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# CETP at Savar yet to be ready

Approach road to new tannery town is also in battered condition, yet tanners asked to relocate there

**PINAKI ROY**  
 The government has not yet completed the construction work of the Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) at Savar although Hazaribagh tanners are under constant pressure to relocate their businesses there.

CETP is used for the proper treatment of toxic waste spewed out by tanneries. It would take at least another month to complete the physical work of the CETP at Savar Tannery Industrial Estate as some machines are yet to reach there, project officials said.

On Monday, the Supreme Court ordered the owners of 154 tanneries to pay Tk 10,000 in daily compensation for damaging the environment in Hazaribagh area.

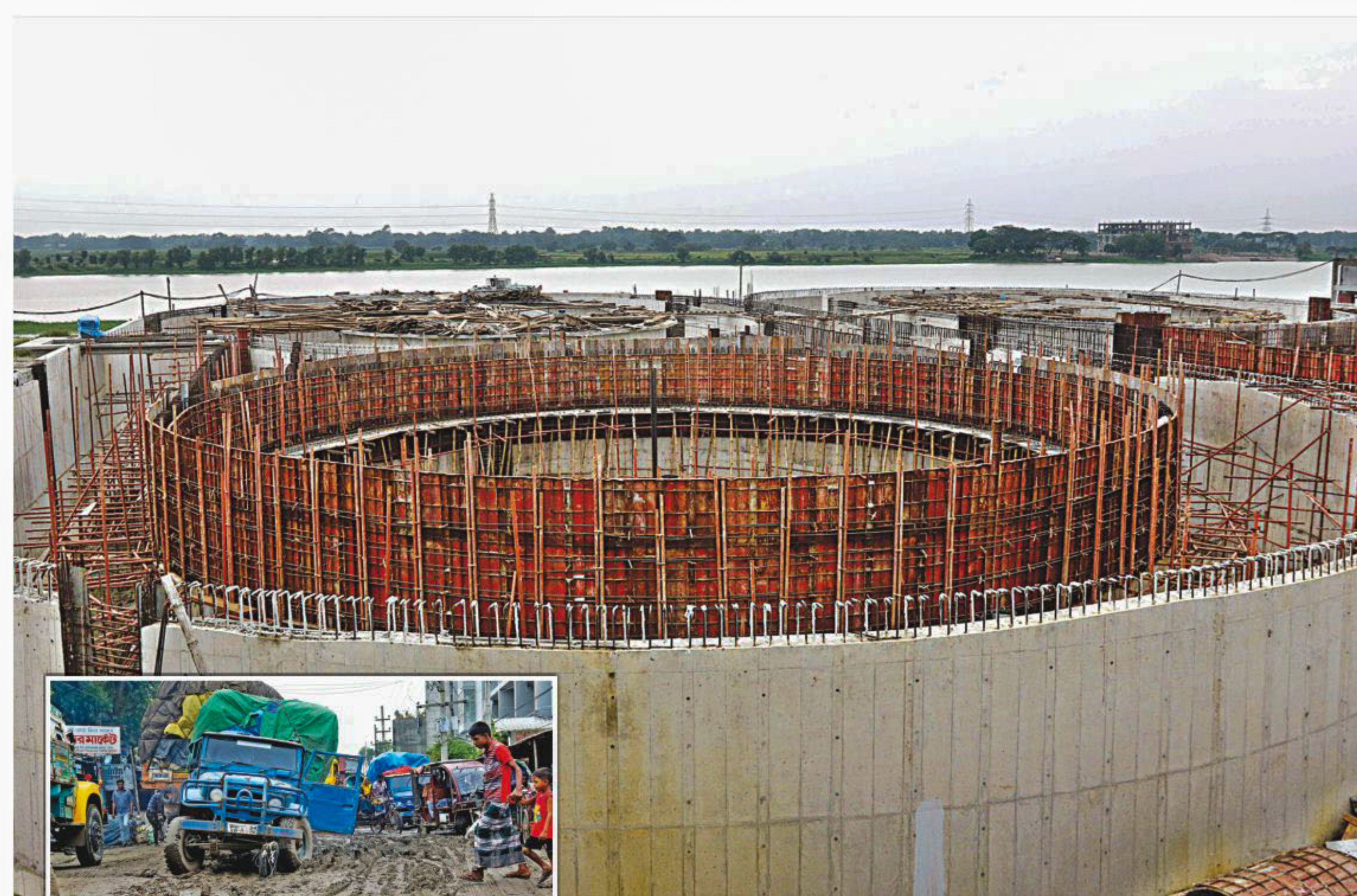
The move came as the tanneries have yet to relocate to Savar on the outskirts of the capital, despite repeated government warnings.

The apex court reset the compensation amount to Tk 10,000 after the tanners moved an appeal before it against the June 16 High Court order that had asked each of the factories to pay Tk 50,000 in daily compensation.

The SC order said half of the money would go to Bangladesh Liver Foundation for running charitable activities and the rest would be deposited in government coffers.

"We have not got all the machines. We are expecting the last consignment of machineries to be used in the CETP," said Professor Delwar Hossain, a faculty of Bangladesh

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The under-construction Central Effluent Treatment Plant at Savar Tannery Industrial Estate in Hemayetpur of Savar. Inset, the Bagbari Shyampur Road, around half a kilometre off the estate, is in a very bad shape. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# TERROR THREAT Police alert ministers, step up security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many ministers have stepped up their personal security after being alerted by cops about possible militant attacks.

Police cautioned ministers against probable attacks in the wake of recent militant attacks at home and abroad.

Ministers on Monday received an SMS from DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia, requesting them to remain alert as militants might carry out an attack on any cabinet member at any time.

Talking to reporters at his Secretariat office, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon said they received an alert of possible militant attacks.

"The cabinet members can be attacked anytime. The ministers' gunmen have been alerted," he said, adding that he cautioned his personal security guard.

Menon, also Workers Party president, said given

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# Khutba not imposed

Says committee formed by govt

UNB, Dhaka

The Khutba Formulation Committee yesterday said Baitul Mukarram national mosque's khutba was not imposed on anyone or made specific for anybody. The khutba was delivered in many mosques across the country before the last Juma prayers.

The committee in a statement also said Islamic Foundation's employees with general education background had no involvement in preparing the sermon.

It issued the statement in response to media reports about criticism of the "common" khutba.

Signed by the committee convener and the national mosque's senior pesh imam Muhammad Mizanur Rahman, the release said the khutba was formulated by the Khutba Formulation Committee.

The imams of the national mosque, alem-ulema and khatibs

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# Axe attack on train rattles Germany

Teen Afghan refugee injures four of a Hong Kong family; IS claims assailant was one of its 'fighters'

AFP, Wuerzburg

A 17-year-old Afghan refugee who attacked four people with an axe on a German train had an Islamic State flag at his house, police said yesterday shortly before the extremist group claimed him as one of its fighters.

German authorities said they had found the hand-painted IS flag among the belongings of the asylum-seeker, who seriously injured four members of a family of tourists from Hong Kong on his rampage. The assailant was killed by police as he tried to flee.

"The perpetrator of the stabbing attack in Germany was one of the fighters of the Islamic State," the IS-linked Amaq news agency said, in a claim later echoed on its radio station Al-Bayan.

The assault took place on a regional train near the southern city of Wuerzburg late Monday.

Two of the victims were critically hurt, said Joachim Herrmann, the interior minister of the state of Bavaria.

"We hope that those who were gravely injured make it," Herrmann told ZDF public television.

He later said that locals who knew the assailant, identified in media reports as Riaz A, described him as "calm and even-keeled" and a "devout Muslim who did not appear to be radical or a fanatic".

"According to the investigation thus far, there was no evidence on site to point to him belonging to the Islamist network," Herrmann said.

However he said police had found a letter he apparently left for his father, who still lives in Afghanistan, in which he talked about the world's Muslims, saying they "must defend themselves".

The Islamic State group yesterday released a video purportedly showing

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# 27 activists of Jamaat-Shibir detained

Bombs, machetes recovered

STAR REPORT

The police yesterday arrested 27 alleged activists of the Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student body Islami Chhatra Shibir from different parts of the country.

Nineteen of them were held from a house in the capital's Khilgaon in the early hours, said Jahidur Rahman, sub-inspector of Khilgaon Police Station.

All of them are Shibir activists. Two have been identified as Motahar Hossain, 27, president of Khilgaon thana Shibir, and its general secretary Abdur Razzak, 24, police sources said.

During a raid in the area, law enforcers also recovered seven crude bombs, four machetes and a computer.

The police also picked up house owner Riazul Karim for renting out the flat to Shibir men, police sources said.

In Kurigram, the police nabbed district Jamaat ameer Azizur Rahman Swapan when he was marching with others in an anti-terrorism procession, reports our Kurigram correspondent.

Police sources said the procession

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# Of 'stolen' words

Trump's wife accused of copying Michelle Obama's 2008 speech; Republicans deny

AFP, Cleveland

Melania Trump -- until now only a minor presence on the campaign trail -- found herself caught in an embarrassing plagiarism controversy yesterday after a prime-time defence of her husband that appeared to be lifted in part from a speech given by Michelle Obama.

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# ISKCON TEMPLE ATTACK Eight JMB men charged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police pressed charges against eight members of outlawed Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in connection with attack on an Iskcon (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) temple in Kaharol upazila.

Two people were wounded in the attack on the night of December 10 last year.

A Dinajpur court fixed the next date of hearing on July 24 after Court Inspector Abu Sayeed Sarker placed the charge

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 JAMAAT 4-50 1-15 5-15 6-58 8-45  
 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Hawkers have set up shops at the parking lot of Khilgaon Taltola City Corporation Super Market in the capital, thanks to lax enforcement of law. Shoppers always struggle to find a parking space around the market. The photo was taken yesterday when the shops were closed due to intermittent rain.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# Threat letter sent to judge at Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Security has been beefed up in Joypurhat after the district and sessions judge received a letter threatening attacks on judges, top law enforcement officials, bankers and temple priests, said sources in the district police.

The senders of the letter identified themselves as members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh.

District and Sessions Judge Abdur Rahim received the letter sent by post at his house on July 14.

The Daily Star has

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**আমরা শোকাহত**

অধ্যাপক এম. এ. জামান, ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক মেট্রোপলিটান মেডিকেল সেন্টার লিঃ, মহাখালী, ঢাকা এবং প্রাক্তন পরিচালক, জাতীয় হৃদ রোগ ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতাল, প্রাক্তন প্রিন্সিপ্যাল বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল, প্রাক্তন প্রিন্সিপ্যাল হলি ফ্যামিলি রেড ক্রিসেন্ট মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল ১৯-০৭-২০১৬ইং তারিখে সকাল ১১:০০ ঘটিকার সময় মেট্রোপলিটান মেডিকেল সেন্টার লিঃ এ মুতু্য বরণ করেন (ইন্সলিলাহে ওয়া ইন্না ইলাইহে রাজেউন)। মুতু্যকালে তার বয়স হয়েছিল ৭৫ বছর। তিনি স্ত্রী ও তিন কন্যা সহ অসংখ্য গুনগ্রাহী রেখে গেছেন। আমরা তার রুহের মাগফেরাত কামনা করছি।

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