

UTTARA APARTMENT PROJECT Central LPG line for users?

Rajuk blames handover delay on lack of pipeline gas, plans alternative

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The Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) looks to hand over to buyers 840 apartments in 10 buildings of its Uttara apartment project from April. The Rajuk in the same month will also issue final allotment letters to the purchasers of 1,344 more flats in 16 buildings in Sector-18 of Uttara. Construction of the buildings has already been completed, said Project Director ASM Raihanul Ferdous.

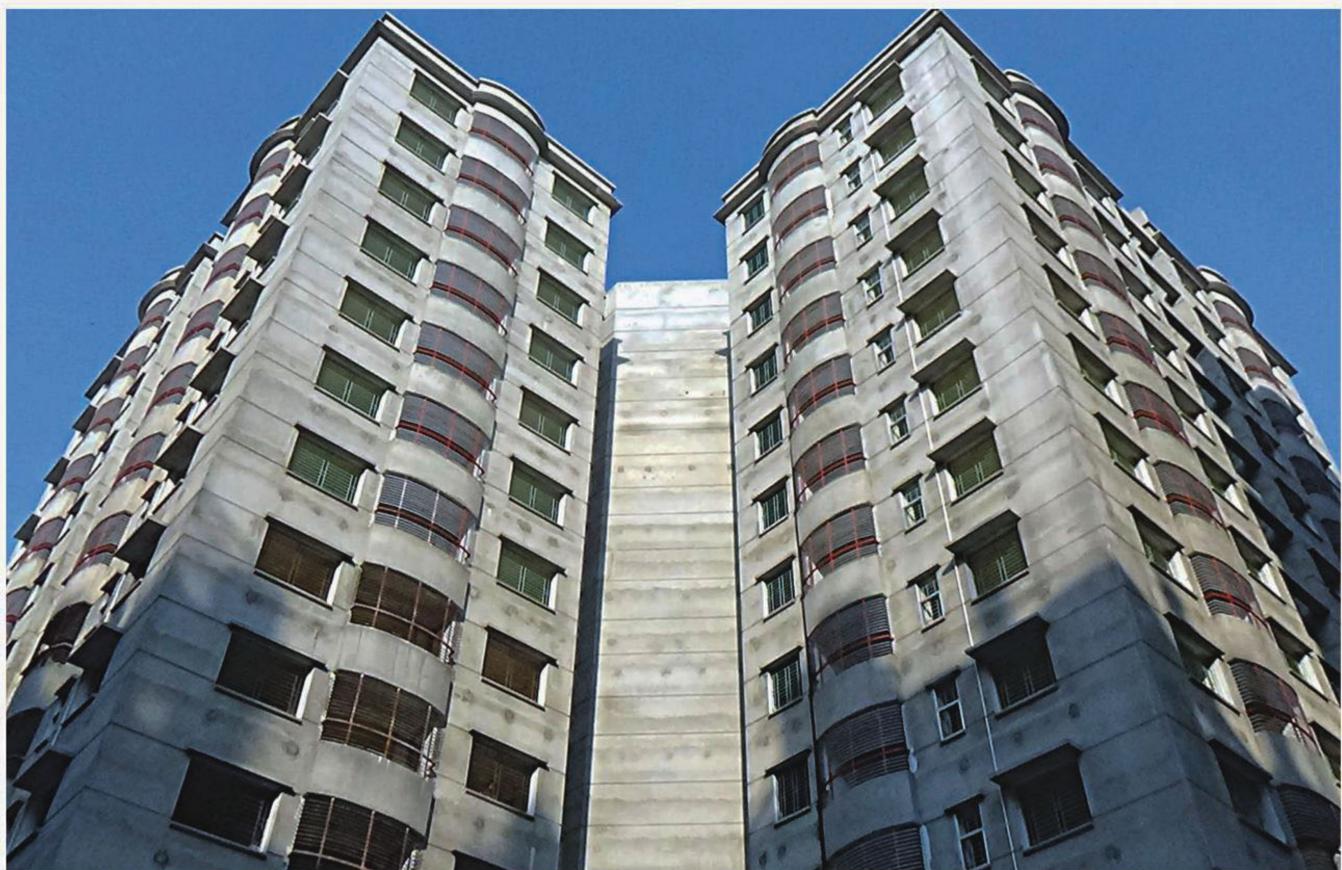
Each of the 1,654 square feet flats will have three bed rooms, a living-cum-dining room, four bathrooms, four verandas and a kitchen. That is priced at Tk 83 lakh, including a parking spot and utility connection charges.

There will be 84 flats in each of the 14-storey buildings. In the first phase, the city planner was expected to hand over the 840 flats to buyers in December last year, but it missed the deadline.

"We could not hand over the flats in time as we had to add some additional features to the buildings which were not in their original designs. Some complexities arising from the water and gas supply connections were also responsible for the delay," the project director told The Daily Star.

The government has stopped providing new piped gas connections to residential and commercial buildings since 2010, he said.

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Some of the 10 buildings of the Rajuk apartment project at Uttara in the capital. Rajuk hopes to start handing over 840 flats to their owners from this April. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ZAHED KHAN

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Boro growers go on 'strike' for power

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Hundreds of farmers from three villages under Mauha union in Gouripur upazila staged a demonstration yesterday demanding restoration of power supply to a deep tube-well used for Boro cultivation in the area.

The deep tube-well is being run under Mauha-Boroikanda Krishak Samobay Samity.

The farmers from Boroikanda, Laxminagar and Ramkrishnapur villages protested with Boro saplings in their hands and formed a human chain around their dry fields to voice their demands.

They also observed a token strike lying down on their dry fields. The farmers also threatened to besiege the samity office and block Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road if power supply is not restored immediately.

"We contacted the officials of Mymensingh Palli Biddhut Samity-3 at Shambhuganj Bazar in Mymensingh sadar upazila several times but they did not respond," said Abdul Mannan Fakir,

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Trump mulling new immigration order

Says new measure can be unveiled shortly after court debacles; US intel confirms truth in some details of Trump's Russia dossier

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US President Donald Trump said Friday he is considering drafting a new order to ban migrants from majority-Muslim nations after his initial decree fell afoul of the law.

Insisting that he has the law on his side despite two defeats in federal court in quick succession, Trump said security concerns may necessitate a quicker response than legal channels would allow.

"The unfortunate part is that it takes time statutorily, but we will win that battle. We also have a lot of other options, including just filing a brand new order," he said, adding that any action would not come before next week.

The statement came as reports said US intelligence officials have confirmed some aspects of the "Russia dossier" that rocked Washington a month ago. However, those aspects of the dossier that have



been confirmed do not relate directly to Trump.

Last month, it emerged that Trump and Barack Obama had been briefed by US intelligence officials about aspects of a 35-page dossier that was circulating in journalistic and government circles. The dossier made a series of unverified claims about Trump's personal and financial dealings in Russia - claims he dismissed as false.

The statement on immigration represents an embarrassing climbdown for Trump, who has insisted that the order was well drafted and who has nevertheless vowed to fight on in the courts.

"We need speed for reasons of security, so it very well could be," Trump said when asked if his plan was to have a new measure drafted.

Trump said Friday at a joint press conference with visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

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Long struggle pays off



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A Chinese farmer with only three years of school under his belt has dedicated the last 16 years of his life to teaching himself law, hoping to bring down a state-owned chemical company that has been polluting his village and affecting his livelihood.

Wang Enlin, from Yushutun village, in China's Heilongjiang Province, will never forget that day in 2001, when his village and the surrounding farmland were flooded with toxic waste.

It was the eve of the Lunar New Year, and Wang and his neighbors were playing cards and making dumplings, when they noticed that the house they were in was being flooded with waste water from the nearby Qihua Group, a state-owned enterprise. That same year, Mr Wang wrote a letter to the Land

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SAGAR-RUNI MURDER Take action against case investigators

Demand journalist leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Frustrated, several journalist leaders yesterday demanded actions against the investigators for their failure to identify and arrest the killers of Sagar-Runi in five years.

"Immediate action has to be taken against the officials

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BCL clash in restaurant kills one

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League was killed and two others were injured as two factions of the student body clashed in a restaurant at Riazuddin Bazar Amtal in Chittagong city yesterday afternoon.

Deceased Yasir Arafat was an HSC student of Chittagong Government City College, Zahirul Islam, in-charge of the police camp at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) told The Daily Star.

Yasir had enmity with Harun, a Chhatra League activist and BSS student of the same college, said Abdur Rauf, additional deputy commissioner (south zone) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP).

Harun and four to five of his followers were having lunch at Madina Bhat Ghar around 3:00pm when Yasir and his fellows attacked them, said Rauf.

Both groups used knives, he said, adding that critically injured Yasir, Harun and Irfan were taken to

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Young all-rounder Mehedi Hasan Miraz (L) rallied around Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim as the pair stitched together a defiant unbroken 87-run seventh-wicket partnership against India on the third day of the one-off Test in Hyderabad yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

YABA SMUGGLING Rab arrests nine gang members

5 of them 'Myanmar nationals'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

The Rapid Action Battalion on Friday arrested nine members, including five Myanmar nationals, of a yaba smuggling gang in Cox's Bazar.

The elite force seized 5,00,000 pieces of yaba from the arrestees.

The gang had been using fish trade as a cover for yaba smuggling. Some Myanmar nationals, who fled the country and had been living in Bangladesh as refugees, were also involved in the crime, it said.

Tipped off, a team of Rab-7, led by its Commanding Officer Lt Col Miftah Uddin Ahmed, chased a trawler deep in the Bay of Bengal around 5:00pm on Friday and arrested eight people with 4,50,000 yaba tablets, Maj Ruhul Amin, company commander of Rab-7 Cox's Bazar camp, told a press conference at the camp yesterday.

The team also seized the trawler. Following information gleaned from the arrestees, Rab detained "owner of the yaba and the trawler" Sultan Ahmed along with 50,000 tablets at his house in Cox's Bazar town, Maj Ruhul added.

The five Myanmar nationals are Habibullah, Zahid Hossain, Abu Hamid, Jahangir and Osman Gani. Habibullah, Zahid and Hamid lived at Kutupalong camp in Ukhiya while Jahangir and Osman are from Myanmar's Maungdaw. Three other arrestees are Mizanur Rahman of

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