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AL boosts young leadership

83 new assistant secretaries inducted in its central sub-committees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has approved inclusion of 83 assistant secretaries in the party's central sub-committees to strengthen its organisational capacity ahead of the next parliamentary elections.

Awami League Joint General Secretary

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Kolkata HC rejects Bali's petition

India may now send back the Sayedee case witness after Aug 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Kolkata High Court yesterday dismissed an appeal by Shukharanjan Bali's family that he not be sent back to Bangladesh, reports BBC Bangla Service.

The verdict means it will now be possible for the Indian authorities to send him back to Bangladesh any day after August 20.

Bali, a witness in the war crimes case against Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain

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HATIRJHEEL PROJECT

Illegal billboards spoil splendours

HELEMIJ ALAM

As Rajuk remains indifferent to the maintenance and security of the Hatirjheel project, illegal billboards have sprung up in the recreational neighbourhood, spoiling its beauty.

Seven months into the inauguration of the scheme, around 24 billboards have been placed in the area, mostly on private land. Only five of them were permitted by the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC).

The project owner, Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), had entrusted the integrated development of the Hatirjheel area to the Bangladesh army, which is now maintaining the scheme temporarily.

The army, said Project Officer Major Md Khijir Khan, was not authorised to take action against illegal hoardings,

but it has asked several advertisement firms to refrain from installing billboards there.

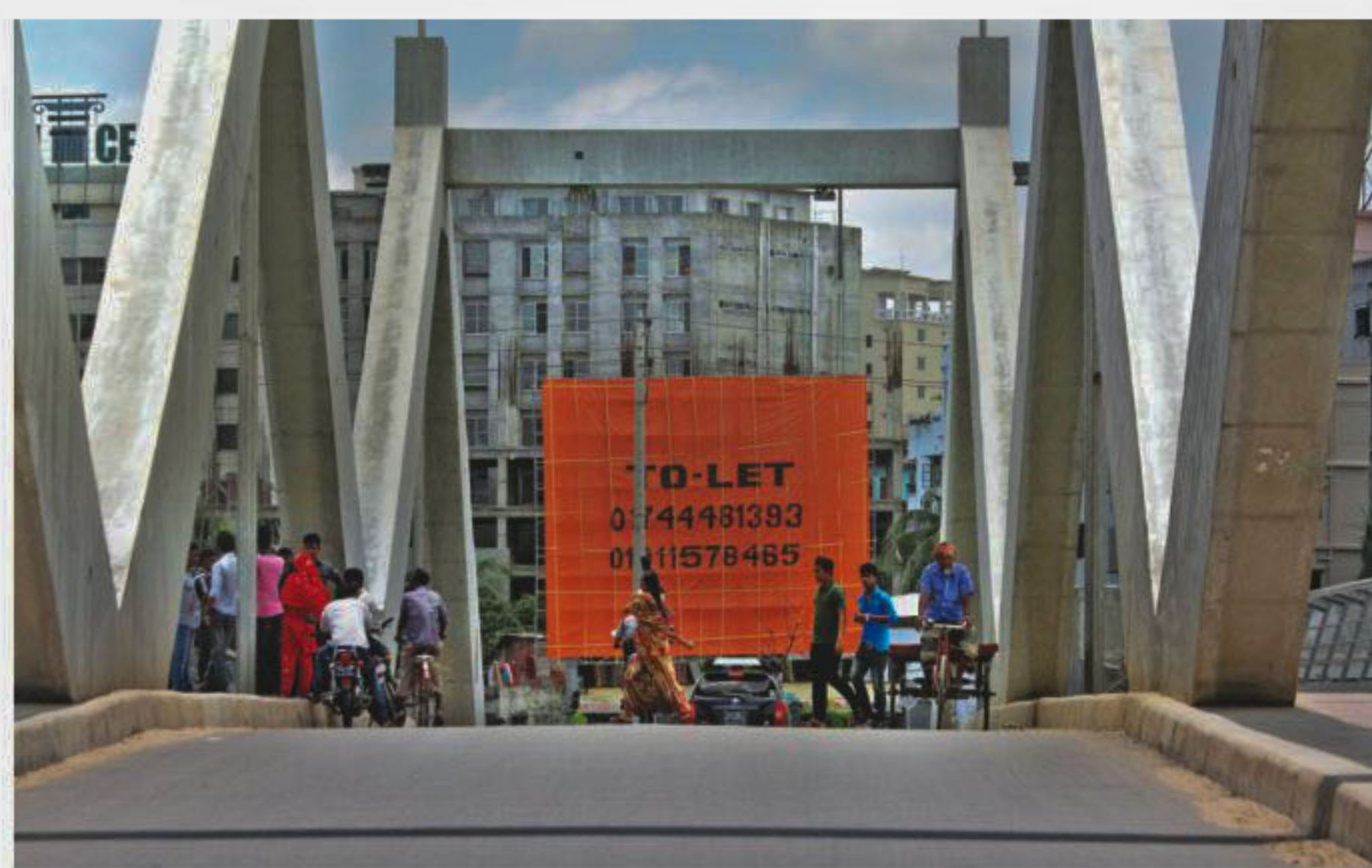
Rajuk sources said it was now planning a body to look after the security, cleanliness and traffic management in the area. It also mulls opening two police boxes in Badda and Begunbari Power Sub-station areas to ensure security.

BILLBOARDS GO UP

Visiting the area recently, this correspondent found five billboards on the pavements near Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, two near Tongi Diversion Road and around 10 more on the road near Rampura.

There are another 10 large and 15 small advertising boards on the road between Tongi Diversion Road and Gulshan link road.

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Hoardings set up adjacent to Hatirjheel residential area spoil the beauty of the neighbourhood. Around 25 billboards have sprung up in and around Hatirjheel and only five of them have permission from Dhaka North City Corporation. The photos were taken a few days ago.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Five Indian soldiers killed in Kashmir

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Five Indian soldiers were killed in an ambush along the de facto border with Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir states on Tuesday, in an incident that threatens to cloud the prospects

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LINK TO JAMAAT-SHIBIR VIOLENCE

Govt suspends 55 UP chairmen, members

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has suspended 55 more union parishad chairmen and members in connection with the violence unleashed by Jamaat-e-Islami and its student front Islami Chhatra Shibir across the country in February after a tribunal had handed down capital punishment to Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee for war crimes.

The local government ministry on Monday issued letters asking them to hand over responsibility to the panel chairmen within three days, sources in the ministry said.

Of them, 32 are from Jhinaidah, 21 from Satkhira and one each from Rajshahi and Manikganj districts.

Earlier in June, 31 UP chairmen and members were suspended on similar ground, and the total now stands at 86.

Cases against them have been filed under the Speedy Trial Tribunal act and the Anti-Terrorism Act, the sources said.

Contacted, Local Government Secretary Abu Alam Mohammad Shaheed Khan said they were legally bound to take actions against these chairmen and members since they had instigated attacks on people, instead of protecting them during the Jamaat-Shibir violence.

In reply to a question, he said most of those suspended are either BNP or Jamaat

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RMG workers stage demo for salaries, Eid bonus

Block highway for an hour

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 1,000 garment workers of AKH Group yesterday demonstrated before their factories at Hemayetpur in Savar, demanding salaries for the month of July and Eid bonus.

Earlier, the government had set a deadline till yesterday for paying the salaries to the garment workers.

The agitating workers also blocked a lane of Dhaka-Aricha highway in front of their factories for an hour from 2:30pm, said Abdus Sattar, assistant

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US EMBASSY SHUTDOWN

Al-Qaeda chief's message led to terror alert

AP, Washington

An intercepted secret message between al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri and his deputy in Yemen about plans for a major terror attack was the trigger that set off the current shutdown of many US embassies, two officials told The Associated Press on Monday.

A US intelligence official and a Mideast diplomat said al-Zawahiri's message was picked up several weeks ago and appeared to initially target Yemeni interests. The threat was expanded to include American or other Western sites abroad, officials said, indicating the target could be a single embassy, a number of posts or some other site. Lawmakers have said it was a massive plot in the final stages, but they have offered no specifics.

The intelligence official said the message was sent to Nasser al-Wahishi, the head of the terror network's organisation, based in Yemen, known as al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

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BRB SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	Aug	Sehri	Iftar
28	7		6-41
29	8	4-05	6-41
30	9	4-06	6-40

The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BGMEA president Atiqul Islam that the Rana Plaza disaster was an act of God and the owner had no control over it?

Yes (4%)
No (96%)

TOTAL VOTES: 283

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for the ruling party to go on an aggressive campaign by grabbing billboards to highlight various achievements of the government?

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PRAYER TIMING August 7

Fajr	Azhan	Jamaat
4-04	4-09	
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-41	6-51
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



America's first climate refugees

MAIL ONLINE

It is a small Alaskan village whose inhabitants have relied on the sea for countless generations.

But within a decade, it is expected that the ocean which the village of Kivalina has so relied on will completely destroy it -- creating America's first climate change refugees.

Temperatures in the Arctic region of Alaska are warming twice as fast as the rest of the US, causing ice to retreat, sea levels to rise and coastal erosion to increase.

The 400 indigenous Inuit inhabitants of Kivalina, who live in single-storey cabins, have always been protected

PHOTO: MAIL ONLINE

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INNA LILLAHI WA INNA ILAIHI RAJI'UN

Sobera Ahmed Rizvi (Rita) passed away on 3rd August, 2013 leaving behind her loving family and friends.

Her 1st Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at Gulshan Central Masjid (Azad Masjid) on 7th August after Esha prayers. The 2nd Namaz-e-Janaza and burial will take place at Nakhalpara, Tejgaon private graveyard (behind the Prime Minister's office).

We seek your prayers and blessings for her departed soul.

Shahinshah, Yasser, Nasser, Fatema, Zain and Zarah Rizvi