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# Double wings in 5 ministries

### Govt moves to create 10 divisions; target dynamism in administration, expanded cabinet

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The government moves to create at least 10 divisions under five ministries soon as part of its efforts to accelerate the pace of work in the civil administration and accommodate additional officials at different tiers of bureaucracy.

The move would make room for promoting some top officials to the rank of secretary and also for expanding the Sheikh Hasina-led cabinet, said government sources.

The five ministries that will have new divisions are home, education, health and family welfare, LGRD and cooperatives, and civil aviation and tourism ministries, they said.

The home and education ministries already got orders in this regard from the Prime Minister's Office in the last week of February, they added.

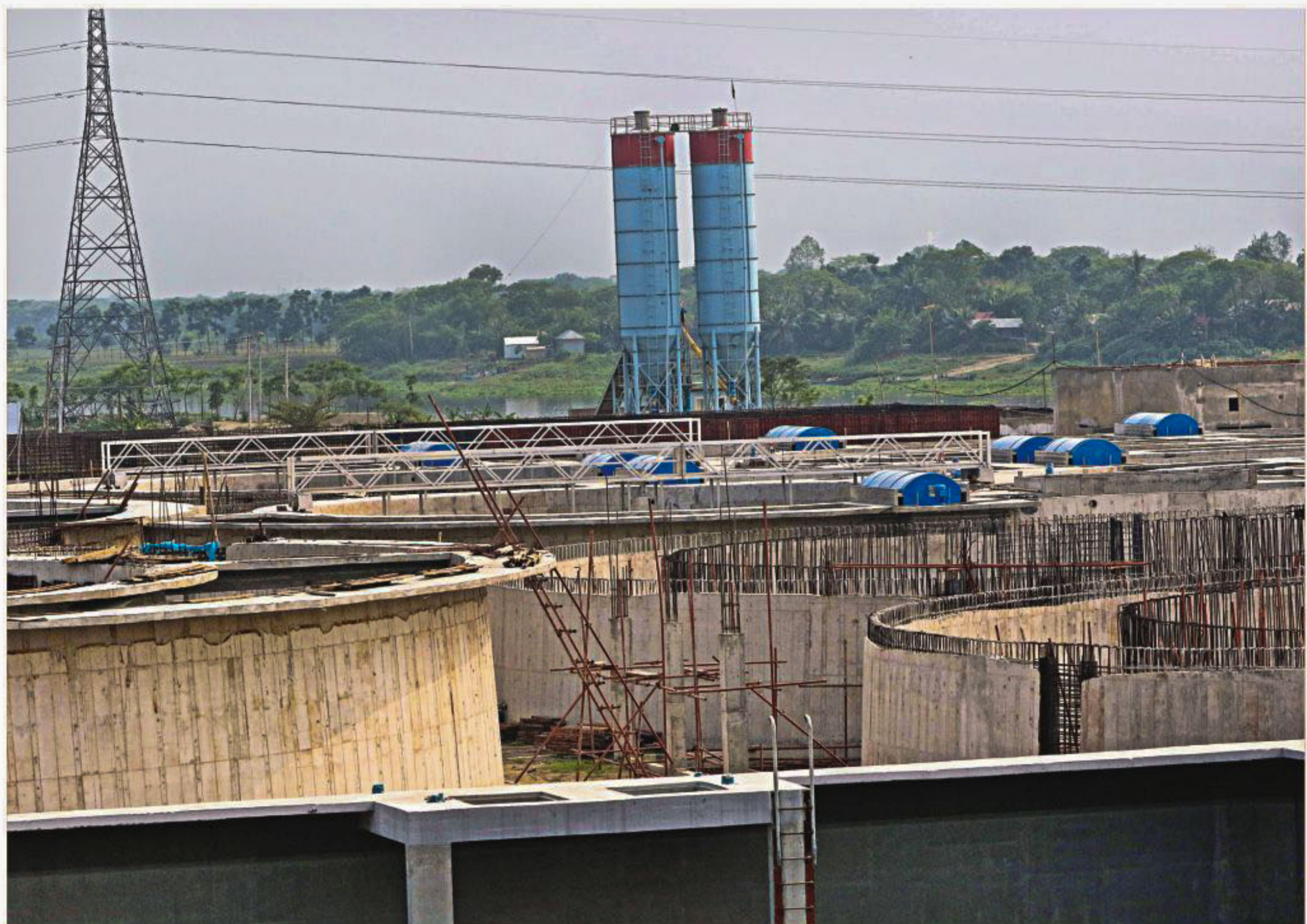
Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, senior secretary of the public administration ministry, confirmed it.

Contacted, PM's Principal Secretary Abul Kalam Azad said the initiative was taken to enhance the government's efficiency.

Wishing anonymity, a former cabinet secretary said it would take at least three months to implement the PMO orders if the ministries concerned work very fast.

At present, seven of the 45 ministries have 16 divisions.

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The central effluent treatment plant (CETP) at the Tannery Industrial Estate in Savar on the outskirts of the capital. Hazaribagh tanners were supposed to relocate to the Savar site by Thursday but the construction of the CETP is yet to be completed.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## TANNERY RELOCATION Another deadline ends in whimper

PINAKI ROY

Yet another deadline has gone by, but not a single tannery has been relocated from the capital's Hazaribagh to the Savar Tannery Industrial Estate.

In fact, the government itself has not been able to fully install the Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP). Proper treatment of toxic waste discharged by the tanneries was described as a key objective of the whole relocation move.

On January 9, Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu asked the tanners to move to Savar within 72 hours. However, following negotiations with the tanners, the deadline was first extended to March 1 and then to March 31.

Having failed to relocate SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

## BANGLADESH BANK CYBER HEIST \$20m she expected, but not from Dhaka Lankan businesswoman claims she was set up

REUTERS, Colombo

When Hagoda Gamage Shalika Perera, a small Sri Lankan businesswoman, got a deposit of \$20 million in her account last month, she said the funds were expected but had no idea they were stolen from Bangladesh's central bank in one of the largest cyber heists in history.

Unknown hackers breached Bangladesh Bank's systems between February 4 and 5 and tried to steal nearly \$1 billion from its account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



Shalika Perera

Many of the payments were blocked. But \$20 million made its way to Perera's Shalika Foundation before the transfer was reversed. Bangladesh central bank officers said they acted after a routing bank, Deutsche Bank, sought clarification on the transfer because hackers misspelled the company's name as "Fundation."

Another \$81 million was routed to accounts in the Philippines, and diverted to casinos there, where the trail runs out.

The Philippines Senate is holding hearings in the case, but until now, few details

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CHAIRMAN POSTS (2 phases)	
AL	991
BNP	109
Others	233
UPs	4,500 (around)
Polls held	1,364 UPs (in 2 phases)
Results suspended	31 UPs
Killed	30 people

SOURCE: EC AND MEDIA



"Our Election Commission is the most powerful commission in the world. It can cancel or accept an election if it wishes. But what's this? It doesn't make any move."

AWAMI LEAGUE LEADER SURANJIT SENGUPTA ON EC'S ROLE OVER CONTAINING VIOLENCE IN UP POLLS

## Scores injured in post-polls violence

### Houses burnt, shops looted, Hindus in Faridpur attacked

STAR REPORT

At least 58 people, including six women, were injured and 45 houses and shops, some of them belonging to Hindus, were vandalised and burned in post-polls violence in five districts on Thursday night and yesterday.

The incidents of violence were reported from Faridpur, Brahmanbaria, Natore, Sherpur and Madaripur. In most areas, supporters of the winning chairman and members attacked activists of the defeated candidates. In some unions, however, the attacks were carried out by followers of the defeated candidates, police and locals said.

Like in the first phase, Thursday's second-

phase union polls saw widespread violence that left at least eight people dead and over 130 more wounded. The dead include a 10-year-old child in Keraniganj and a Dhaka University student in Madaripur.

In post-election violence in Faridpur, supporters of a defeated member candidate in ward no-5 of Tagarbandho union in Alfadanga allegedly launched an attack on seven Hindu homes in Shikarpur village, beating up family members and vandalising their homes and other belongings on Thursday evening.

Six women and a man were injured in the

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## BNP losing interest in UP polls

RASHIDUL HASAN

The BNP high command has lost interest in staying in the union parishad polls race due to "gross irregularities" in the first two phases of the elections, party insiders said.

Frustrated at the electoral violence, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has already talked with some senior party leaders about whether it should take part in the next four phases of the polls.

The central leaders are also seeking opinion from party grassroots on the electoral environment and whether the chairman

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