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# Act now to save rivers

Experts suggest master plan, its strict implementation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should prepare a master plan to save the four rivers flowing around the capital and execute it strictly instead of taking haphazard steps, a seminar was told yesterday.

Speakers at the seminar organised by the National River Protection Commission also said the Buriganga river once created history as Dhaka was developed on its banks, but now the river itself is on the verge of becoming history.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, MP, attended the seminar titled 'Finding Strategies to Save the Rivers around the Capital: Immediate Steps' as the chief guest, while Ataharul Islam, chairman of the commission, chaired the session.

Shajahan Khan said the government had been working to save rivers not only in the capital but also in other parts of the country.

"Those who killed innocent people in 1971 are termed Razakars [war collaborators]. In the same way those who have been killing the rivers are also Razakars. We will not be able to save the rivers if we cannot resist these neo-Razakars," the minister said.

He further said the government had purchased 14 dredgers in its last tenure and was going to buy another 20 to facilitate river dredging. The government had taken a project involving Tk 11,470 crore to dredge 53 river routes, of which work on 24 had already started, he added.

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With clouds hovering above, the Tigers train at Bangladesh's home of cricket in Mirpur yesterday, ahead of their opening one-day international against India today. Weather permitting, the match will start at 3:00pm.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

# First clash after WC quarterfinal

Tigers meet India in first ODI today

SPORTS REPORTER

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni yesterday said that the World Cup quarterfinal at the MCG against Bangladesh was 'just a game of cricket'. It may be more than that for an aggrieved Bangladesh because of what had happened in that much talked-about game where some umpiring decisions had gone against them.

Three months after that game the two teams, featuring almost the same cast and characters, will renew their one-day rivalry at Bangladesh's home of cricket in Mirpur today. The match, first of the three ODIs, will start, weather permitting, at 3pm.

The word 'rivalry' is certainly misleading when it's a game between India, the second best one-day side after Australia, and

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# UMRAH VISA FOR BANGLADESHIS

## Saudi restrictions put Biman in peril

SHARIFUL ISLAM and BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOLO

The Saudi authorities this year stopped issuing Umrah visas to Bangladeshis on the allegation of smuggling of migrants into the country.

The decision to stop issuing the visa is taking a heavy toll on the income of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

The national flag carrier has already reduced its weekly seven flights on Dhaka-Jeddah-Dhaka route to five from the last week of April following the drop in the number of passengers.

The decrease in the number of passengers on the route is linked to the "ban" on

Umrah visa, said a top Biman official, wishing anonymity.

Even though Biman has been operating weekly five flights on the route, each of the flight has been carrying around 100 passengers less than what it used to carry before the "visa ban", the official added.

"Before the ban, the load factor of each of the 419-seater Boeing 777-300ER aircraft flight was 70 percent," he told The Daily Star.

Last year, around 51,321 Bangladeshi nationals performed Umrah and most of them travelled by Biman.

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# 'ADMISSION TRADE' IN COLLEGE

## 20 hurt as 'BCL men' swoop on protesters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 20 people were injured when activists of Pragatishil Chhatra Jote (Progressive Students' Alliance) were attacked allegedly by Chhatra League men in front of Government Tolaram College in Narayanganj city yesterday.

The activists of the students' alliance were demanding an end to the alleged irregularities in the HSC admissions by the BCL college unit.

However, the unit of the pro-ruling party student organisation has denied any involvement in the incidents. According to it, the protesters were "outsiders" and that is why the "common students" prevented them from entering the college.

Witnesses said the attack was carried out when a Chhatra Jote procession tried to get inside the college around 11:30am.

The procession was coming from a rally held on the Shaheed Minar premises in Chashara area.

The rally was organised also to ensure proper academic environment and to stop "criminal activities" on the college campus.

As soon as the protesters approached the college's main gate, some BCL activists, led by the college unit president Habibur Rahman Riyad, along with outsiders swooped on them with sticks and sharp weapons, according to witnesses.

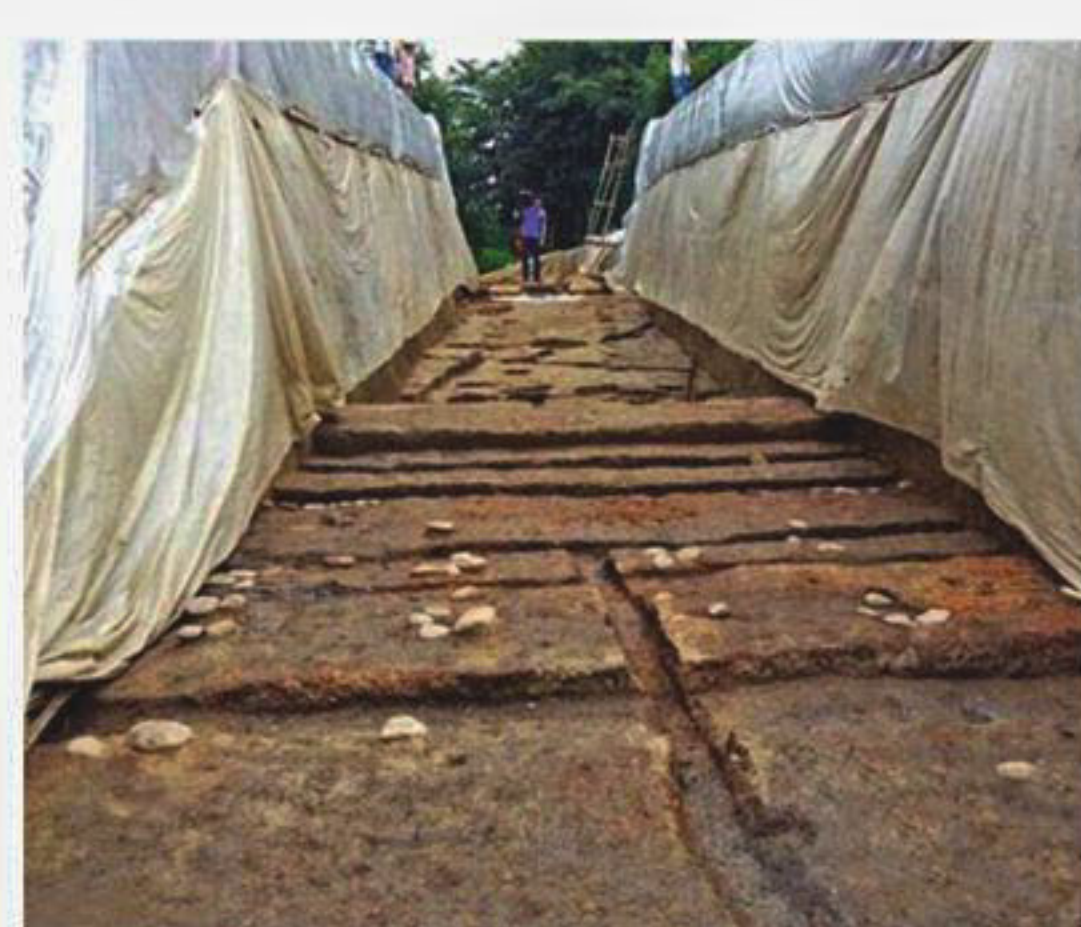
Moitree Ghosh, Chhatra Union's district unit president, PHOTO ON PAGE 2 SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

# A lost city uncovered in China

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The ancient walls of a lost city in southern China have emerged in a remarkable discovery by archaeologists. The northern

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# Man held for 'fake posts' on social media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives on Tuesday arrested a man at the capital's Purana Paltan for "inciting religious intolerance" by posting fake news on an online news portal and Facebook.

The arrestee, Shakhawat Hossain, 38, claimed himself to be the editor of islamicnews24.net.

Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of DMP, said that for the last several days, he had been posting photos and videos of different events, which had no

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