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Karnaphuli in peril

Encroachers, polluters continue to harm lifeline of Ctg; district admin marks 2,500 illegal structures

MINHAJ UDDIN, Chittagong

Daily Star recently.

Widespread encroachment and mindless dumping of untreated waste are gradually killing the Karnaphuli River, the lifeline for Chittagong city and the country's premier port.

But the authorities have apparently turned a blind eye to it. They are yet to demarcate the river boundary, leaving scope for land

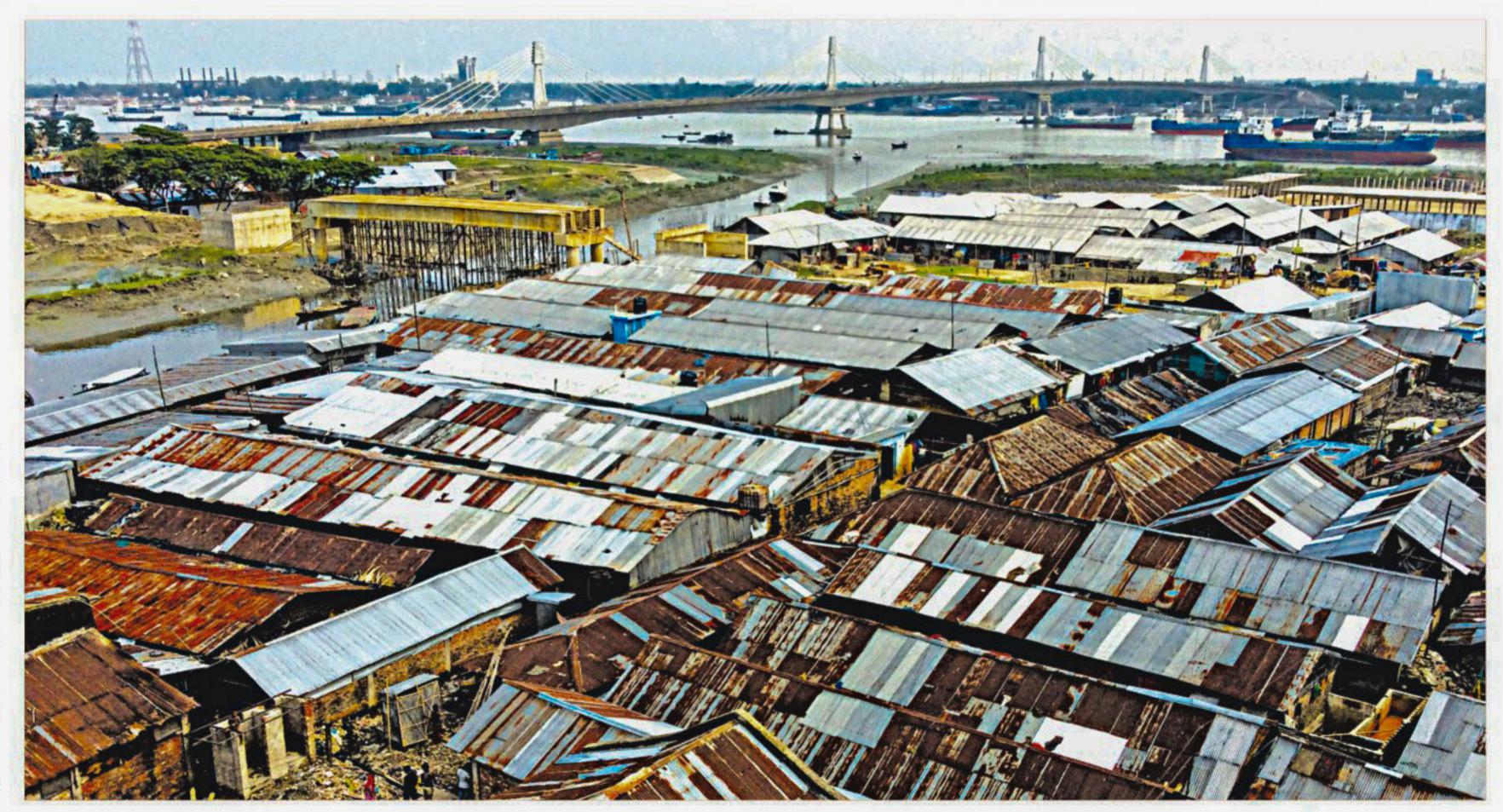
grabbers to encroach on the river, especially on its 24-kilometre stretch from Mohora to Patenga estuary.

illegal structures in that part of the river. The survey was conducted following a High Court directive in July 2010. The court order came upon a writ petition by Human Rights and Peace for

In a survey in August, the district administration marked around 2,500

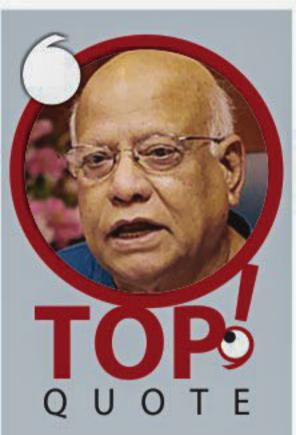
Bangladesh that year. "We will follow the court directive to evict those [illegal structures]," Deputy Commissioner Mesbah Uddin, who led the survey team, told The

During a visit to Kalurghat and Shah Amanat Bridge areas a week ago, SEE PAGE 2 COL 2



To the north of Third Karnaphuli Bridge, hundreds of shanties have encroached on a part of the river. Raw sewage and garbage from the houses keep polluting the lifeline of Chittagong city. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: **ANURUP KANTI DAS**



"It is very wrong of certain embassies to issue such directives, very wrong of them."

FINANCE MINISTER **AMA MUHITH** ABOUT SECURITY ALERTS ISSUED BY SOME COUNTRIES

Where nobody is beggar

EAM ASADUZZAMAN with ANDREW EAGLE

Physically disabled Jalmat Hossen, 62, has opened a grocer's shop in Keshba village. "I hope for better days," he says. It's his first business venture. Elderly widow Mofizon Bewa, 75, meanwhile, is busy rearing chickens in nearby Uttor Durakuthi village. Without any living relatives to support her, she relies on the ten eggs her hens lay each day, which she sells in the market to meet her daily costs.

What the two have in common is that both were beggars. But they are fortunate as they live in Nilphamari's Kishoreganj upazila, the first upazila in the country where begging no longer exists.

Launched on 5 July 2014, the programme "Beggarfree Kishoreganj Upazila" involved the formation of a beggar rehabilitation committee comprising concerned lawmakers, local leaders and government officials headed by visionary Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Siddiqur Rahman.

Harun-ur-Rashid, president of the upazila's SEE PAGE 2 COL 2

ASI stabbed to death

Was attacked at a checkpoint in city; one arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An assistant sub-inspector of police was stabbed to death by a youth last night at a checkpoint at the capital's Gabtoli when a police team was searching the young man's bag.

Victim Ibrahim Mollah had been posted at Darus Salam Police Station for the past one and a half years.

The man who stabbed the ASI managed to flee but police arrested a youth who accompanied the assailant. Police sources said they seized a hand camera from the detainee, Masud.

Detailed information about the assailant, the detainee or the motive behind the killing could not be known.

However, Sheikh Maruf Hasan, additional commissioner (crime) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told reporters at the police station around 1:00am today, "There is no militant link with the incident."

It came amid a heightened security in and outside the capital following the murders of two foreign nationals -- an Italian aid worker in the capital on September 28 and a Japanese farmer in

Durga Puja Ends Immersion of idols today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hindu devotees were both happy and sad at the same time yesterday -- the mother Goddess had been with them for the last few days and now she was set to leave the world for another year.

According to the holy scripture, Ramayan, lord Rama defeated Ravan with the blessings of the Goddess after fighting

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Joy Bangla

Allah is Almighty

Joy Bangabandhu

Our beloved motherland is bright with the light of people's empowerment. Bangladesh is illuminated around the world by your deeds.

Honourable Prime Minister Statesman Sheikh Hasina has set a unique example of how a nation, which was on the brink of destruction, is able to stand with pride in the world. She gave the nation a new vision 'Vision-2021' to transform Bangladesh into a middle-income country. She gave Bangladeshis the dream of Digital Bangladesh. Today Bangladesh is a wonderful role model of development and progress. This has been possible for the people's empowerment and sincere efforts of the prudent, sensible and bold leadership of Daughter of Peace Sheikh Hasina.











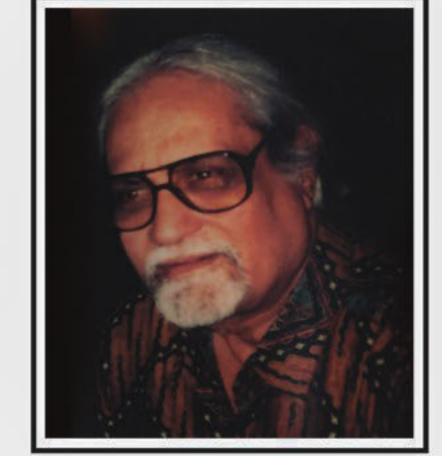
'Champions of the Earth' award, New York, 27 September, 2015.



"ICT Sustainable Development Award" New York, 2015.







Azimur Rahman 1935-2001

Remember Our Love

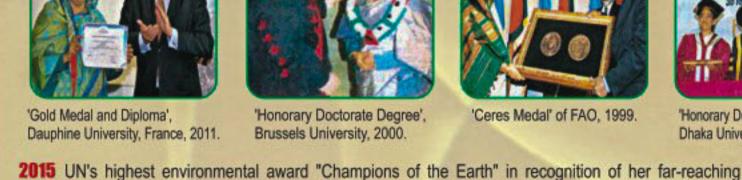
I was chosen today I'm learning to fly the world took me away, but please don't you cry.

And I chose you today to try and be strong so please don't you cry and don't say that I'm gone.

When you're feeling alone just remember our love, I'm up near the stars looking down from above.

Remember our love in a moment you'll see that I'm still here beside you when you're thinking of me.

~Julie Epp~



'Rotary Peace Award', 2013.

'Honorary Doctorate Degree', Brussels University, 2000.

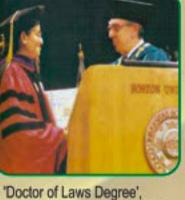


'South-South Award-2011'

'Ceres Medal' of FAO, 1999.

"Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree", Dhaka University, 1999.





Boston University, USA, 1997.



Waseda University, Japan, 1997.

initiatives to address the country's climate change on 27 September UN's top "ICT Sustainable Development Award" from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for harnessing the potential of ICTs for sustainable development on 26 September "Women in Parliament (WIP) Global Forum Award" for women empowerment and reducing gender gap on 25 March

2014 UN 'South South Cooperation Visionary Award" for contributing in expanding information technology, ensuring healthcare and success in poverty alleviation on 21 November UNESCO "Tree of Peace Award" in recognition of outstanding contribution to promotion of girls' and women's education on 8 September

2013 "South Asia and Asia Pacific Manthan Award" for outstanding contribution in eradicating poverty through connecting poor people with online banking under One House One Farm Project on 6 December "South-South Award" in recognition of exceptional contributions to the implementation of the UN's

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and sustainable development on 23 September

"Diploma Award" from UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in recognition to Bangladesh's outstanding achievement in fighting hunger On 16 June "Rotary Peace Award" for her contribution to world peace and democracy on 8 June 2012 UN unanimously accepted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's six-point multi-dimensional peace model

"People's Empowerment" for championing democracy and people's empowerment on December 17

UNESCO's "Cultural Diversity Medal" for outstanding contribution towards preservation of cultural

diversity and expansion of cultural activities in Bangladesh D. Lit Degree by Tripura University, India on 12 January 2011 "Gold Medal and Diploma" awarded by Dauphine University, Paris, France on 25 May "South-South Award" for outstanding contribution to the development of women and children "Global Diversity Award" for her contribution in crucial areas to promote human life

"Bangla Academy Fellowship" on 30 December 2010 "UN MDG Award" for Bangladesh's outstanding achievements in attaining the MDG particularly in reducing child mortality on September 19 "ASOCIO IT Award-2010" for her unique vision and tremendous efforts to turn Bangladesh into a modern ICT-based digital country

2009 World prestigious "Indira Gandhi Peace Prize" for ensuring peace and development in the country on

2005 "Honorary Doctorate Degree" by People's Friendship University of Russia for her contribution for

"Honorary Doctorate Degree" by St. Petersburg University, Russia for outstanding contribution in international development

establishing peace, democracy and human rights "Medal of Merit" by International Association of Lions Clubs

'Felix Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize' of

2004 "Doctor of Humane Letters" by Barry University, Florida, USA

2001 "Doctor of Science Degree" by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University for her outstanding contribution to agriculture on 14 March

2000 Prestigious "Pearl S. Buck Award" by Randolph Macon Women's College of USA in recognition of her vision, courage, achievements in political, economic and humanitarian fields on 9 April "Honorary Doctorate Degree (Doctor Honoris Causa)" by World famous Catholic University of Brussels, Belgium for her decisive role in establishing democracy, protecting human rights and peace on 4 February

"Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters" by the Bridgeport University, USA on 5 September "Person of the Year" by Afro-Asian Lawyers' Federation for Human Rights, Cairo, Egypt

1999 "Honorary Degree of Desikottama (Doctor of Literature, honoris causa)" by Visva-Bharati University of West Bengal, India on 28 January

"Doctor of Laws Degree, (honoris causa) by the Australian National University on the ground of her distinguished creative contributions in the service of society on 20 October "Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree" by Dhaka University for her outstanding contribution towards

peace and democracy on 18 December FAO's highest "Ceres Medal Awarded" for outstanding leadership in the progress towards attaining food security in Bangladesh 1998 UNESCO's "Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize" for her remarkable contribution to bringing peace

through ending the 25 years of conflict in Chittagong Hill Tracts with political courage and "Mother Teresa Award' by the All India Peace Council

"M K Gandhi Award" by the Mahatma M K Gandhi Foundation of Oslo, Norway for her contribution towards promotion of communal understanding, non violent religions harmony and growth of democracy at the level of grass-root in Bangladesh

"Medal of Distinction" by the International Association of Lions Clubs 1997 "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bosh Memorial Medal" by West Bengal Committee of All India Congress "Paul Haris Fellow" by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

"Head of State Medal" by the International Association of Lions Clubs "Degree of Doctor of Laws" by the Boston University of the USA on 6 February "Honorary Doctor of Laws" by the Waseda University of Japan on 4 July "Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Liberal Arts" by University of Abertay Dundee of the United

Kingdom on 25 October 1996 "Medal of Distinction" by the International Association of Lions Clubs

