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# TRANSPORT STRIKE

## Called off after 3-day suffering

### 72-hr auto-rickshaw strike begins in capital

STAR REPORT

Transport owners and workers of northern districts and greater Mymensingh have withdrawn their strike, but CNG-run auto-rickshaw owners in the capital yesterday called a 72-hour strike causing immense suffering to city dwellers.

The decision of withdrawing the strike came last evening following assurance of the government to sit with the transport leaders to discuss their demands immediately, said officials of the communications ministry and transport leaders.

"We have withdrawn our strike as the communications minister has assured us to fulfil our demand," said Momtaz Uddin, president of Mymensingh Transport Owners Association.

"After getting assurance from the government high-ups that our demands will be considered with enough priority, we have decided to postpone the strike for ten days," Manzur Rahman Peter, convener of Rajshahi Bus Truck Owners and Workers Oikya Parishad, told The Daily Star.



Passengers wait for a train at Kamalapur Rail Station yesterday afternoon. The train schedule in Dhaka and other districts got disrupted due to the pressure of extra passengers during the bus strike in the northern districts and greater Mymensingh. The strike, however, was withdrawn in the evening. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

### Limiting activities is a strategy

Kamal says on Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The decision to limit the additional duties of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) was a 'strategic' move taken by the elite force, the state minister for home said yesterday.

"However, the force can be deployed whenever the need arises," Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told reporters after a meeting at the secretariat in the capital.

He declined to say

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### WAR CRIMES CASE AGAINST JAMAAT

## No govt action yet to end deadlock

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Preparations for filing a war crimes case against Jamaat-e-Islami might not resume anytime soon as the issue of who to lead the prosecution team has remained unresolved for weeks.

The simultaneous presence of the chief prosecutor and an acting chief prosecutor in office since April 30 has apparently created the crisis, stalling the Jamaat case.

No government initiative to break the deadlock has been visible yet.

Chief Prosecutor Ghulam Arief Tipoo yesterday said the government decision to appoint an acting chief prosecutor created the problem.

Preparations for filing the case against Jamaat would remain "as they are now" until the government solves the "acting chief prosecutor issue", he added.

"We hope the government will resolve the matter immediately," he told reporters at his official residence in the city.

"Otherwise, things will get complicated ... And we will have to go for a harsh decision," warned Tipoo, who had kept mum over the issue until yesterday.

Prosecution sources said they expect Law Minister Anisul Huq to take an initiative to resolve the issue after he returns from abroad today.

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### 14-party for experienced home minister

The Dhanmondi office of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday denied The Daily Star reporter access to cover a meeting of the 14-party alliance without explaining any reason. The Daily Star, however, carries this report based on secondary sources.

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The ruling Awami League-led 14-party alliance leaders want an "experienced and qualified" minister to oversee the home affairs in a bid to improve the law

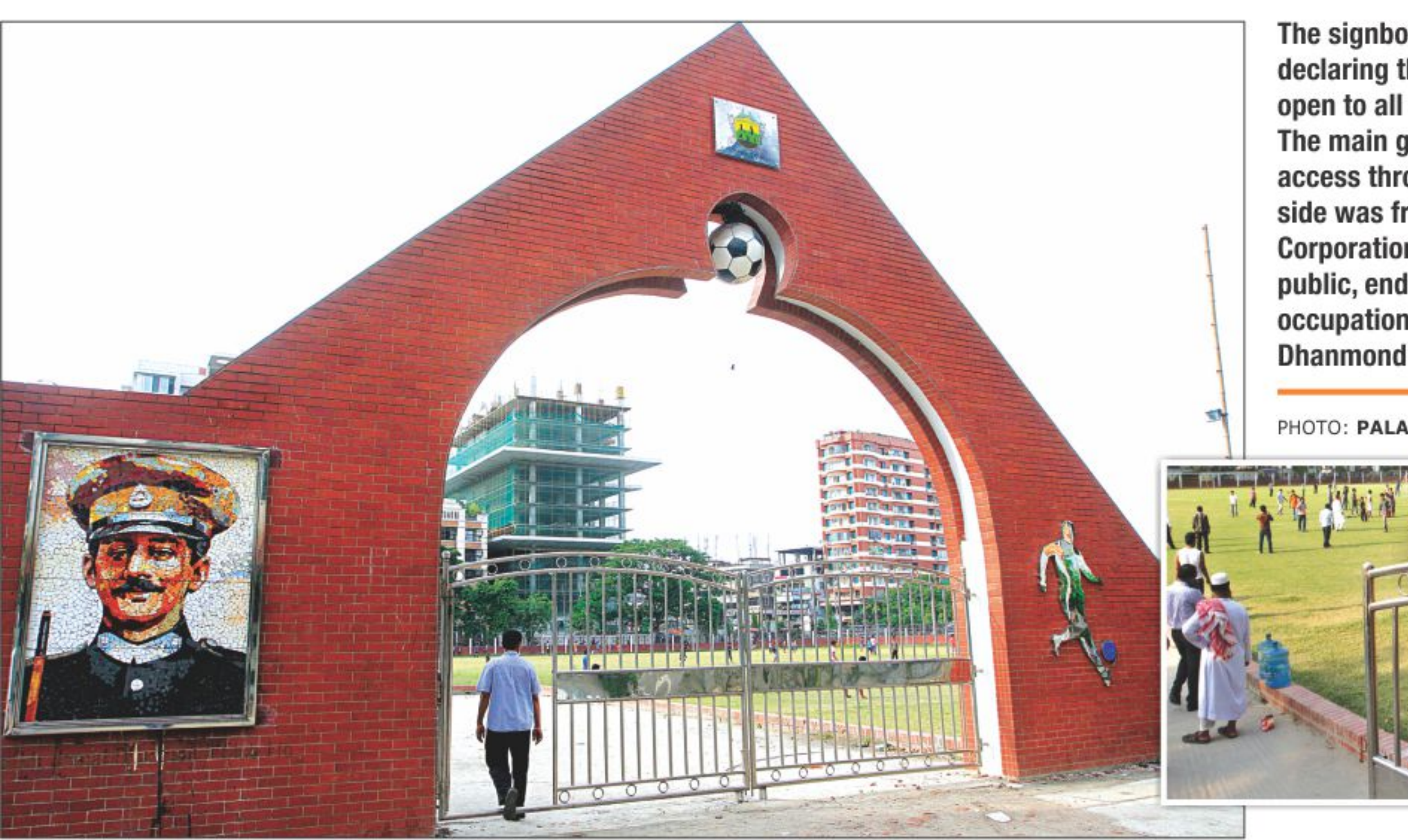
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### When an immigrant's nightmare comes true

WASHINGTON POST ONLINE

Each ordinary moment now seemed worthy of preservation, so Madina Salaty, 45, turned on her cellphone camera and hit record. "Four days left," she said, her voice and the video both shaky as her husband leashed the dog and headed toward their front door. He walked past the framed picture of their wedding in 2011, past the University of Kansas flag on their porch, past the perennials they had planted together in the garden. He led the dog onto the wide sidewalks and manicured lawns of downtown

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The signboard, inset, hung on April 24 declaring the Dhanmondi-8 playground open to all was not found yesterday. The main gate was locked, though access through a smaller gate on the side was free. The Dhaka South City Corporation opened the ground to the public, ending two years of exclusive occupation by Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club Ltd.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



### 3 abductees freed after ransom paid

STAR REPORT

Three people including a university student abducted from Eidgarh reserve forest in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar on Monday night were released last night in exchange for ransom.

Police found them in Hazipara area on Eidgarh-Baishari road in the upazila around 9:00pm, nearly 24 hours into their abduction, reports our Bandarban correspondent.

The abductees are Nafis Hossain, 28, a master's student of Chittagong University; Jitendra Kishore Dev, 44, a cashier of Baishari branch of Krishi Bank in Bandarban; and Mahbubur Rahman, 28, of Baishari, who earns a living by carrying passengers on his motorbike.

Anisur Rahman, sub-inspector of Baishari police camp, said Nafis and Jitendra paid Tk 1 lakh each, while Mahbub paid Tk 30,000 for the release.

Devdas Bhattacharya, superintendent of Bandarban police, however, claimed he did not hear about paying any ransom.

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### Man rescued from DU hall

He was picked up allegedly for money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was rescued from a dormitory at Dhaka University yesterday evening, three hours after two DU students allegedly picked him up for extorting money.

On information, DU acting proctor Prof Amzad Ali, along with Shabbagh police, freed Mohammed Sohel from a room at Salimullah Muslim Hall. Sohel claimed himself to be a salesperson of Kazi Manufacturing Company. Police arrested Nazmul

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