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Padma bridge with local funds

Muhith unveils project plan at JS; design won't be changed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday told parliament that the government would build the Padma bridge with domestic funds keeping the present design intact.

However, talks would continue with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) and Islamic Development Bank (IDB) over the project implementation.

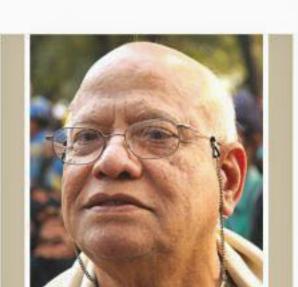
Dhaka was also maintaining contacts with the World Bank, though the government would not seek loan from the global lender for the project, he said.

The government will also welcome if the WB external panel wants to assist the Anti-Corruption Commission probe into the project graft allegations.

The minister said existing development partners might like to provide fund for the country's largest infrastructure project in future.

China and Malaysia and indirectly India had shown interest in financing the bridge construction, he added, without elaborating their offers or the government position on them.

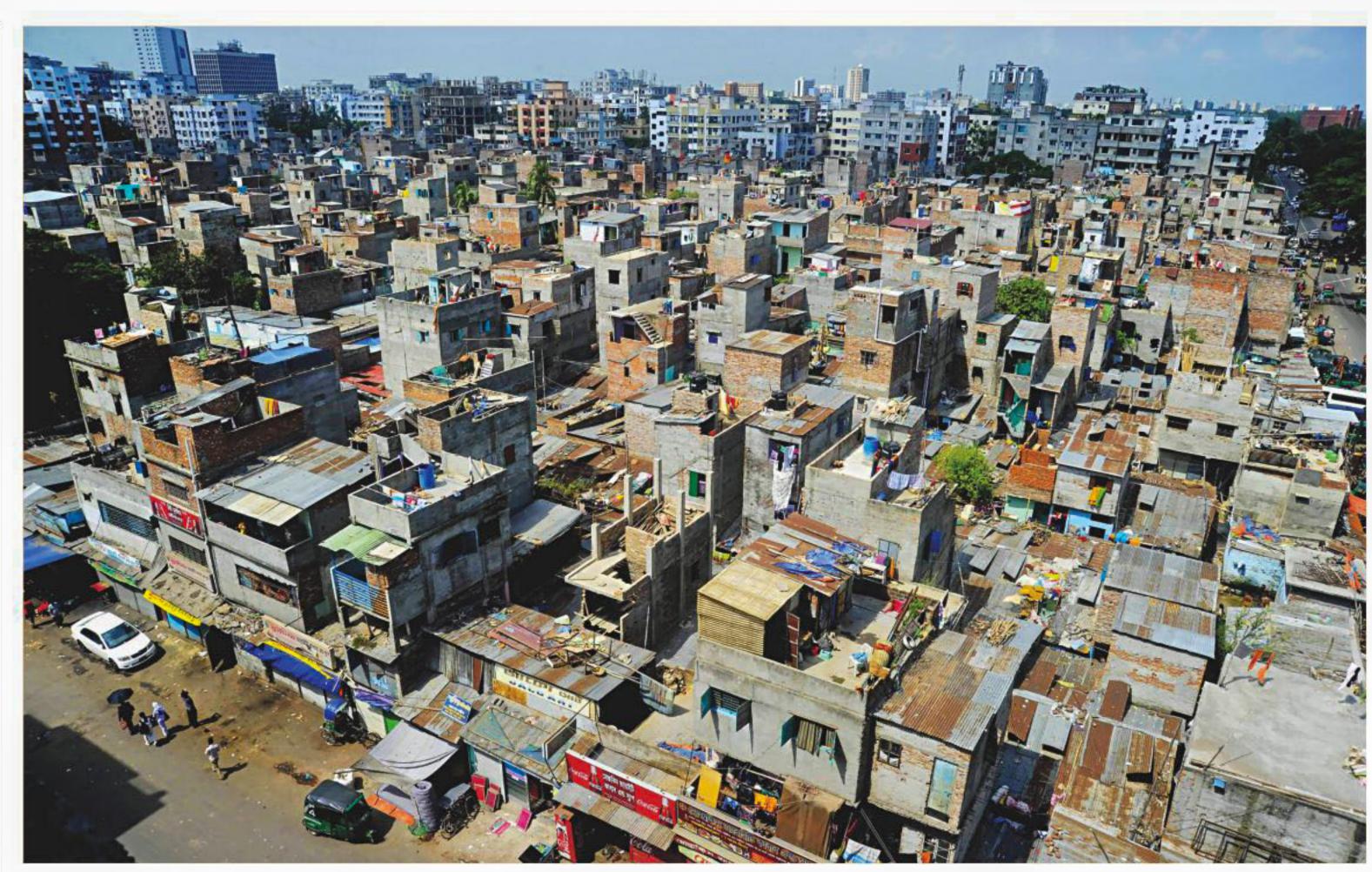
However, the implementation would start in the current fiscal year and will be completed within three years, SEE PAGE 19 COL 5



Govt to raise \$3.05b within four years Work starts this fiscal year, ends in 3 years

Govt to welcome WB external panel's assist in ACC probe

> Talks with three co-financiers to continue



UNPLANNED URBANISATION... An aerial view of Geneva Camp for stranded Pakistanis in the capital's Mohammadpur. This unplanned concrete jungle is in reality a death trap where several hundred families live risking their lives. The photo taken recently shows camp dwellers erected dozens of rickety buildings with little care for safety. One resident said his family was getting larger but the housing was not.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

in Quader Mollah case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 is going to deliver the verdict in the

case filed against Jamaate-Islami Assistant Secretary General Abdul

Quader Mollah in connection with crimes against SEE PAGE 6 COL 1 .

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Jamaat Warns Verdict today Jamaat Warns of civil war

Calls nationwide hartal today; passenger killed as bus torched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jamaat-e-Islami has called a countrywide dawn-to-dusk harta for today, protesting the verdict to be delivered in a war crimes case against its leader Abdul Quader Mollah.

Yesterday, it also threatened to enforce non-stop hartals from tomorrow "if the government's blue print of punishing Jamaat leaders · reflects in the verdict" due today at the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

"Don't push the country into a civil war by delivering one-sided : observed.

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BNP differs with Jamaat

Says it does not support demand for scrapping of war crimes tribunals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP does not support Jamaat-e-Islami's : demand for dismantling of the war crimes tribunals, the main opposition party's coor-· dinator Tariqul Islam said yesterday.

"On this point, BNP does not bear any : ideological resemblance to Jamaat," Tariqul

He was talking to reporters at the party's SEE PAGE 7 COL 6

Crash kills 16 Bangladeshis in Abu Dhabi

STAR REPORT

At least 16 Bangladeshis died in a terrible road crash that claimed 22 lives and injured 25 others at Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates yesterday, police and Bangladesh embassy officials in the UAE said.

Latiful Haque, a labour councillor at Bangladesh mission there, told The Daily Star over the phone that they had identified 16 of the dead as Bangladeshis and one as an Indian.

He suspected the rest too were Bangladeshis. Early in the morning, the bus carrying them collided

with a truck laden with sand and other construction materials when the workers were on their way to work in a camp, said Latiful. The accident happened around 7:45am (local time), said

Brigadier Hussain Ahmad Al Harithi, director of Abu Dhabi Police Traffic and Patrol Directorate, states Gulf News.

The bus was carrying 46 people, says Gulf News, while Khaleej Times reports the number to be 55.

"I was driving to our camp when I saw a concreteladen truck crash into a bus coming from the opposite SEE PAGE 19 COL 7

Jinnah makes matters worse SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The very first session of the East Bengal Legislative Assembly after the creation of Pakistan was scheduled for March 15,

1948 in Dhaka. On the eve of the session, students of Dhaka University gathered before Burdwan House (today's Bangla Academy), the official residence of chief minister Khwaja Nazimuddin, to register their protest against the police action of March 11. The Students Action

Committee formed against the backdrop of the incidents of March 11 made it known that a strike would be called on March 15 to emphasise

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No worries

Hasina allays cabinet colleagues' concern over Padma issue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday assured her cabinet colleagues that the much-discussed Padma bridge will be constructed.

She made the comment when State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Motahar Hossain expressed concern about the fate of the bridge after a cabinet meeting SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

Destiny back in business

Operates with new bank accounts; no govt action to stop controversial MLM business

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

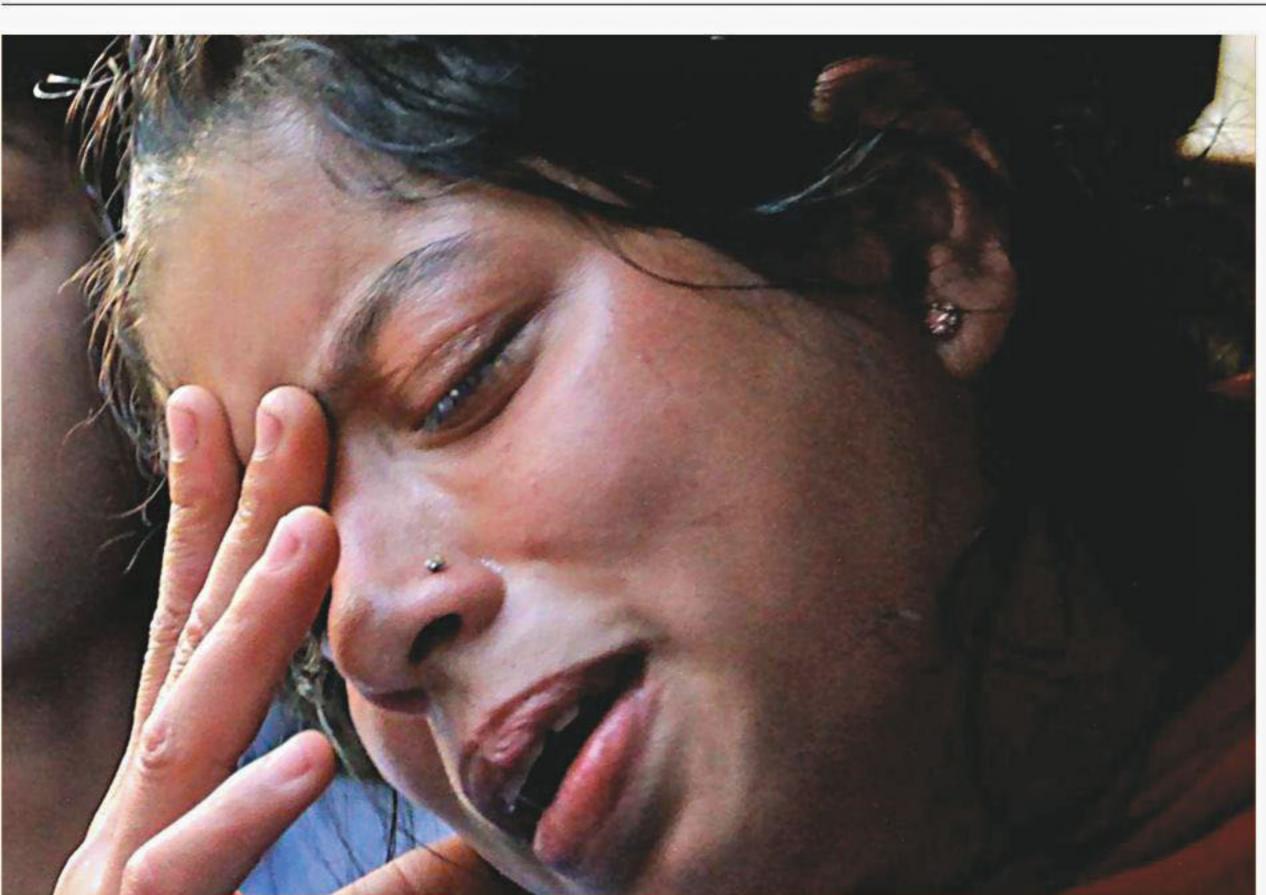
The government's lenient attitude towards Destiny, a controversial multilevel marketing (MLM) company, has allowed the firm to resume its operation 10 months after the central bank froze its bank accounts.

The MLM company resumed its business last month by opening bank accounts against individuals with different commercial banks, as the company's bank accounts have remained

frozen since May last year.

"Destiny could not restart business as its bank accounts were frozen. However, the firm resumed business last month with some new bank accounts. The company transacts mostly in cash," said a profit sharing distributor, known as PSD, at Destiny 2000.

Afsarul Amin, nephew of Destiny mastermind Rafiqul Amin, is now leading Destiny 2000 in the absence of his uncle, who is now in prison **SEE PAGE 7 COL 1**



Blast at paper mill kills 2 workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

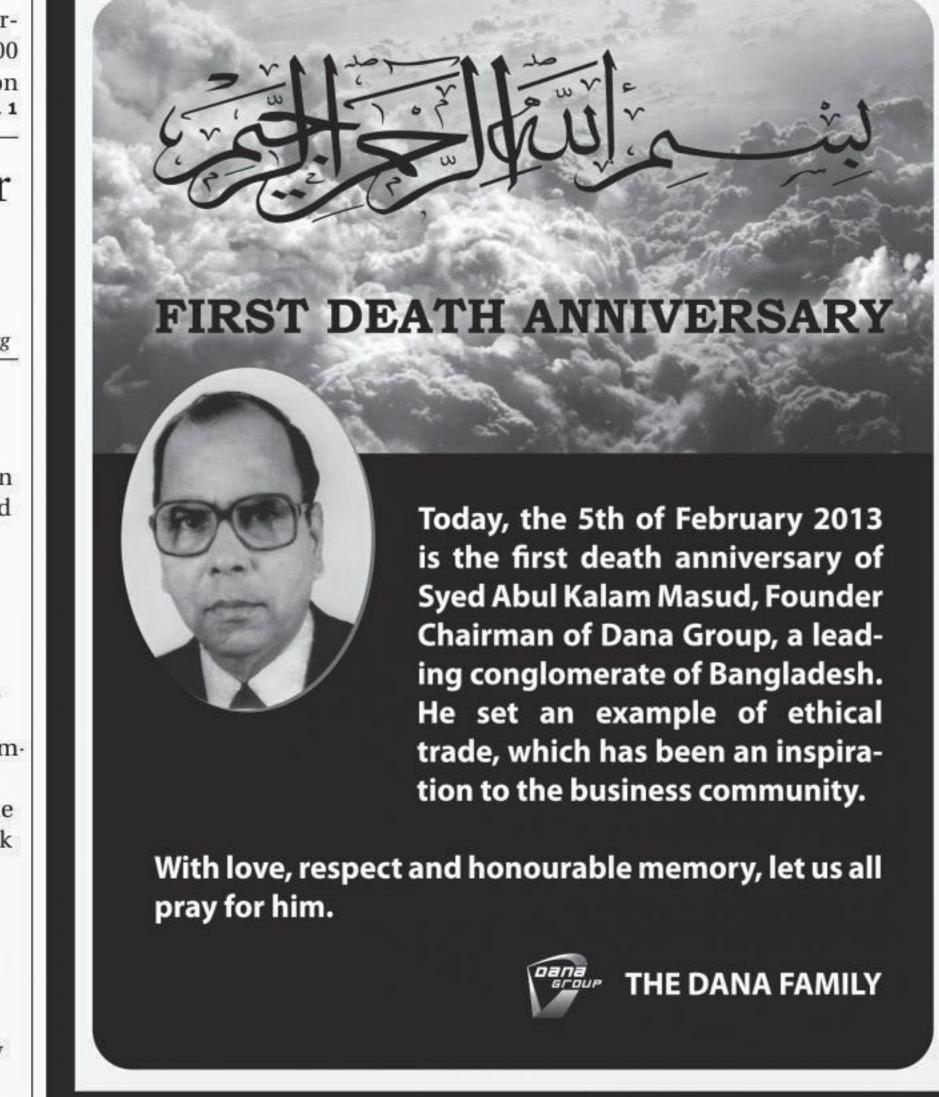
Two workers of Karnaphuli Paper Mills (KPM) were killed and another was injured when a hydrogen tank exploded at the mill in Kaptai upazila of Rangamati yesterday.

The dead are Obaidul Haque, 55, and Rabiul Islam, 30, from Noakhali.

Co-workers said the blast occurred at the chemical plant of the mill around 11:30am when the trio were welding the tank to repair it.

Obaidul died on the spot while Rabiul succumbed to his injuries at Christian Missionary Hospital in Chandraghona. Critically injured Moinuddin was

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Wife mourns for husband, one of the two workers killed in a hydrogen tank explosion at Karnaphuli Paper Mills in Rangamati yesterday. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS