

# HOW TO DISHONOUR YOUR MARTYRED HEROES



Violation on all fronts. Clockwise from top left, two youths wearing shoes and sandals walk on the main pedestal of Central Shaheed Minar in the capital and a man sleeps there, while it is strictly prohibited by the High Court to do so, the instructions on the board, in order to protect the sanctity of the memorial for language martyrs. On the other hand, the authorities concerned, which are supposed to deploy guards to check such movements and activities, seem far from remembering what they were asked to do. Two other instruction boards, one put by Dhaka University and the other by the Public Works Department, effectively fail to make impacts, too. The photos were taken yesterday. PHOTOS: PRABIR DAS

## Roanu leaves port city with Tk 209cr damage

### Claims Chittagong City Corporation

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

It has been almost a week since Cyclone Roanu hit the country and left a trail of devastation in its wake, causing a damage of about Tk 209 crore in the port city, according to Chittagong City Corporation. Due to gusty wind and rainfall as well as tidal water, different roads, culverts, drains, footpaths and lights-poles-wires got damaged in different city areas, said CCC sources. Around 90km paved, unpaved and brick made roads were damaged, they said, adding, the extent of the damage is about Tk 162.50 crore. Contacted, Lt Col Mohiuddin Ahamed, chief engineer of CCC, said most of the damages occurred in Bakalia and coastal areas like Uttar and Dakkhin Patenga. About 20km of footpaths, 17km of drains, five culverts/bridges, about 300 electric poles, 5,000 street lights and about 50km of electric wires got damaged, said CCC, adding, the amount of damage is about Tk 46.50 crore. The storm also knocked down homes and toppled hundreds of trees, they further said. AKM Jafrul Islam, ward councillor of ward no-17 covering Paschim Bakalia, said the road damage under this ward occurred mostly because of



This culvert in Pahartoli Railway Police Line area of the port city fell apart hit by cyclone Roanu. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

rain and tidal water. "Potholes have developed in many roads like Dhumpara, Hadi Para and Housing Colony in Uttar Patenga areas," said Md Joynal Abedin, councillor of ward no-40. Roughly, the total damages caused by Roanu in CCC area would be Tk 209 crore, said the CCC chief engineer. A team of 150 people has been working to fix the damaged roads, he said, adding that hopefully, it will take about another week to complete the task. "In order to renovate other damaged structures like culverts and drains permanently, we have to wait for the dry season," said Lt Col Mohiuddin, adding, "Meantime, we'll repair and make them useable for the time being."



Airport Road in the naval area of Patenga after being visited by cyclone Roanu. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## KIBRIA MURDER CASE

### Recording of testimonies resumes

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A Sylhet court yesterday resumed recording of testimonies of witnesses in the former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder case in the absence of former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar, one of the accused in the case. Judge Makbul Ahsan of Sylhet Speedy Trial Tribunal recorded the testimonies and fixed June 1 and 2 for the next hearing, said Kishore Kumar Kar, public prosecutor of the tribunal. Twenty out of 171 witnesses so far gave their depositions before the tribunal. During yesterday's proceedings, 13 accused were present at the court, but Babar was not due to his sickness, said the PP. On September 13 last year, the court framed charges against BNP leaders Babar and Harris Chowdhury and 30 others in the case. Of them, 13 accused are in prison, nine on bail and the rest including Hamis on the run. On January 27, 2005, five people including Kibria were killed and 70 others injured in a grenade attack on a public rally.

## 3 Khulna madrasa teachers missing for 14 days

### Families demand their safe return at press confce

UNB, Khulna

Three madrasa teachers, picked up by some unknown people from separate places in Khulna city on May 12, could not be traced till yesterday. Abdullah Al Saim Turja, Shoyeb Biswas and M Monirul Islam are teachers of Harintana Bismillahnagar Qawmi Madrasa and Orphanage in the city. As police could not trace them in the last two weeks, their families at a press conference at Khulna Press Club yesterday urged the authorities concerned to take steps to ensure their safe return. In a written statement, they alleged that Turja was picked up by some unidentified people in a white microbus while he was returning home from the madrasa along with

his colleague M Hafez Bin Ashraf on May 12. The abductors also snatched two mobile phone sets of Ashraf when he tried to call the madrasa principal. Later, they left the place taking Turja. Later, his father Shahidul Islam filed a case with Harintana Police Station. Besides, some unknown people, identifying themselves as detectives, picked up Monirul Islam, son of Masudur Rahman, from his CSD Colony residence in the city around 10:00pm on the same day. Shoyeb Biswas, son of Abdus Sattar, went missing on his way to the madrasa from his Boikali Bazar residence in the city around 10:30pm on the same day, they alleged. A general diary was lodged by Abdus Sattar with Khalipur Police Station on May 13.



A DISTURBING CONTRAST: The footbridge at the busy Bangla Motor intersection in the capital hardly gets any pedestrian, while dozens wait underneath to cross the road, young and old or aware and unaware people alike. The photo was taken yesterday.

## Five Moulvibazar men charged

FROM PAGE 3 people and looting and torching of the houses of one Harendra Bhattacharya between November 22 and December 5; killing of one Jamini Mohan Dev and abduction, confinement and torture of three people on November 25; abduction of four people including one Rasraj Bhattacharya on November 27; abduction and torture of four people and killing of two between November 29 and December 8; and killing of 14 people including one Shushital Dhar on December 29.

Meanwhile, Prosecutor Sabina Yasmin Munni yesterday sought two more months' time to complete the probe in the case against three Netrakona war crime suspects. The tribunal asked the prosecution to submit the probe report or, in case of failure, a progress report on the investigation on July 19. The accused are Hedayet Ullah Anju and his brother Enayet Ullah Manju and Sohrab Fakir of Atpara upazila. Sohrab is now in jail, and the brothers on the run.

## Consequences will be dire if Khaleda

FROM PAGE 3 Another standing committee member, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, urged party leaders and activists to prepare for foiling the "government's conspiracy" against Khaleda. "The government won't be able to implement its plan if we can work out an effective strategy." Abbas, also convener of Dhaka city unit of BNP, said, "I want to clearly state that the consequences will not be good if our leader is arrested because the people won't accept it in any way." A Dhaka court on Wednesday issued the warrants for the arrest of 38 BNP leaders,

including Khaleda, in a case filed with Jatrabari Police Station in connection with an arson attack during the party's movement last year. Earlier on May 19, another Dhaka court warned that it would order Khaleda's arrest if she failed to appear before it on June 2 for self-defence in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case. Abbas alleged that there was a conspiracy to weaken the party, as was before and during the 1/11 political changeover in 2007. He urged BNP workers to remain alert to foil any evil attempt against the party, and alleged that a section of the media was publishing "false news" about BNP and its leaders.

## Extension of

FROM PAGE 4 Member of National Education Policy Implementation Committee Dr Siddiqur Rahman said the government would face academic, administrative, infrastructural and financial challenges due to the extension. He suggested a curriculum up to class VIII which will comprise ethics, skill development and positive attitude towards society to address academic challenge. Vice Chairperson of CAMPE Prof Dr Manzoor Ahmed gave a presentation on challenges that are being faced in implementing Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP)-III. Among others, Team Leader (Health and Education) of DFID Bangladesh Dr Caroline Sumner, CAMPE Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury also spoke.