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Cheers for BCL

PM's adviser pledges to help them out with BCS viva test

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is good news for the Bangladesh Chhatra League men but a shock for others aspiring to be bureaucrats.

The BCL men will just have to try and get over the hurdle of written test in civil service examinations.

"We will see how much we can help you with the viva voce," pledged HT Imam, one of the advisers to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, at a discussion at Dhaka University yesterday.

"Our leader [Sheikh Hasina] has told us to arrange jobs for you by any means," he said. Quizzically though, the prime minister had said just the opposite at a meeting the day before.

Speaking at the Digital Centre Entrepreneurs Conference, the PM urged the country's youths to be self-reliant and not to lobby for jobs. She said it is not dignified for an educated person to go door to door for a job.

However, HT Imam yesterday said, "Whenever I take anyone's Curriculum Vitae to the prime minister or request her to

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HT IMAM SAID YESTERDAY



Lobbying door to door for a job is not dignified for an educated person.

PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA SAID TUESDAY



Bangladesh batsman Tamim Iqbal watches as his opening partner Imrul Kayes kisses the pitch after reaching his century on the first day of the third Test against Zimbabwe at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. Both batsmen hit hundreds before getting dismissed as the hosts finished the day on 303 for two. Story on page 14

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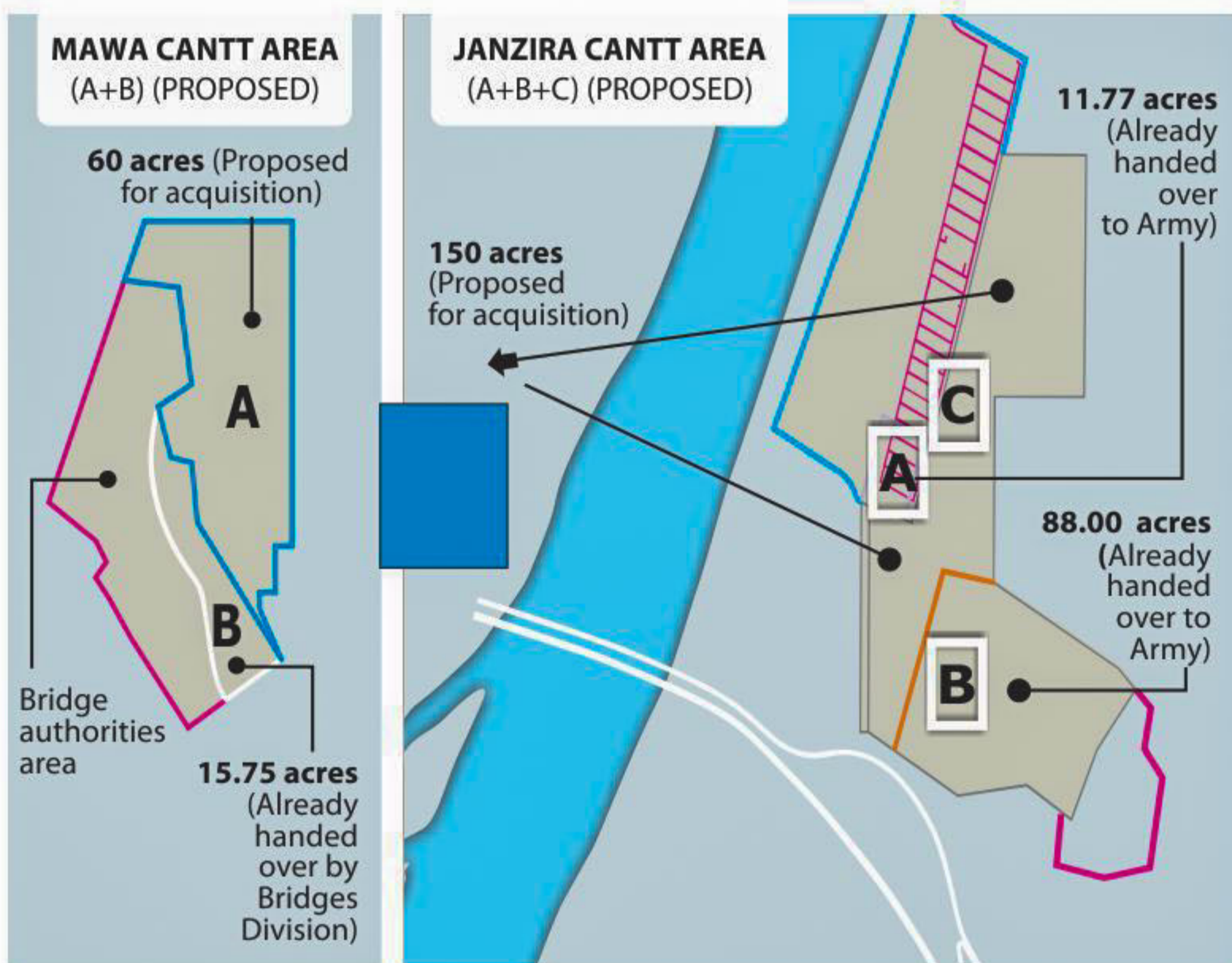
Prof Zillur's burial today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He was a torchbearer in the path of our liberal democratic dispensation. He devoted his entire life to the cause of education, tirelessly serving the nation with his knowledge, wisdom and thought-provoking writings.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui breathed his last around 11:45pm on Tuesday night. A former

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New 'cantonment' by Padma bridge

Govt to divert development fund for it; army seeks 326-acre land

REZAUL KARIM BYRON

The government has decided to build a new cantonment at the Padma Bridge project site and the army has sought Tk 1,774 crore over four years to build the security installations for the bridge.

The government is going to divert money from sluggish and low-priority development projects to fund the construction of the new cantonment.

Planning Minister AHM Mostafa Kamal had a meeting with high officials of the Bridges Division and top Bangladesh Army officers yesterday where they decided to form a committee for managing the funds.

The committee, comprising secretaries of planning, high officials of the Bridges Division and high-ranking army officers, would identify the projects that would have their funds diverted and figure out other ways to fund the cantonment construction.

The army had previously sought Tk 1,200 crore for the same cantonment but the cost went up due to high prices of land and cost of land development.

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Bus on wrong side kills rickshaw passenger

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bus took to the wrong side of the street and rammed a rickshaw killing its passenger near Shahbagh in the capital yesterday evening.

The deceased was Kazi Abdul Majid who was around 60 years old. Further details of the victim could not be confirmed immediately.

The accident happened on the street from Jatiya Shishu Park to Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh around 5:30pm when the rickshaw was heading towards Bijaynagar, said

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Google bus starts journey

Targets reaching 5 lakh students of 480 colleges, universities for workshop on internet use

ABDULLAH MAMUN

Search engine giant Google yesterday launched its "Google Bus" project in Bangladesh to train five lakh undergrads on the use of the internet.

The Google Bus will visit 480 colleges and universities in 35 locations across the country for a year to conduct workshops for the students who registered to participate, said State

Minister for ICT Zunaed Ahmed Palak.

Inaugurating the project at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital, Palak said Google will launch its "street view" of Dhaka and Chittagong cities within the next two months.

Through the Google Bus workshops, students will be connected online with their peers and learn

about the power and usefulness of the internet as well as expose themselves to Google tools that can help them think and operate on a new level.

Regarding the lack of interest in using the internet, the state minister said he himself had signed 1,500 letters requesting school authorities to be a part of the project, but only 480 schools agreed to take part.

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KHOKON RAZAKAR

Verdict in war crimes case today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 is set to deliver today verdict in the case against fugitive BNP leader MA Zahid Hossain Khokon in connection with crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Faridpur during the Liberation War in 1971.

"Let the case be fixed tomorrow for the delivery of judgement," said Justice M Enayetur Rahim, chairman of the three-member tribunal, yesterday.

Trial against the 70-year-old war crimes accused, who is assumed to have fled the country and been living in Sweden, has been held in absentia.

Khokon is allegedly involved in killing at least 50 people, injuring eight, raping two women, forcing religious conversion of

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A man inside the Google Bus Bangladesh yesterday. The bus, inset, would travel to educational institutions and encourage students to use Google Apps and the internet.

People have right to speak, newspapers have freedom to publish news. But I think it is a courtesy on the part of a newspaper of not publishing illegal, untrue and baseless news — Syed Abul Hossain

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