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Police oppose external probe

They say departmental enquiry enough to deal with allegations of crimes, corruption, irregularities committed by cops

SHARIFUL ISLAM and RAFIUL ISLAM

The police have once again demanded that the home ministry scrap the two committees formed last year to investigate allegations of corruption, irregularities and other serious misconducts by cops.

A deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police made the demand at a conference of police high-ups with the home minister and the senior home secretary yesterday, the first day of the Police Week 2016. Most police officials attending the conference applauded the demand by clapping, meeting sources said.

Defending their call, some top cops said departmental probes were sufficient to deal with any allegations against their colleagues.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal did not make any comment in response to the police demand, but Mozammel Haque Khan, the senior home secretary, assured them that the government was "moving slow" on this, according to the sources.

The ministry formed the two committees -- one headed by a ministry representative and the other by the deputy commissioner concerned or his/her representative -- to investigate allegations submitted to the ministry against police members.

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Three cops suspended for harassing businessman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three cops of Uttara Paschim Police Station have been suspended for allegedly harassing a businessman and his female friend for extortion money.

They are Sub-inspector Rauf Bahadur, Assistant Sub-inspector Faruk Ahmed and constable Golam Mortuza.

The trio were suspended on Monday after the allegation against them was found to be true in the primary investigation, said Maruf Hossain Sarker, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

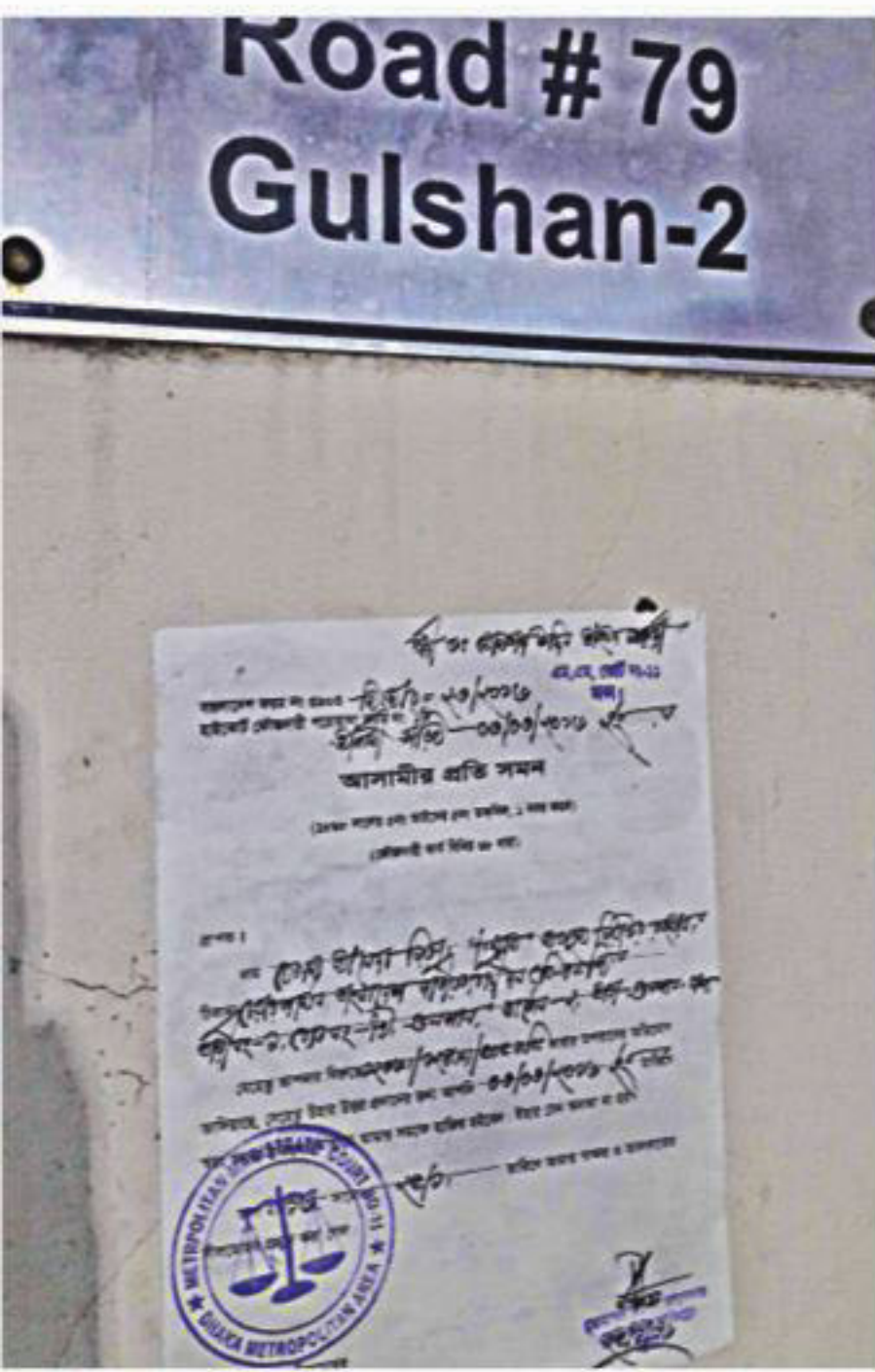
Bidhan Chandra Tripura, deputy commissioner (Uttara division) of the DMP, told The Daily Star that the three cops harassed the businessman and his friend on Sunday night after stopping their CNG-run auto-rickshaw at a checkpoint in Uttara.

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The weeping sister of Fazlul Bari Mithu, a physician who died along with his wife and daughter in a road crash on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Daudkandi early yesterday. Inset, Mithu's two-year-old son, who was injured in the crash, undergoing treatment at the National Institute of Neurosciences and Hospital.

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The summons pasted on the entrance to Khaleda Zia's residence.

Summons stuck on entrance of Khaleda's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The summons on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a sedition case was pasted on the entrance to her Gulshan residence yesterday, as staff of the house refused to receive the court order.

Court officials waited for around five hours from 12:00noon for handing the summons to any staff member at Khaleda's residence, but they failed.

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Country heading in right direction

64pc respondents of IRI survey believe so; 80pc think security situation is good

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The majority of Bangladeshis believe that the country is heading in the right direction, according to a survey by the International Republican Institute.

Sixty-four percent of the respondents think so despite political instability and price hike of essentials. In November 2013, it was 33 percent.

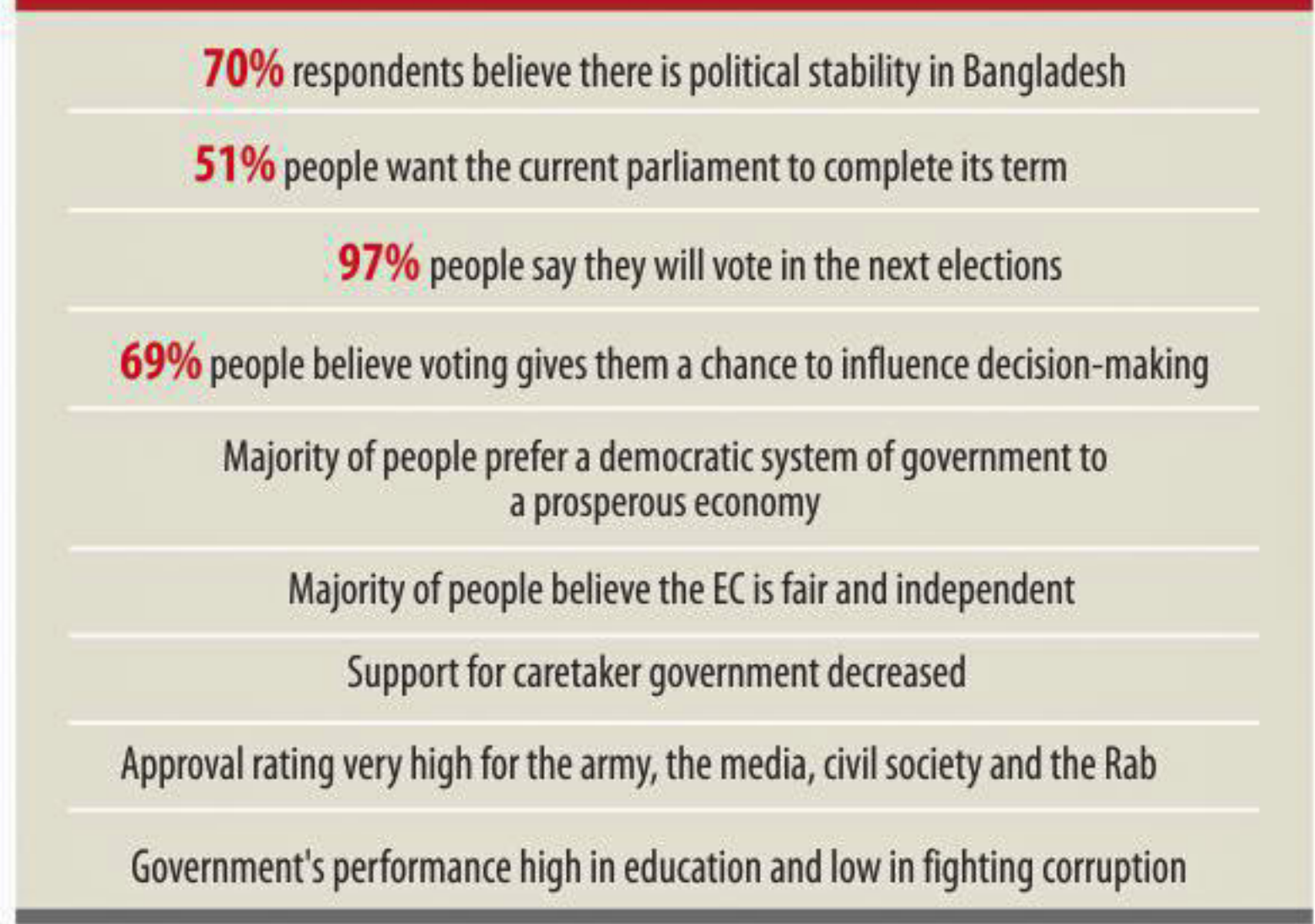
The percentage of people, who believe the country is heading in the wrong direction, halved to 32 percent in November last year from 64 percent in November 2013, says the survey made public yesterday.

The IRI's Centre for Insights in Survey Research conducted the survey between October 30 and November 19 last year.

It shows that the respondents' approval rating is very high for the army, the media, civil society and the Rapid Action Battalion.

The people who think the country is heading in the right direction put emphasis on improvement in education, development in transport system and a better economy, while those who think the country is moving in the

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U-19 Cricket World Cup begins today

Bangladesh take on S Africa

BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong

The ICC Under-19 World Cup, which is described as an early taste of international cricket for the talented youngsters, kicks off today at two different venues in the port city. High-flying Bangladesh take on

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Reckless driving ruins 2 families

Bus rams car in Comilla, truck ploughs through roadside shanty in Sirajganj

STAR REPORT

Reckless driving virtually wiped out two families yesterday as slack enforcement of traffic rules continue to give law-breaking drivers impunity, exposing thousands of road users to the constant danger.

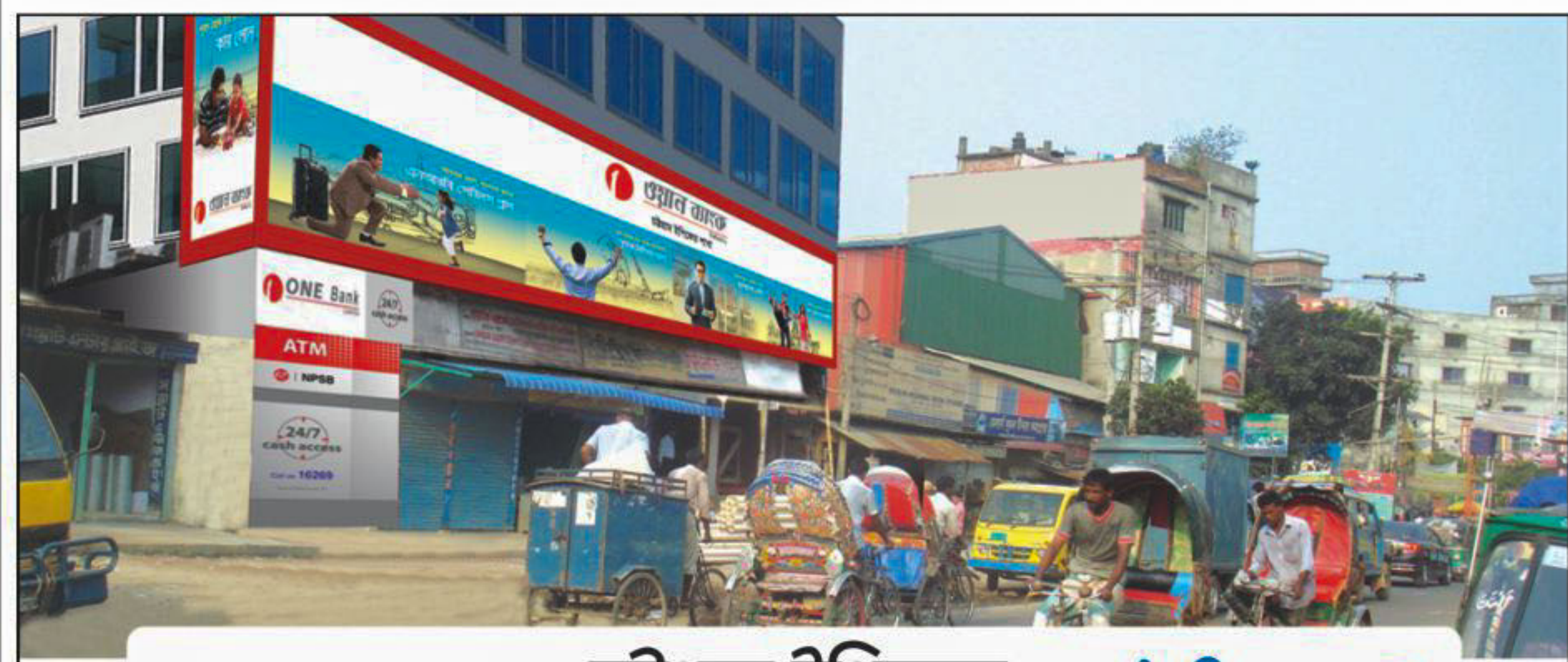
Every day many lives are cut short in horrifying crashes on highways and the bloodletting continued with 10 dying yesterday in Comilla, Sirajganj, Mymensingh, and Thakurgaon.

A psychiatrist from Dhaka and three of his family members were killed when a long-haul bus collided head on with his car at Daudkandi on Dhaka-Chittagong highway around 1:45pm.

Three of a family died in their sleep when a truck, allegedly with a drowsy driver at the wheel, veered off the road and went into the hovel they were living in in Sirajganj around 5:30am.

A student of Jahangirnagar University was killed when the ambulance he was using to carry the body of a family member collided with a truck in

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