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"Under an agreement, Bangladesh has no scope to sue the World Bank for cancelling the Padma Bridge project fund over allegation of corruption conspiracy."



LAW MINISTER ANISUL HUQ AT A PROGRAMME IN THE CAPITAL

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64 die from road crashes every day

Survey shows 4 leading causes of injury-related deaths -- suicide, traffic accident, drowning, fall

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

On average, 64 people die every day from injuries suffered in traffic accidents, a government-supervised survey reveals.

The startling figure belies daily media reports of deaths caused by road crashes and shows that such fatalities go grossly

underreported.

Findings of the Bangladesh Health Injury Survey (BHIS)-2016, only the second such survey conducted in the country, will be formally unveiled tomorrow.

The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the report in advance.

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Moyuree has a day out with her brother Sajal on Valentine's Day at Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday. Moyuree fell from a roof 18 years ago and has been paralysed since. With their father seriously ill, Sajal dropped out of university so he can take care of his sister. The siblings live in Munshiganj.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



False graft claim caused Padma bridge delay: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the Padma bridge project suffered a setback due a false graft allegation raised by the World Bank.

"The country already achieved 7.11 percent GDP growth in the last fiscal year. Had the construction of the Padma bridge been started in due time, it would have been completed by now,

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Life term means jail until death

Says chief justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Life imprisonment means jail sentence until natural death, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said yesterday.

Under Section 57 of the Penal Code, life sentence refers to 30 years' prison term.

The CJ made the observation while delivering the verdict on the appeals of two convicts, who were sentenced to death by a lower court in a case filed over a 2001 murder in Savar.

The High Court later upheld the punishment of the two -- Ataur and Anwar.

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Huda-led EC set to make debut with local polls

Oath-taking today

PANKAG KARMAKAR

Immediately after taking oath today, the newly appointed Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda and four other commissioners would set about the task of holding some pending local government polls.

Experts and officials concerned reckon that this job is a litmus test for the new Election Commission which would like to win public trust by holding free and fair polls.

The political parties are looking forward to seeing how the commission would conduct a series of elections scheduled in the coming weeks.

The first one is a municipal poll in the hill district Rangamati's Baghaichhari this Saturday.

Besides, by-elections to different chairmen and vice chairmen posts of 11 upazilas, by-polls to 4 municipalities and elections to three more upazilas are due on March 6.

Parliamentary by-polls to Gaibandha-1 constituency is

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