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**Modi better salesman than me**

Says Manmohan; Pakistan protests Modi's remarks in Bangladesh

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Former Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said his successor Narendra Modi was ahead of him as far as communication is concerned.

Addressing the Congress chief ministers' meeting, Manmohan Singh said: "I have to acknowledge that my successor has been a more adept salesman, event manager and communicator than me."

He also accused the Modi government of repackaging the UPA government's initiatives and marketing them as new.

"Many of our initiatives are being repackaged and are being aggressively marketed as something new," he said.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi also slammed Modi government for centralising power in one hand.

The chief ministers' meeting is deliberating on the formulation of a

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**WAR CRIMES TRIAL**

**Hasan Ali gets death penalty**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

His atrocities were well-known in his locality in Kishoreganj. The nature and extent of his brutality during the 1971 Liberation War earned him the nickname "Razakar Hasan Ali Daroga".

On a September noon in 1971, Syed Hasan Ali, a Razakar commander of Tarail thana in Kishoreganj, along with his 15-20 armed accomplices, destroyed Hindu-dominated Palpara of Shemulhati village in less than three hours.

They captured 12 Hindus and split them into two groups. Initially, Hasan shot two villagers to death while his men tied and queued up 10 others. He and his militiamen opened fire, leaving all but one dead. The surviving person fled and hid himself in a paddy field. But he was caught and killed by Hasan's men.

Before leaving Palpara around 3:30pm, Hasan and his gang left a trail of destruction. They plundered many houses and set those on fire.

Forty-four years after his notoriety, a special tribunal yesterday sentenced him to death for the act of genocide. The 68-year-old is on the run.

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 said the convicted criminal can be executed either "by hanging or shooting" --

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Mominul Haq will add an extra bite in Bangladesh's one-off Test against India that starts at Fatullah today. The diminutive right-hander is another fifty away from matching South African AB de Velliers's record 12 consecutive Test half-centuries.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

**All eyes on Fatullah**

Lone BD-Ind Test begins today

BISHWAJIT ROY

When Test cricket returns to Fatullah today, the fans will expect more from an experienced Bangladesh side against India than what they did against similarly mighty Australia here nine years ago.

Experience will not be an issue for the Mushfiqur Rahim-led team when they lock horns in a one-off Test match against India, who are making a fresh start under Virat Kohli, who not only will play his first Test against Bangladesh, but also will begin his journey as the full-time Test captain.

The hosts have the experience to spoil new-look

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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**738 Bangladeshis rescued**

Foreign minister tells Jatiya Sangshad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 738 Bangladeshis were rescued recently from Malaysian waters and they would be brought back home within next month,

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali told parliament yesterday.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, he said human trafficking through the Indian Ocean has risen alarmingly in recent months.

The expatriates' welfare ministry, home ministry and Bangladesh missions concerned abroad have been working jointly to bring home the 738 from abroad, mentioned the minister.

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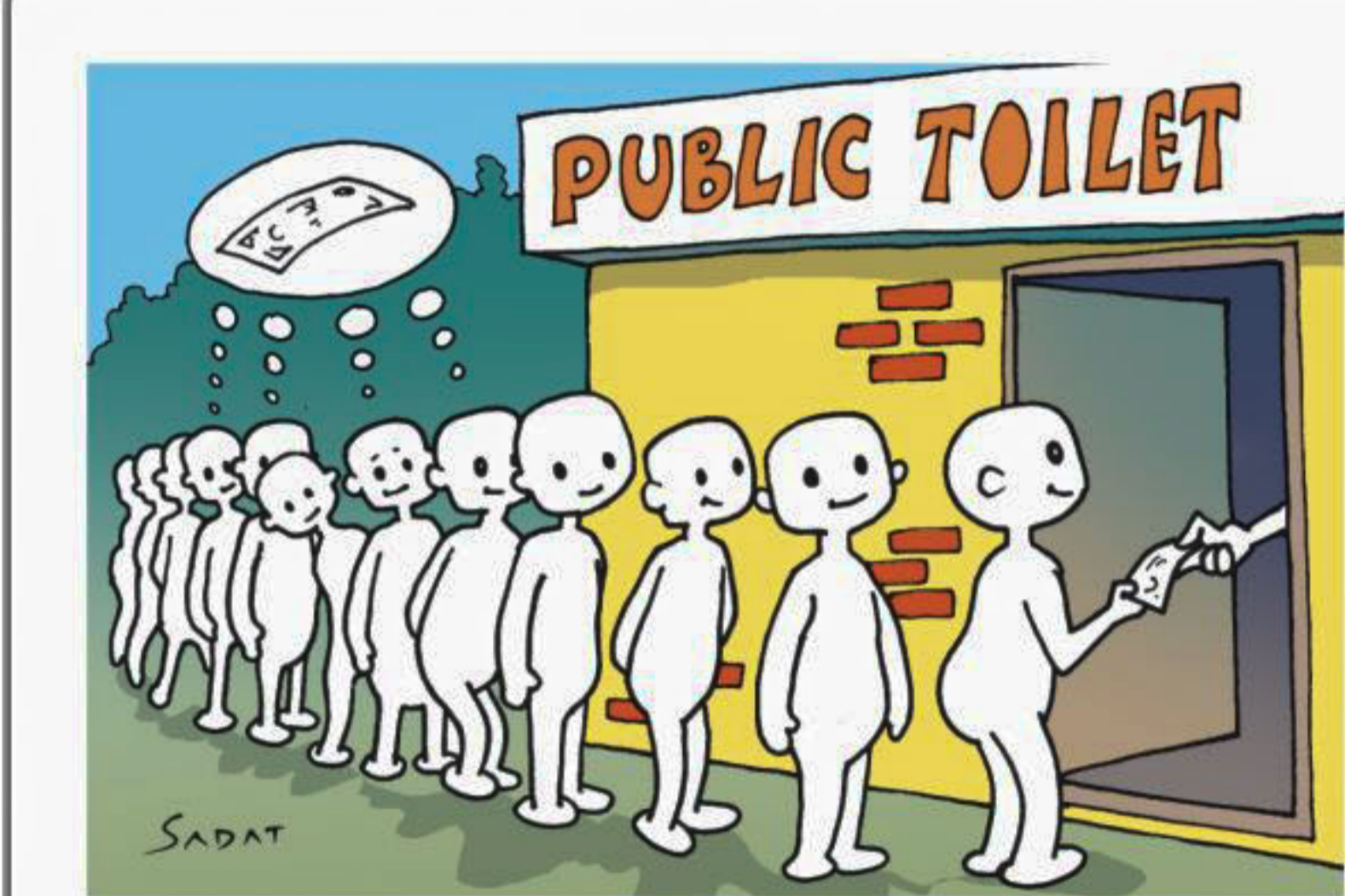
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**Use toilet, get one rupee**

AFP, Ahmedabad

A city council in western India is planning to pay residents to use public toilets in a desperate attempt to stop legions of people urinating and defecating in public.

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has decided to give residents one rupee a visit in a bid to draw them into its 300 public toilets

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**Six fake note makers held**

Huge amount of counterfeit notes seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives arrested six members of a gang involved in making and circulating fake currency notes from the capital's Mirpur on Monday night.

The gang planned to circulate counterfeit notes worth around Tk 5 crore across the country ahead of Ramadan and Eid-ul-fitr.

As part of the plan, they had already printed spurious notes worth Tk 50 lakh, which the DB police seized. The notes were in the denomination of Tk 500 and Tk 1000.

Fake note-making materials including paper, three laptops and three printers were also recovered during the drive.

"They could have printed forged notes

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**Militants facing fund shortage**

Cops say shrinking funds behind their bank looting plan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Banned Islamist militant outfits have turned to looting banks in and outside the capital as their sources of financing have shrunk significantly, detectives say.

The outfits also planned to loot money from different non-government organisations (NGOs), including the Grameen Bank, they added.

"Militants have decided this since their traditional ways of collecting fund have shrunk thanks to the monitoring of the Bangladesh Bank and law enforcement agencies," said Sanwar Hossain, additional deputy commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) of police.

Sanwar made the claims following information gleaned from nine operatives of outlawed Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji) and Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT). They were arrested in the city's Banashree and Shurapur on Sunday.

The arrestees are now on remand in four cases, including one for attempting to loot a bank.

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