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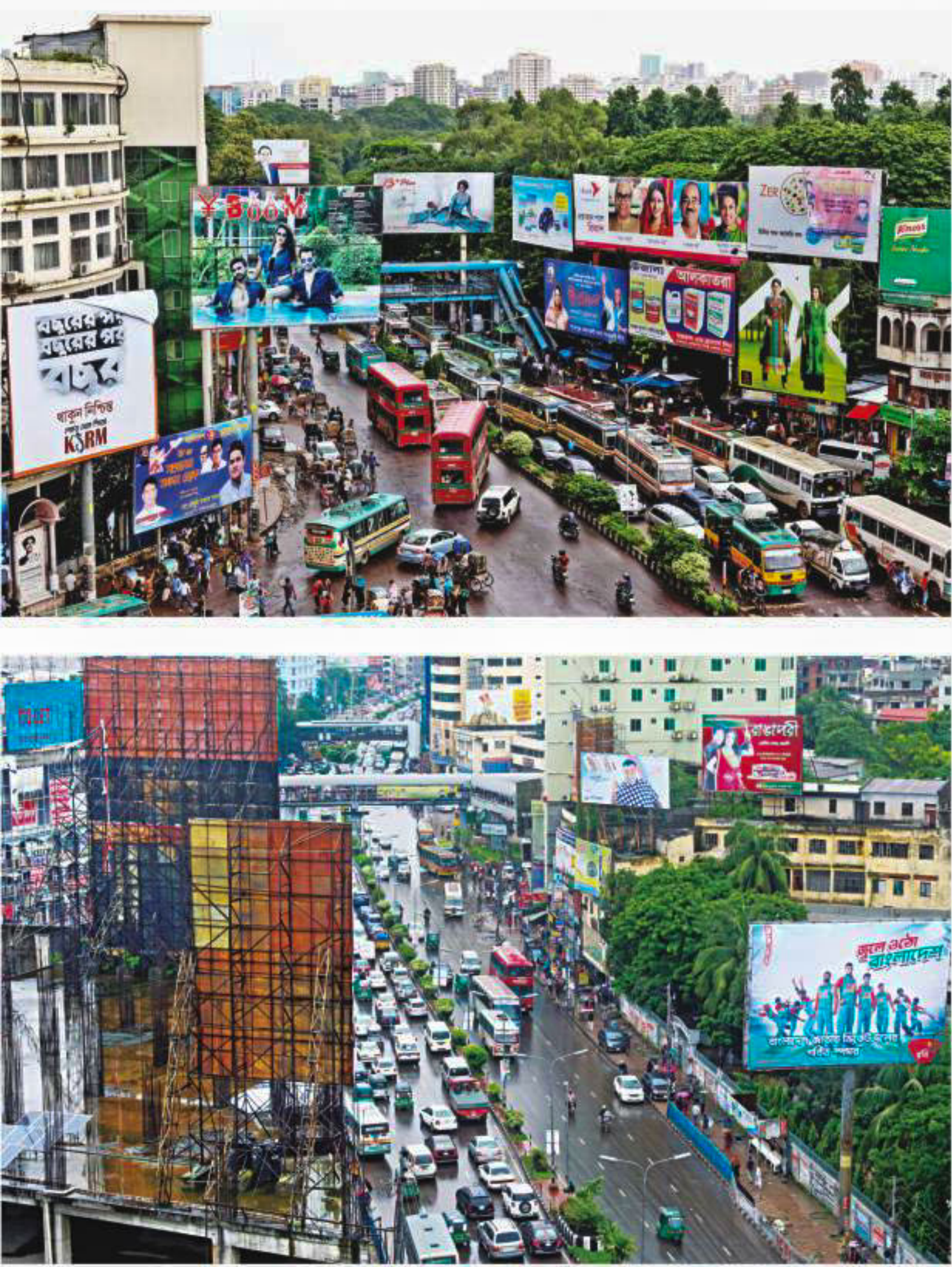
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## DANGLING DANGERS

Giant unipole billboards have been put up haphazardly at many places in the capital. Supported only by a metal pole, they pose a great danger to pedestrians and passing vehicles. One such billboard fell on a pedestrian on Sunday, leaving him injured. The photos were taken on Bailey Road, Rokeya Sarani and Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue and at Shahbagh, Kakrail and Mirpur-10 intersections yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# 10 killed in India terror attack

Gunmen clad in army uniforms launch assault on police station near Pakistan border; 3 attackers among dead

AFP, Gurdaspur

Ten people, including three civilians, were killed yesterday when gunmen wearing army uniforms stormed a police station in northern India near the border with Pakistan, sparking a shootout lasting almost 11 hours.

Police said three attackers had been killed in the battle with security forces that began in the early hours of Monday and terrified local residents.

Four police officers, including the local superintendent, also died in the operation in the usually calm northern state of Punjab.

"The police superintendent fought them bravely but unfortunately he was shot in the head and he died on the spot," said Anand Kumar, part of the special forces team that entered the building.

The assault ended around 5:00pm when security forces finally entered the police station where the unidentified gunmen had been holed up.

Local television stations showed scores of special forces personnel flashing victory signs and chanting slogans as they celebrated outside the partially damaged building.

One civilian was killed when the attackers opened fire at a bus station while the other two died at the police station, said Sumedh Singh Saini, director general of police for Punjab.

He told reporters it was "too early to say" who the attackers were.

Five live bombs were recovered from nearby railway tracks, forcing train services to be cancelled.

India's national security adviser, Ajit Doval called it "a very serious terrorist attack," according to local

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## ARSON, VANDALISM SC cancels HC bail for BNP leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday scrapped the High Court orders that granted bail to BNP leaders MK Anwar, Abdul Awal Mintoo and Aman Ullah Aman in 52 vandalism and arson cases.

It also directed them to surrender within a week before the respective lower courts.

The cases were filed with different police stations in Dhaka and elsewhere during the hartal and blockades enforced by the BNP-led 20-party-alliance since January 5 this year.

The apex court yesterday

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## ELIMINATION OF TRAFFICKING Govt efforts on, but not enough

US report says on Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh government does not fully comply with the minimum standards for elimination of trafficking, but it is making significant efforts to do so, the US said yesterday in its 2015 Trafficking in Persons Report.

The government continued to prepare but did not finalise the implementing rules for the 2012 Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act (PSHTA) during the year, it added.

The report was released in Washington by US Secretary of State John Kerry.

While the government lacked a formal mechanism to refer trafficked victims to protective services, authorities rescued 2,621 victims last year and placed them at nine government-run shelters, said the study.

"Bangladesh is primarily a source, and, to a lesser extent, a transit and destination country for men, women, and

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## BRUTAL KILLING OF RAJON OC suspended over negligence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The authorities yesterday suspended Jalalabad Police Station Officer-in-Charge Alamgir Hossain for negligence in arresting the killers of 13-year-old Sheikh Md Samiul Alam Rajon.

Sylhet Metropolitan Police Additional Deputy Commissioner (media) Rahmat Ullah yesterday told The Daily Star, "I've received the suspension order of Officer-in-Charge [investigation] Alamgir Hossain through fax from the

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An Indian policeman fires during an encounter with armed attackers at the police station in Dinanagar town of Punjab state yesterday. Indian security forces were battling an armed attack on a police station near the Pakistan border in which at least 10 people were killed.

PHOTO: AFP

## 'Drug trader' killed in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

An alleged drug peddler was killed in a "gunfight" with the Rapid Action Battalion in Patuakhali early yesterday.

While law enforcers claim that an exchange of fire took place between them and a gang when Tariqul Islam Taru, 30, came in the line of fire, his wife alleges that he went

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PRAYER TIMING

JULY 28

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15

JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Bengal Tigers under threat

Number could be as low as 106 in Sundarbans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Poaching of tigers and their preys in the Sundarbans, commercial boat traffic through different channels and development activities within and near the world's largest mangrove forest are threatening the Bengal Tiger population, said a tiger census report.

Now only 106 big cats are left in Bangladesh, according to the report. In total, only 170 tigers live in Bangladesh and Indian parts of the forest.

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