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List of '61 deceased' sent to int'l watchdogs
Claims Odhikar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Odhikar yesterday said it sent four international organisations and a local rights body a list of 61 people, "killed during the violence that occurred on May 5 and 6, 2013" centring the Hefajat rally at Shapla Chattar.

In a press release, Odhikar said the list had been sent to the UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Asian Human Rights Commission and Ain O Salish Kendra.

Odhikar claimed that on August 11 police from the detective branch had seized three laptops and two desktop computers that contained important information on victims and witnesses and drafts of the names and addresses of those killed during the May 5-6 violence.

"Odhikar is extremely

PRAYER TIMING August 17

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-25	5-00
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 4-45	5-00
Maghrib 6-38	6-41
Esha 8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS

BNP moves to find candidates

To form 30-35 committees for district tour

RASHIDUL HASAN

Around 30 to 35 high-powered committees of BNP will start visiting its all 75 organisational districts across the country to gear up party activities at grassroots level ahead of fresh anti-government movement.

The committees will also prepare a list of "suitable and prospective" candidates for the next general election during the visit.

"A committee may visit two or three districts and the tour may start after August 19," said Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman, a member of the BNP national standing committee.

Each committee comprised of members of the national standing committee and chiefs of major front organisations will have to submit an evaluation report on its visit to BNP chairperson, said party policymakers.

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NSA broke privacy rules many times

Reveal documents leaked by Snowden

BBC ONLINE

The US National Security Agency (NSA) broke privacy rules and overstepped its legal authority thousands of times in the past two years, according to documents leaked by Edward Snowden.

The incidents resulted in the unauthorised electronic surveillance of US citizens, according to documents published by the Washington Post.

Snowden, a former NSA contractor, has leaked top secret documents to the US and British media. He has been given asylum in Russia.

On Thursday, the Washington Post posted on its website a selection of documents it said had been provided by Snowden, who fled the US in June after providing documents

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No dialogue with them

Syed Ashraf slates celebration of Khaleda's birthday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday dismissed any possibility of compromising or sitting in a dialogue with the main opposition BNP to resolve ongoing political crisis.

"It is not possible for us to compromise with those [BNP] who celebrate fake birthday on the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," he said.

"Their aim is to kill

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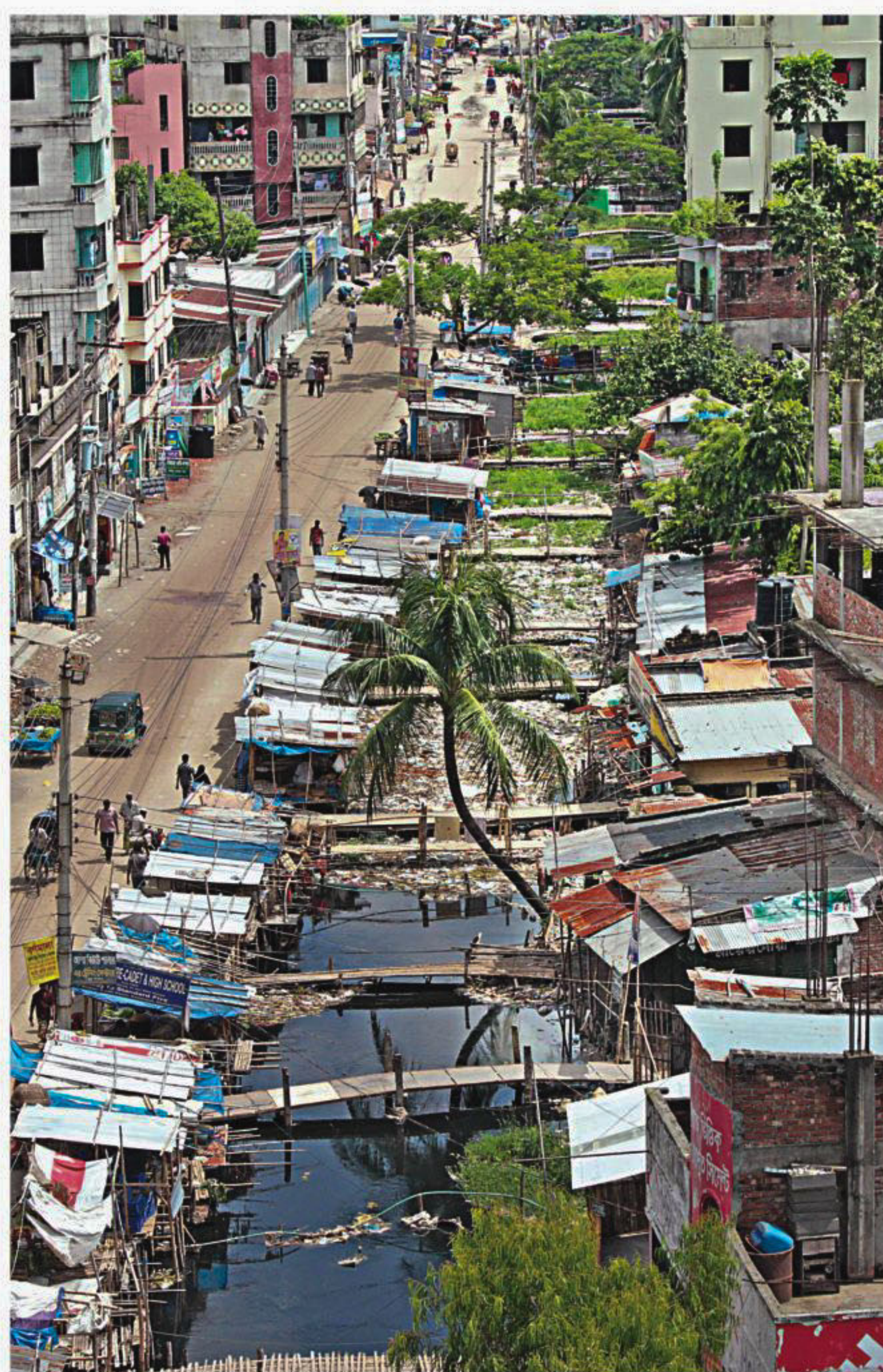


PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

This roadside canal by Zia Sarani in the capital's Kadamtali has turned into a dumping ground. This photo, taken on Wednesday, shows the water body carries filths that the locals throw in it, thanks to the authorities' negligence.

Stay in safer places

Bangladeshis in Egypt asked

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh embassy in Cairo yesterday asked its nationals to stay in safer places as unrest spread across Egypt amid reports of more casualties.

"Bangladesh mission (in Egypt) just informed us that our nationals, including the embassy officials and staff, are safe," a foreign office spokesman told BSS.

The embassy officials were in close touch with the expatriate Bangladeshis, estimated to be around 15,000, he said.

The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it is possible for the ruling Awami League to bring back the six fugitive killers of Bangabandhu within its tenure?

Yes (11%)
No (89%)

TOTAL VOTES: 200

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think main opposition BNP will respond to the call of Awami League to place a proposal on the election-time government in the next session of parliament?

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