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The strange case of JnU

Administrations came and went, but the institution with some 20,000 students remains the only public university with no halls; students demand PM's intervention



Jagannath University students demonstrate on the Central Shaheed Minar premises to press home their demand for residential halls. The photo was taken on August 26.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

MARTIN SWAPAN PANDEY

For over a decade now, there have been class boycotts, exam cancellations, cases and counter cases, and even violence on the streets, but none of these has solved the accommodation problem of Jagannath University students. Over the years, while successive

university administrations have not done enough to address the issue, the government and the University Grants Commission (UGC) in particular allocated little money to buy land and build halls there, teachers and general students have said.

Pushed to the wall as they always have been, JnU students have returned to the streets again,

demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's personal intervention this time.

This year's protest comes two years after the 2014 failed attempt to reclaim the land of the 12 halls of the erstwhile Jagannath College that went to the hands of "illegal" occupants of various categories in the 1990s.

The current occupants include police members, a lawmaker, businessmen and leaders of Awami League-affiliated bodies.

"On the hall issue, we have lost confidence in the university administration and the education ministry. We now want a clear roadmap from the prime minister outlining

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DEBATE OVER RAMPAL POWER PLANT

Sundarbans, a magnificent and unique ecosystem of the world, faces an existential question today with a coal power plant to be set up at Rampal. It has been a content of discord between environmentalists and those who are pushing the plant. Both sides are giving out their own arguments in favour of and against the plant to be set up within 14km of the mangrove forest. The Daily Star wants to bring to the public the arguments and the counterarguments that the protagonists and antagonists of the plant have to make. Today we publish an interview of Dr Badrul Imam, professor at the Department of Geology, Dhaka University. Akram Hosen and Tuhin Shubhra Adhikary took the interview.

Shift it 10km away

Prof Imam says Labanchhara site safer, suggests avoiding Passur



The Daily Star (TDS): How would you respond to the PM's speech on the Rampal power plant?

Imam: I thank the prime minister for talking about Rampal power plant. I believe this topic should best be looked at from a scientific perspective. The focus of the argument should be the biological, chemical, and physical impacts of a coal-fired power plant on a highly sensitive ecological system like the Sundarbans. I do not mind arguing with

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Quasem waits for 'picked-up' son to return

Won't decide on mercy petition now, says his wife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condemned war criminal Mir Quasem Ali will not decide whether to seek presidential clemency until his son, allegedly picked up by unidentified men 22 days ago, returns home. Khandakar Ayesha Khatun, wife of the Jamaat-e-Islami leader, told this to reporters after meeting her husband at Kashimpur Central Jail-2 in Gazipur yesterday.

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Trial of war criminals to go on: PM

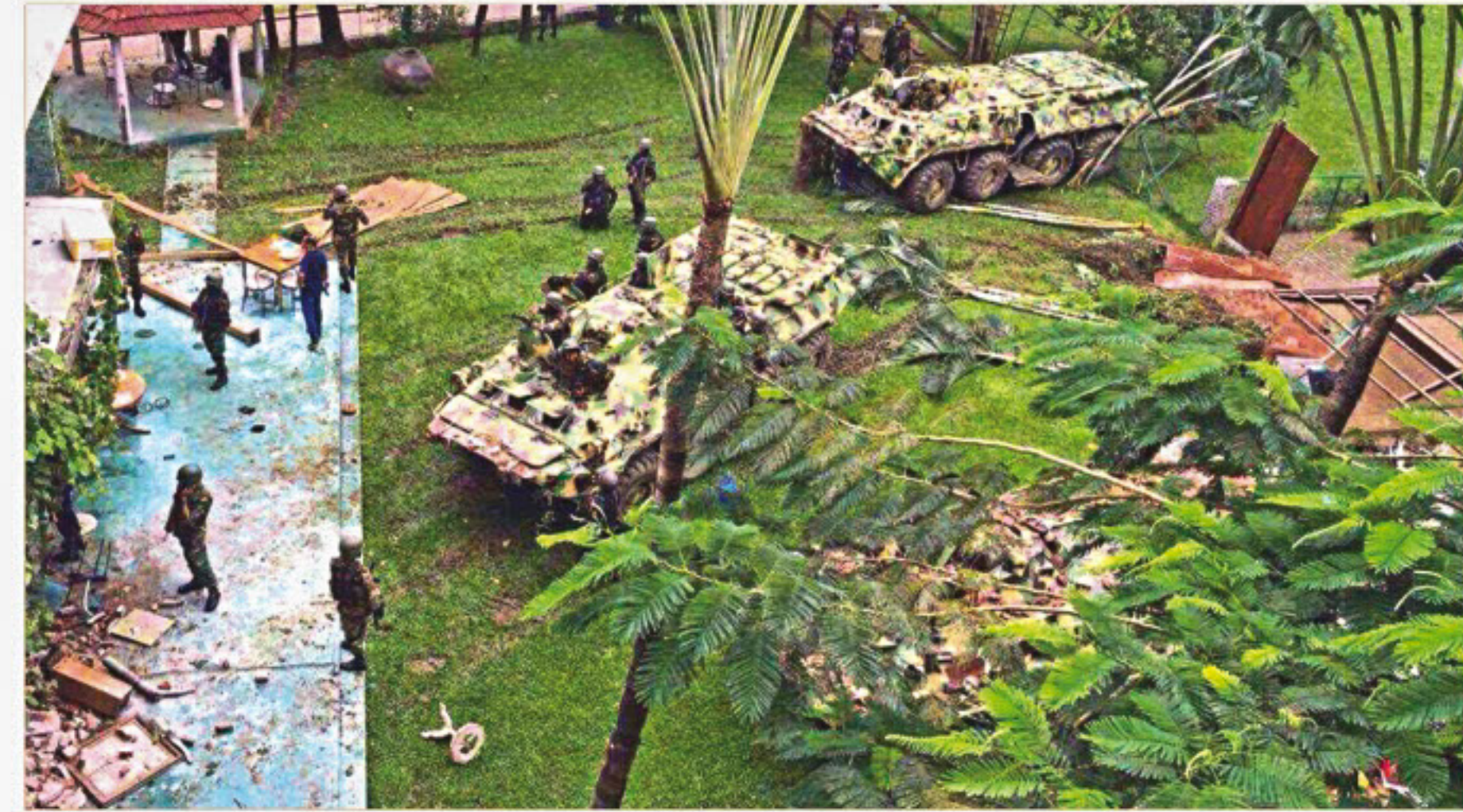
BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reaffirmed her determination to continue the trial of war criminals and said she is ready to make any sacrifice for the sake of the country and its people.

She claimed that her government has been able to hold trial of every injustice as she feels better than anyone else the pain and sorrow of those who lost near and dear ones during the war of liberation.

"We have completed the trial of Bangabandhu killing case and executed the verdict... we are also holding the trial of war criminals which Bangabandhu started and implementing the judgements and we would continue it," she said.

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Lights turned off before butchery

Survivor tells investigators; police make 'significant progress' in Gulshan attack probe in 2 months

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The militants turned off all the lights inside the Holey Artisan Bakery around an hour after they stormed the upscale café in the capital's Gulshan.

As darkness descended on the café, she heard someone groaning, and it sent a shudder down her spine.

It sounded as if an animal was being slaughtered, one of the survivors of the café attack told an investigator, giving an account of the ordeal she had gone through on July 1 night.

At one stage, one of the militants told her to identify herself. And when she did, he asked her to go to a room where several other survivors had been confined, the investigator said, quoting the survivor.

The militants brutally killed 20 hostages, including nine Italians, seven Japanese and an Indian citizen.

The female survivor, along with 12 others, were freed on July 2 morning following a commando operation that ended the over 11-hour siege.

Five terrorists and a chef of the café were

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DHAKA CAFE ATTACK Adnani played 'major role'

AFP, Beirut

Top Islamic State group strategist Abu Mohamed al-Adnani, who was killed on Tuesday, played a major role in the group during some of the most high-profile attacks including at a cafe in Bangladesh, a US official said.

The coalition forces had targeted Adnani, who had a \$5 million bounty on his head, in an air strike in Syria's Aleppo province and that the Pentagon was still assessing the result.

His death will be a major blow to IS, which has



al-Adnani

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Cops look for missing 40

Some might have militant link: IGP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have prepared a list of 40 missing people from across the country, says Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque.

Before preparing the list, police worked at the field level, collected information from the Rapid Action Battalion and also family members. They then scrutinised the information, the IGP said.

"We are doing our best to

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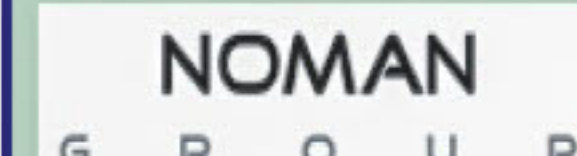
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