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# 10-year jail for MLM touts

## Govt okays bill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft of the Multilevel Marketing Activities (control) Act-2013, aiming to protect people from being cheated by MLM firms and bring them under a legal framework.

According to the proposed act, every multi-level marketing (MLM) company must obtain a licence before starting its business.

If any person is found operating an MLM business without a valid licence, he or she will be awarded a minimum of 5 years and maximum 10 years' imprisonment and a penalty of Tk 50 lakh, said Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan.

He was talking to reporters after the weekly cabinet meeting at the Secretariat.

Under the proposed law, those involved in MLM businesses must obtain licences within 90 days from the issuance date of the ordinance.

Primarily, the licence will be valid for one year and it can be renewed every year, he added.

The move to frame the new law comes following reports of fraud by different MLM entities which had raised funds from people by promising hefty gains within a short time.

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Local ruling party lawmaker Golam Maula Rony allegedly used his influence to turn this classroom of Golachipa Secondary Model School in Patuakhali into the office of the Awami League and pro-Awami League student body Chhatra League. The school authorities had been trying to get the classroom back for the last two and half years.

PHOTO: STAR



Abdur Rahman Boyati (1939-2013)

## Songs in the water

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

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## ZIA TRUST CASE

### Khaleda seeks scrapping of lower court order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday filed a petition with the High Court for scrapping a lower court order that had accepted the charges against her in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case.

Barrister Mahabub Uddin Khokon submitted the petition on behalf of Khaleda and prayed to the court for staying the proceedings of the case.

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# Shahidullah Kaiser was taken to Mueen, Ashraf

## Wife of martyred journalist tells war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Panna Kaiser told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Al-Badr men abducted her husband martyred journalist Shahidullah Kaiser on December 14, 1971, and handed him over to their leaders Chowdhury Mueen Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan.

Shahidullah never returned. She said abductor Khaleq Majumder admitted what he had done to Shahidullah after Khaleq was captured and brought to her home immediately after the Liberation War.

Panna, a retired professor and the 13th prosecution witness in the case against Mueen and Ashraf, in her three-hour-long testimony described the life and activities of the pro-liberation journalist and his efforts to assist freedom fighters.

"I want capital punishment of the people involved in the killing of my husband and other intellectuals [in 1971]," the emotion-choked 63-year-old widow appealed to the tribunal.

After her testimony, tribunal-appointed defence counsels Abdus Shukur Khan and Salma Hai Tuny completed her cross-examination. The

two suggested that fugitives Mueen and Ashraf were not involved in Shahidullah's abduction and killing.

Mueen and Ashraf are now in London and New York. They have 11 charges against them in connection with the killing of 18 intellectuals in last week of nine-month-long war.

Panna, a former Awami League lawmaker, said Shaiddullah was involved in left-wing politics since he was a student. He was forced to remain in hiding between 1950 and 1953 but he took part in the Language Movement in 1952 secretly.

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# JMB man was to rebuild Huji

## 8 Jhalakathi suspects disclose during interrogatin in Dhaka

STAR REPORT

Masiur Rahman Milon, one of the nine suspected Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) members arrested last week in Jhalakathi, had taken the responsibility of reorganising Huji.

In 2003, he had joined militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). He opted to join Huji after the government had banned the JMB in February 2005 and law enforcers stepped up watch on the organisation, an official close to the Task Force for Interrogation (TFI) in Dhaka told The Daily Star.

Yesterday, the TFI started grilling eight of

the arrestees on remand. The other arrestee is in Jhalakathi jail.

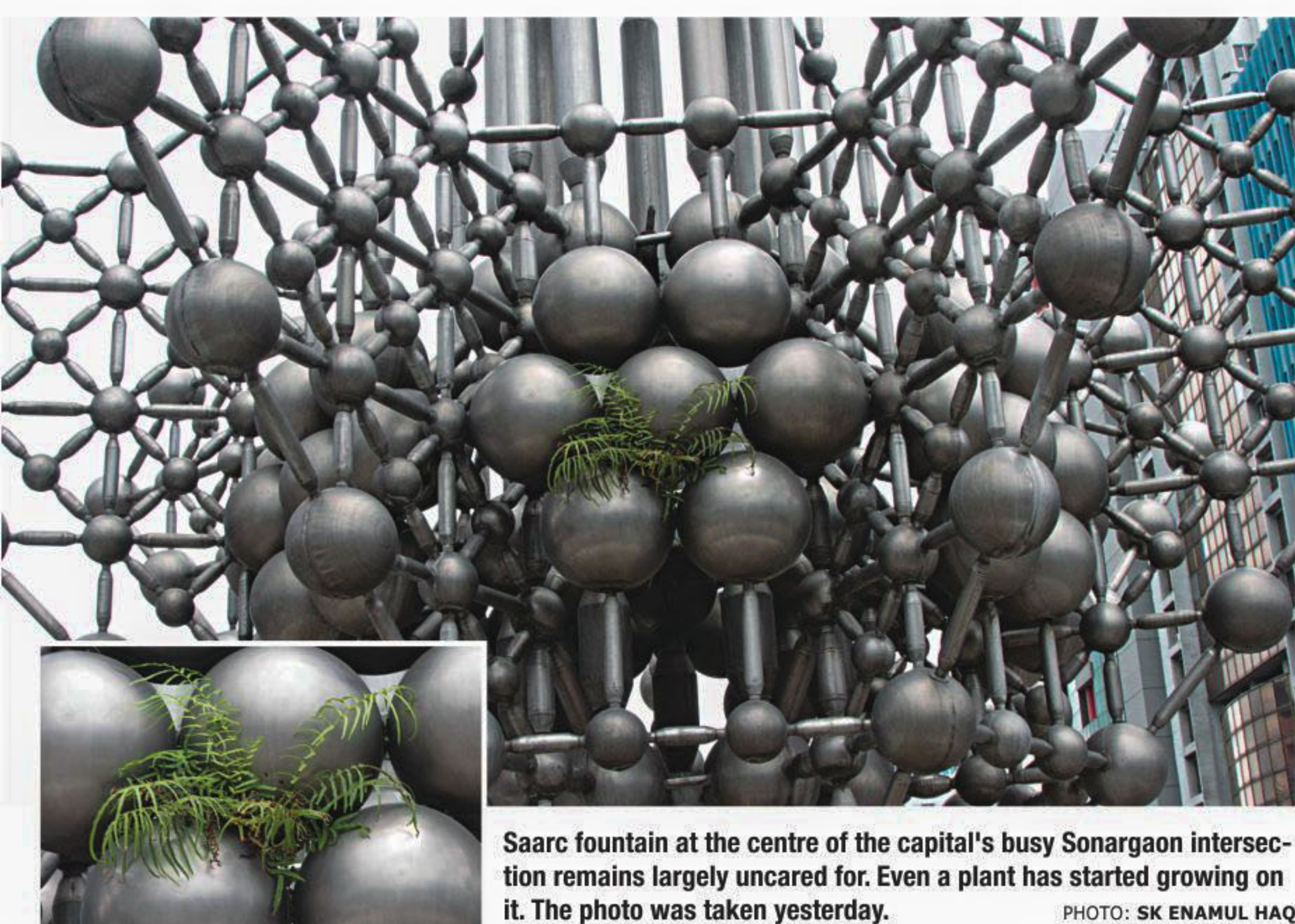
Masiur had met Huji leader Maulana Abdur Rouf twice in Kashimpur jail and took over the responsibility of reorganising Huji.

After several months of organisational work, he became inactive as the government in October 2005 also banned Huji, noted the official wishing anonymity.

Masiur was once a student of a madrasa in Muktagachha of Mymensingh, where Rouf was the principal.

Rouf, who later formed another organisation Tanjim-e-Tamiruddin, is now behind

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Saarc fountain at the centre of the capital's busy Sonargaon intersection remains largely uncared for. Even a plant has started growing on it. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

# EGYPT IN CHAOS

## 25 cops killed in ambush

### Mubarak to be freed within 48 hours, claims lawyer

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Islamic militants ambushed two minibuses carrying off-duty policemen in the northern region of Egypt's Sinai peninsula yesterday, killing 25 of them in a brazen daylight attack.

The killings, which took place near the border town of Rafah, came a day after 36 detainees were killed in clashes with security forces. In all, nearly 1,000 people have died since last Wednesday in clashes between security forces and supporters of the ousted president, Mohammed Morsi.

Also yesterday, Hosni Mubarak's lawyer said the former Egyptian president, over-



thrown in 2011, will be released from jail in the next 48 hours.

Fareed el-Deeb was speaking after judicial authorities ordered Mubarak's release in one of the remaining corruption cases against him.

The only legal grounds for Mubarak's continued detention rest on another corruption case that will be cleared up later this week, Deeb said.

"All we have left is a simple administrative procedure that should take no more than 48 hours. He should be freed by the end of the week," Deeb said.

Mubarak, 85, still faces retrial on charges

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## BCL men hold 2 for ransom at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Posing as Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel, a gang led by some Chhatra League activists allegedly kidnapped a mason and his associate from the capital's Kathalbagha area yesterday and held them at a Dhaka University dormitory for ransom.

The gang abducted the two in the wee hours of yesterday and confined them to a room in the

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PRAYER TIMING		August 20
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

**ONLINE POLL**

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Yes (25%)

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## Dreadlocks 55 ft long

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She is the real life Rapunzel with 55ft long dreadlocks that are longer than a bus. Despite being warned by doctors that her hair that weighs three stone could paralyse her, Asha Mandela said she will never cut them.

The mother-of-one from Atlanta, Georgia, said: "My hair has become part of me."

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