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His son, Prince Philippe, will take over as Belgium's seventh king

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## FLAT FOR MPs Relatives, staff occupy

*Situation unchanged even 3 yrs after JS committee's findings*

**RASHIDUL HASAN**

As many as 66 lawmakers, including Deputy Speaker Col (retd) Shawkat Ali, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad, LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam and some other ministers, are illegally allowing their relatives or personal staff to live in apartments designated for members of parliament.

According to the flat allocation policy, only the legislators themselves or their spouses, parents, sons and daughters are eligible to reside in the 324 flats of six MP buildings on Manik Mia Avenue and four at Nakhhalpara in the capital.

The Parliament Secretariat sources say the chief of the Sangsad Committee can give permission to an MP's near ones to live in any of the flats under special consideration if the lawmaker applies in this regard. "But no MPs ever took that permission," said a senior official of the Parliament Secretariat last week.

Last night, this correspondent visited MP building No 4 on Manik Mia Avenue and found Ershad's flat No 603 locked.

The same building houses Syed Ashraf's flat No 402. There was a nameplate, bearing his name and designation in Bangla. As the correspondent knocked on the door, a man came out and introduced himself as Faisal, the caretaker.

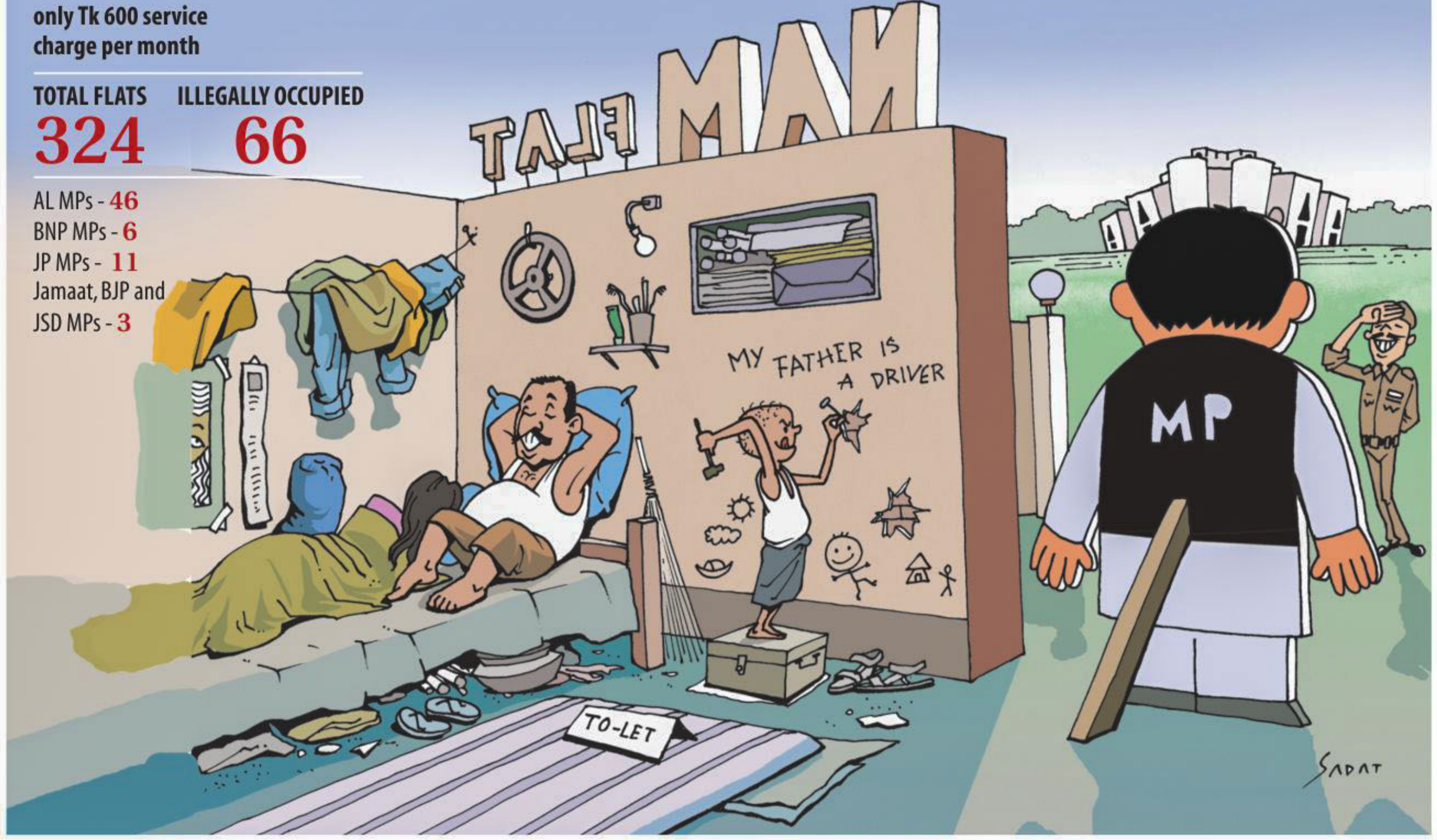
A friend of the minister lives in the apartment and he was out at that

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TOTAL FLATS	ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED
<b>324</b>	<b>66</b>

AL MPs - 46  
BNP MPs - 6  
JP MPs - 11  
Jamaat, BJP and JSD MPs - 3



## JOURNO ASSAULT BY MP AL embarrassed

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The ruling Awami League yesterday strongly condemned Saturday's attack on two journalists by party lawmaker Golam Moulana Rony, describing the incident as shameful and sad.

Meanwhile, Rony was granted ad-interim bail after he had surrendered before a Dhaka court in connection with an attempt-to-murder case filed by Independent Television for assaulting its reporter Imtiaz Momin and cameraperson Mohsin Mukul.

Rony had beaten up Imtiaz and Mohsin, members of a team that produces a crime-investigative show, Talash, for the TV channel, at his Topkhana Road office in the capital. The two had gone there after receiving information that the lawmaker would receive a bribe of more than Tk 1 crore sent from Patuakhali.



## NEWS ANALYSIS Safe haven for Rony, others

**SHAKHAWAT LITON**

What Golam Moulana Rony, a ruling Awami League MP, did on Saturday was nothing new and surprising at all. By mercilessly beating up two newsmen of Independent TV, Rony rather reminded people of the saga of some other ruling AL MPs' unruly behaviour as well as controversial and criminal activities over the past four and a half years.

Their actions have undermined the image of parliament and of the government as well. But no exemplary action has been taken against any of those MPs. The reason was clear. All of them belong to the ruling AL camp, which has appeared as a safe haven for unruly and controversial MPs.

So Rony need not be worried much as he belongs to the same AL camp. In order to have his confidence boosted some more, he may revisit the incident caused by his colleague Kamal Ahmed Majumder in 2012.

Kamal assaulted a woman television journalist at

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## FOREIGN TRIPS Dipu Moni blasts media reports

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday slammed a section of the media for publishing reports on her "frequent" trips abroad in the last four and a half years.

"This is an orchestrated campaign against me... I have no idea about the motive behind this smear campaign. But I can say this is a campaign against an honest politician," she said.

Referring to a particular newspaper report on her 187 foreign trips and 600 days of overseas stay in the

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## Commission is 30pc TIB study reveals how corruption eats into LGED projects

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Contractors have to pay up to 30 percent commission to lawmakers, politicians and government officials for implementing each component of a project of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), says a study of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

They pay up to 20 percent of the component's total budget for getting work, and up to 10 percent for receiving payments against the bills, according to the study based on analysis of official documents, field-level data and interviews of stakeholders.

TIB officials yesterday presented the findings at a roundtable "Problems for good-governance in Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and Way Forward" at the Cirdap auditorium in the capital. Data for the study were collected between February 2010 and May this year.

The study found corruption, misuse of public resources and logistics, and irregularities in manpower recruitment, promotion, transfer, project formulation, financial audit

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**LGED Corruption**

10% to 20% commission to get Work order

10% to 15% commission if politically negotiated

8.5% to 10.5% bribe to cash the bills



People living in Ambagan Jhautola Bihari Colony of Chittagong city make motifs on dresses. The dresses end up in fancy shops and malls of the port city. With Eid almost here and time for shopping running out, the people of the colony are working flat out.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## Mueen was among the abductors Martyr Selina Parvin's son testifies at war tribunal

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Shumon Zahid, son of martyred journalist Selina Parvin, yesterday testified that alleged Al-Badr leader Chowdhury Mueen Uddin was among the abductors who took away his mother on December 13, 1971.

Shumon, third prosecution witness in the case against "absconding" Mueen Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan, said the duo were also "involved" in abduction and killings of several intellectuals during the Liberation War.

The witness, who was eight in 1971, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that he and one of his maternal uncles were present when his mother was taken. His uncle had identified Mueen Uddin as an abductor from newspaper photos.

Selina Parvin became the target of Al-Badr as many pro-liberation writers used to write in her weekly Sheelalipi. She used to spend the money she had earned from the weekly for the treatment of wounded freedom fighters, Shumon said.

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## War trial 'a joke' Fugitive top accused of intellectual killings gives outrageous interview to Al Jazeera TV

**JULFIKAR ALI MANIK**

Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed had made an audacious comment in 2007 that there were no war criminals in Bangladesh and last week the Al-Badr leader was convicted and condemned for crimes against humanity he committed during the Liberation War.

Chowdhury Mueen Uddin, who was allegedly a little down in the pecking order from Mojaheed at Al-Badr in 1971, has now made a similarly audacious comment.

In an interview with Al Jazeera TV, Mueen said, "The tribunal in Bangladesh is a joke. It's a sham trial they are conducting." He denied he had any involvement in Al-Badr. He referred to the freedom fighters as "so-called Mukti Bahini" during the interview.

Mueen has recently been indicted for crimes against humanity at International Crimes Tribunal-2.

It is well documented in 1971 and 1972

newspaper reports, Liberation War history books and in the judgments delivered by the international crimes tribunals as to how the Al-Badr was formed and how it carried out atrocities.

According to such documents, Al-Badr was called a killing squad of the Pakistan army formed with members of the Jamaat's then student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha. They also provide evidence regarding Mueen's atrocious role during the war.

"After independence, they did concoct stories and other stories of all nature in the newspapers and other media," he claimed before the TV channel on Saturday.

However, even the foreign media carried reports on him soon after Bangladesh was liberated on December 16, 1971.

The New York Times reported that Mueen played a significant role in the killing of intellectuals prior to the birth of Bangladesh.

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Mueen Uddin

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