector general of police, deputy commissioners and superintendents of police of Cox's Bazar and Chittagong and officers-in-charge of Ramu, Ukhia, Teknaf and Patiya police stations were ordered to respond to the rule.

The court also ordered the home secretary to submit to it a probe report on the attack on the Buddhist community by October 17.

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## HALL-MARK LOAN SCAM

## Sonali directors put blame on management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Immediate-past directors of Sonali Bank yesterday tried to wash their hands of the Hall-Mark loan scam and blamed the Tk 2,686 crore swindle squarely on the bank's management.

A four-member parliamentary probe committee held a meeting with the bank's nine former directors for nearly three hours at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

"They (directors) claimed Hall-Mark had swindled the money in collaboration with the bank's management (officials)," Tajul Islam, the committee chief, told

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## Gun-toting BCL man sues others

Leaves police station without challenge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An expelled leader of the Bangladesh Chhatra League, who openly brandished firearms during Tuesday's clash at Rajshahi University (RU), yesterday went to Motihar Police Station in person and filed a case against Shibir men.

SM Towhid Al Hossain Tuhin, former organising secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), filed the case against 21 Shibir activists by name, with 100 others remaining unnamed, said Anisur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the police station.

The president and general secretary of the pro-Jamaat student organisation's RU unit were among the accused, he told The Daily Star over the phone.

When he was asked how a gun-toting

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PHOTO: STAR

Tuhin brandishing a revolver on Rajshahi University campus on Tuesday.

## BCL encouraged to be unruly

No AL biggies watching BCL activities; govt does nothing but warning errant boys

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Unruly activities by members of Bangladesh Chhatra League could not be contained as no significant action was taken against their past misdeeds although the government and Awami League high-ups repeatedly issued warnings to that end.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has several times directed the authorities concerned to take punitive actions

against BCL activists if they break the law. However, neither the authorities nor the BCL itself has so far taken any serious measures against the wrongdoers.

Many unruly BCL members who are blessed by local AL leaders and lawmakers across the country are aware they would be protected by their leaders. It is one of the major reasons behind failure to rein in BCL activities, observe AL and BCL insiders.

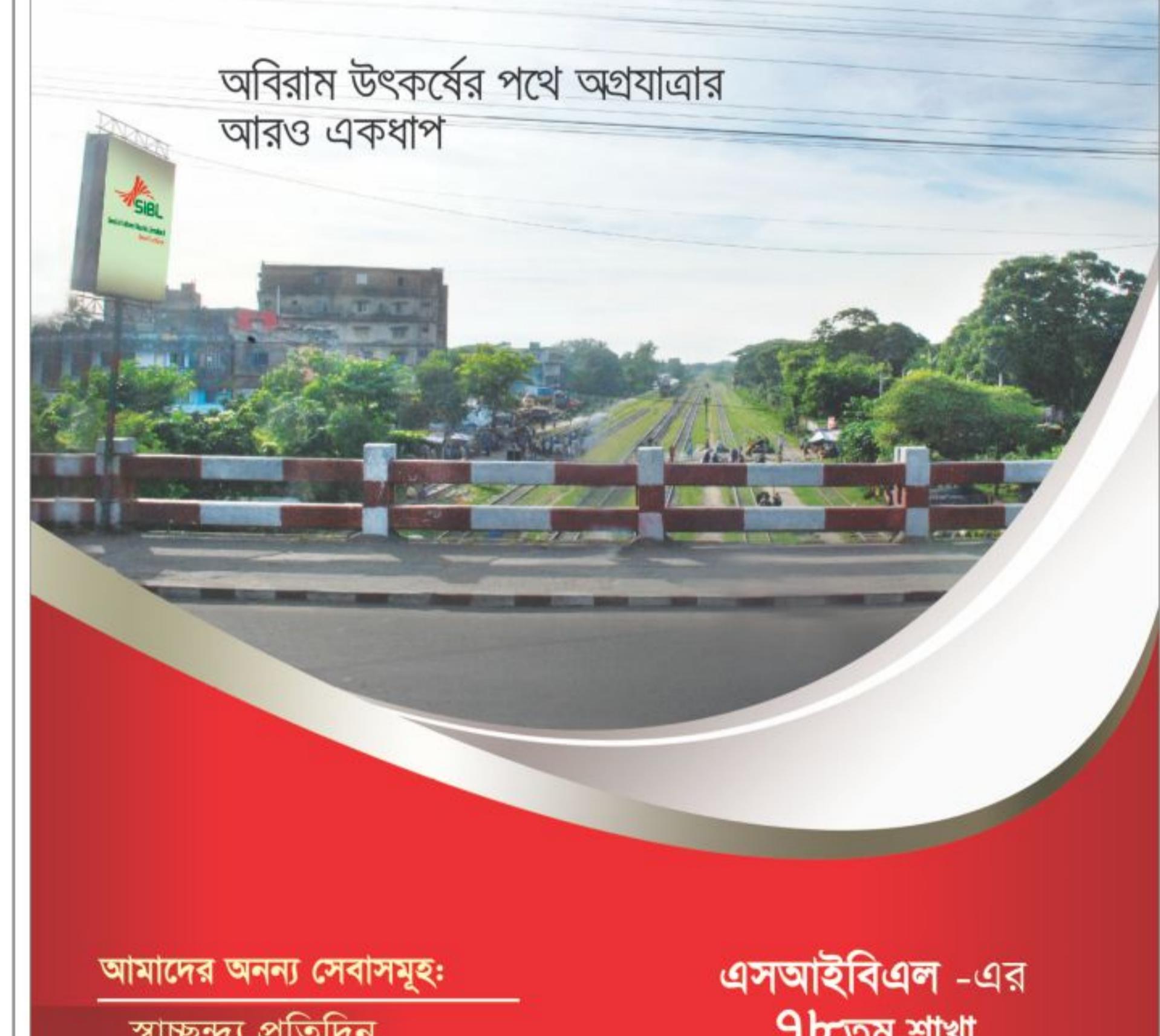
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## HEROES of our time

These rather ordinary-looking men, along with many others, played a significant role in preventing the criminals' attack on a pagoda in Chengrashat, Chittagong on Saturday night. The Daily Star ran a story on these heroes yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



## Last day of school, last day of life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was the last day of their school life.

Bappi and Sajal with seven other friends planned to do something memorable to mark the day. Accordingly, they went on a boat ride yesterday in a pond at Demra in the capital.

The students went on the ride in a fish

## Alal held for vehicle arson

Fakhrul blames govt for violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syed Mazzam Hossain Alal, president of BNP's youth wing Juba Dal, was arrested yesterday noon after being confined for over 18 hours at the party headquarters in the capital following a rowdy protest on Tuesday afternoon.

Detectives arrested Alal at Bijoy Nagar intersection, minutes after he came out of



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## Focus on two men

## A top BNP leader asked from Netrakona for Tuesday's violence, a student leader carried it out in Dhaka

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The rampage in the capital's Nayapaltan and Kakrail on Tuesday followed the instructions from a top influential leader of BNP, claimed sources in the party.

By giving such instructions, the leader violated the party high command's orders not to engage in clashes with the law enforcers or the ruling party activists.

Some BNP leaders termed the incident "sabotage" against the

party which is now trying to drum up public support to wage an anti-government movement to restore the caretaker government system.

Several senior leaders, however, claimed that the clash was "pre-meditated and stage-managed" by the government only to arrest BNP's mid-level leaders who are active in anti-government agitations.

Upon hearing the news that party standing committee

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