RAJUK UTTARA 3RD PHASE

## Flat handover starts in Dec

ZAHED KHAN and AINUL HAQUE PRAMANIK

The implementation of Rajuk's Uttara (3rd phase) flat project is finally gathering pace as handover of the flats of the first 10 buildings to buyers begins in December.

Under the project, Rajuk will construct 179 buildings of 14 storeys which would have 15,036 flats. An estimated 75,000 people will live in the project area.

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) is now building 79 high-rises in Block-A of Sector-18 in Uttara.

"The handover of flats will start in December. We hope to complete the handover of all the flats by June 2018," said Project Director Raihanul Ferdous.

The project is being implemented on around 214 acres of land at a cost of over Tk 9,000 crore. Rajuk is charging a buyer around Tk 79 lakh for a 1,654-square-foot flat.

The project got underway in 2012 when the Rajuk had planned to build flats of three sizes in each of the buildings, with the biggest one being 1654sqft. A consortium of South Korean firm Donga and local Ena Properties was tasked with the construction job.

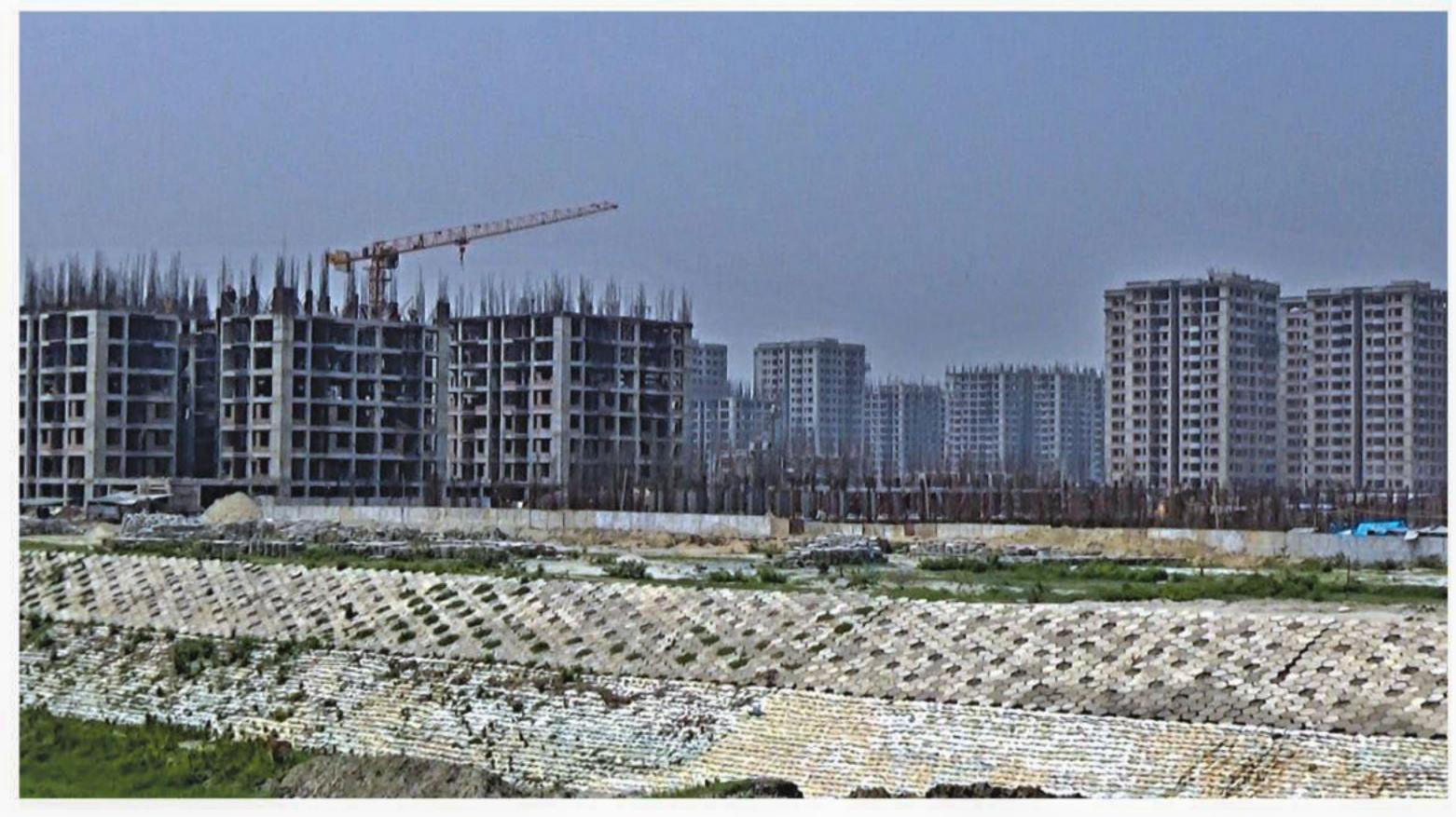
As the joint venture failed to make any significant progress, Rajuk in 2014 awarded contracts to 19 local companies to complete the project.

Rajuk then decided that all flats would be of the same size (1,654sqft). "We thought that people would not be interested in smaller flats as the project site is far away from downtown Dhaka," said Raihanul.

Each flat will have three bedrooms, one living and one dining room, three bathrooms and a car parking space.

Besides, there will be health clubs, educational institutions, kitchen markets, community complex, playgrounds and shopping malls in the project area.

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The flat buildings being built by Rajuk in the capital's Uttara. Rajuk is expecting to hand over the flats of 10 buildings to the buyers in December. Bottom, an inside view of a flat. The photos were taken earlier this month.

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#### Ctg woman, daughter found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman and her five-yearold daughter were found dead at their house in Boalkhali upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

They are Shelly Shill, 35, wife of Asim Shill, an assistant to a lawyer, and their daughter Antora Shill.

Salahuddin Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Boalkhali Police Station, said on information, police recovered the hanging body of Shelly from her bedroom in Kunjuri Bottala village, while Anotra's body was found lying in the bed.

"Primarily, it seems that Antora was strangled to death," said the police official, adding, "Shelly's body was hanging from a ceiling fan of her bedroom."

"We found that Shelly's mother-in-law, who is an elderly woman, was in the house and her husband [Asim] was at work in Chittagong city," said the OC.

Shelly's mother-in-law said Shelly, who had a quarrel with her husband a few days ago, might have committed suicide between SEE PAGE 12 COL 6

#### Won't allow industries on farmland Says PM

UNB, Dhaka Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina yesterday said her government will not allow anyone to set up industries indiscriminately destroying farmlands and forests. "Indiscriminate setting

up of industries destroying our cultivable land and forests won't be allowed anymore. Industries could be set up at 100 special economic zones which are

ICT ACT

STAR REPORT

Charge sheet

filed against

journo Probir

A Faridpur court yesterday accepted a charge

sheet against journalist Probir Sikdar under

the Information and Communication

Monir Hossain, sub-inspector of

investigation officer of the case, submit-

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ted the charge sheet to the Cognisance

Faridpur Kotwali Police Station and

Technology (ICT) Act, 2006.

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# Toddler stabbed to death in city

Police suspect mother killed her son before attempting suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An 18-month-old baby boy was stabbed to death at his home in the capital's Uttar Khan area on Monday night.

His mother, Fahmida Mir Mukti, 30, was under treatment yesterday at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with cut marks in her throat.

Police suspect that Mukti attempted suicide after killing her son Nihal Sadik following feuds with her husband Sazzad Hossain Murad, 35, a shop employee in Uttara.

The incident took place barely one and a half months after law enforcers accused a mother of killing her two children out of her "concerns about their SEE PAGE 12 COL 4

### Taliban truck bomb kills 30 in Kabul

More than 320 injured in latest attack near defence ministry AFP, Kabul

At least 30 people were killed and hundreds wounded when a Taliban truck bomb tore through central Kabul and a fierce firefight broke out yesterday, a week after the insurgents launched their annual spring offensive.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack in a densely crowded neighbourhood, which sent clouds of acrid

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A truck going the wrong way on a dual carriageway at Koliarpur of Savar on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday. Trucks carrying soil for local brick kilns often take the wrong way due to lax enforcement of law putting people's lives at risk.

> РНОТО: STAR

### Palmyra arch rises again in London



AFP, London

A replica of one of the most iconic monuments destroyed by Islamic State (IS) jihadists in the ancient Syrian city of Palmyra was unveiled in London's Trafalgar Square yesterday.

The six-metre (20 feet) tall scale recreation of the Triumphal Arch is made of Egyptian marble and was carved in the northern Italian region of Tuscany using precision digital technology such as 3D modelling. The project is the brainchild of the Oxford-based

Institute of Digital Technology (IDA), a joint venture between a group of international academics.

"If something can be rebuilt in this fashion, then those images of things being blown up and destroyed forever, that's undercut," IDA director Roger Michel told AFP after the replica was revealed in front of a crowd of several hundred people.

"Part of what we're doing is to send the message that things that have been destroyed can be replaced and that act of destruction is not final," he added.

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### BANGLADESHIS IN IS Some went abroad long

ago, joined IS Says DMP official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As far as the DMP is concerned, 15 and 20 Bangladeshis or people of Bangladeshi origin, who had been abroad for a long time, joined Islamic State, claimed DMP Additional Commissioner Monirul Islam yesterday. "Those people left the

country with clean backgrounds for studying or SEE PAGE 12 COL 2



**PRAYER TIMING** APRIL 20

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### ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন

সময়মত পৌরকর পরিশোধ করুন আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন

### বকেয়া কর আদায় সংক্রান্ত জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, হোল্ডিংকরসহ অন্যান্য কর যেমনঃ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ফি, মার্কেটের ভাড়া ও সালামী ইত্যাদি পরিশোধের সুবিধার্থে ২৩ এপ্রিল ২০১৬খ্রিঃ হতে ৩০ জুন ২০১৬খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত সকল কার্যদিবস ছাড়াও সাপ্তাহিক সরকারি ছুটির দিন শনিবার সকাল ৯.০০টা থেকে বিকাল ৪.০০টা পর্যন্ত ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশনের ৫টি আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়ের রাজস্ব বিভাগসহ বনানী কমিউনিটি সেন্টার-কাম কাঁচা বাজারে অবস্থিত রাজস্ব বিভাগের বাজার শাখা খোলা থাকবে। উল্লেখ্য, বকেয়া পৌরকর আদায়ের নিমিত্ত ক্রোকী কার্যক্রমসহ অন্যান্য আইনী প্রক্রিয়া চলমান রয়েছে।

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# Hopes dim for survivors

Ecuador quake death toll hits 424; distraught family members praying for miracles

REUTERS, Pedernales/canoa

Rescuers in Ecuador were yesterday losing hope of finding more survivors from an earthquake which killed more than 400 people and dealt a shattering blow to the South American OPEC nation's already fragile economy.

Praying for miracles, distraught family members beseeched rescue teams to find missing loved ones as they used dogs, bare hands and excavators to hunt through debris of flattened homes, hotels, and stores in the hardest-hit Pacific coastal region.

The death toll stood at 424 but was expected to

Saturday, also injured at least 2,600 people. Supervising rescue work in the disaster zone,

rise. The 7.8 magnitude quake, which struck late

Ecuador's leftist President Rafael Correa said the quake inflicted between \$2 billion and \$3 billion of damage to the oil-dependent economy and could knock between two and three percentage points off growth. "Let's not kid ourselves, it will be a long struggle ...

Reconstruction for years, billions (of dollars) in investment," said a deeply moved Correa. Growth in Ecuador's small economy had already

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