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# 4pc was for Abul

Mentions Lavalin official's diary; ACC team files Padma graft conspiracy probe report; 7 officials accused, but Abul left out

M RAHMAN

An Anti-Corruption Commission enquiry team in its final report has recommended filing case against seven persons, excluding former minister Syed Abul Hossain, for corruption conspiracy in the Padma bridge project.

However, the report, submitted

yesterday, says the ACC high-ups should decide on whether Abul Hossain would be sued.

The ACC bosses are split over implicating the ex-minister although the World Bank provided the anti-graft body with "evidence of corruption" against him.

Ramesh Shah, arrested official of Canadian firm SNC Lavalin, in his

diary had mentioned Abul as the recipient of 4 percent out of 10pc bribe from the sum fixed for bridge supervision work, sources say.

The 10pc is equivalent to Tk 38 crore.

The seven include former Bridges Division secretary Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan and Lavalin

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Canadian company SNC Lavalin, which did not even qualify, was selected as the number one bidder in the tender for supervising Padma bridge construction through a corruption conspiracy by several government officials and powerful individuals, says the ACC enquiry report.

In order to make sure that Lavalin gets the job, the Bridges Division dissolved the

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## Findings in short



"Chhatra League activists" beat and hack a youth named Bishwajit, mistaking him for an opposition supporter. The photo was taken in front of Victoria Park in Old Dhaka yesterday. Bishwajit died of his injuries later. Right, mourning relatives of the deceased.

PHOTO: STAR

## A murder: who will explain?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An ardent fan of cricket, Bishwajit Das watched the Bangladesh-West Indies match at a shop next to his tailoring house on Saturday. To celebrate the Bangladesh win, he then partied with his friends at his shop late that night. Little did he know it would be his last celebration.

Yesterday, the 24-year-old was killed in an attack by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists, who took him for a pro-blockade activist, witnesses said.

A group of 10-12, swooped on him near Bahadur Shah Park in Old Dhaka around 8:30am on his way to work. They beat him with sticks and iron rods and hacked him with sharp weapons. Bishwajit

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Cowering in terror, this boy takes cover from violence near Kanchpur bus stop on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway. He got separated from his father during running battles between police and the blockade supporters yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Blockade aims to save war criminals: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has blasted the opposition for enforcing countrywide road blockade programme yesterday to save war criminals.

She also said the blockade was observed at a

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## Terror strikes roads

2 killed, 290 injured as BNP-led blockaders clash with cops, AL men; 50 vehicles burnt, 150 vandalised; protest today, hartal tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even before the sun broke through the winter fog, thousands of BNP and Jamaat activists took absolute control of Dhaka's entry points yesterday and went on the rampage, bashing and torching vehicles,

and sending terror down the spine of city dwellers.

At least two people were killed during the violence. A Jamaat activist died in Sirajganj town during a clash with Awami League activists. In Dhaka's Sutrapur, a

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## Only T20 against WI today

SPORTS REPORTER

With both teams having won one series each, the only Twenty20 International between Bangladesh and West Indies, which is scheduled to begin at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium at 6:00 pm today, promises to provide the month-long tour a fitting end.

The game will be shown live on Channel 9 and state-run television BTV.

The visitors, despite having lost the closely-contested one day international series, will be the favourites going into today's game. While the West Indies failed to perform as a collective unit in most of the ODI matches, there was however some individual performances that hinted at the potential of the team.

Kieron Pollard's whirlwind 85 off 74 in the last

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