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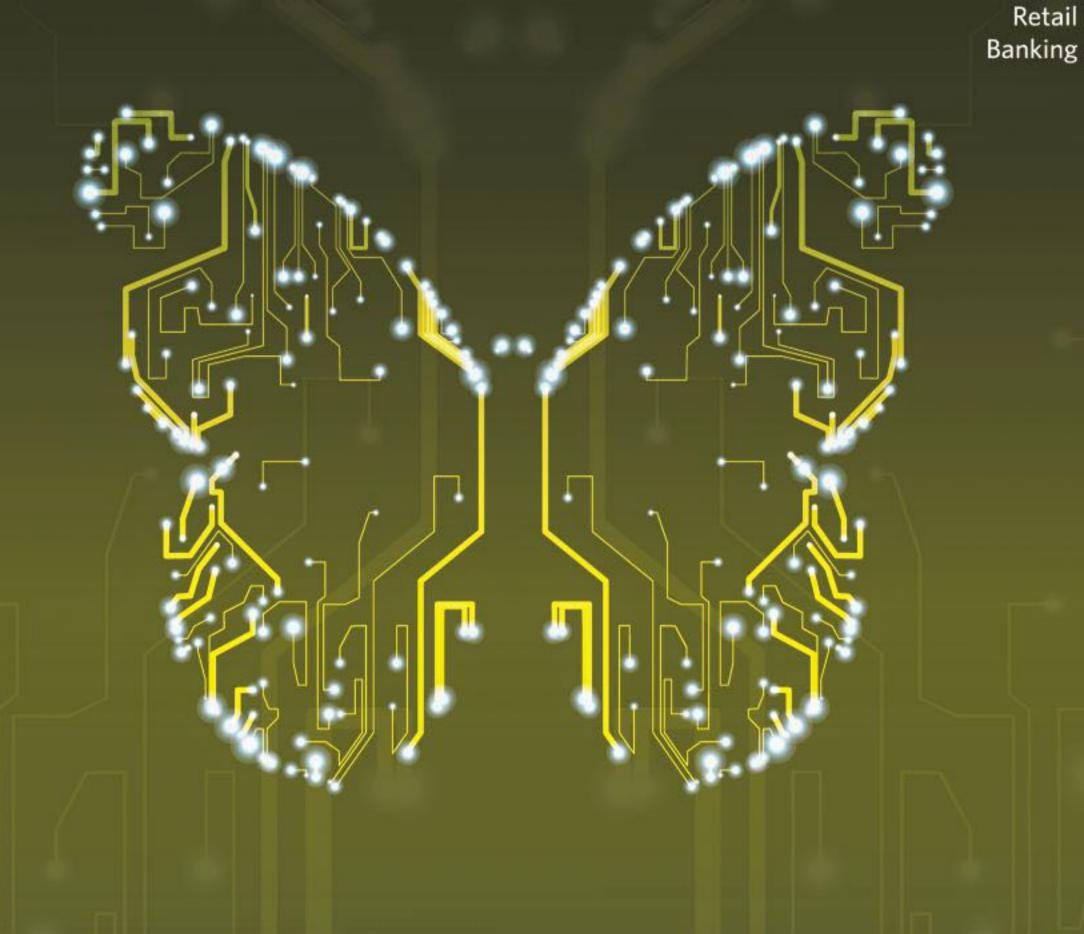
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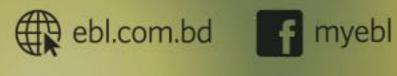
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Cops swoop on BNP activists, foil protest

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Charge baton, use water cannons to break up black-flag show; over a dozen detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday charged truncheons and used water cannons on BNP men to foil their black flag programme in the capital's Nayapaltan.

More than a dozen party leaders and activists, including Joint Secretary General Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal, were detained in the process.

The BNP had announced the protest programme after the authorities denied it permission to hold a rally in Dhaka on Thursday.

BNP's senior leaders, including Moudud Ahmed, Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir,

Abdul Moyeen Khan, Nazrul Islam Khan and a few hundred party men gathered in front of the party's central office in Nayapaltan yesterday around 10:30am when police obstructed their programme. A large number of law enforcers, including plainclothes detectives, were seen in the area. Water cannons and armoured vehicles were also parked there.

The party had called various agitation programmes, including forming human chains, mass signature collection campaign and other demonstrations, since BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was sentenced to five years in prison in a corruption case on February 8.



"The area needed to be cleared to ease people's suffering."

HOME MINISTER ASADUZZAMAN KHAN ABOUT POLICE ACTION ON A **GATHERING IN FRONT OF THE** BNP NAYAPALTAN OFFICE



Always Dazzling in Our Memories

With profound sadness and grief, we embrace the memory of 25th February, the 24th death anniversary of Late Hamidur Rahman Sinha (1914-1994), the Founder of The ACME Laboratories Ltd. who left behind his bemoaned family members, a host of relatives and friends with enormous memories to cherish, honor and emulate. Although he is not amongst us but his authentic leadership, wide knowledge, forethought and positive approach still influence our mission towards the excellence and the values he set in ACME will always remain with us. We also recall the memory of his beloved wife Late Noorjahan Sinha, whose act like a constant and fountainhead of inspiration helped him to establish the foundation in 1954.

May Allah rest their souls in eternal peace in heaven and we also pray for the salvation and eternal peace for all other departed souls to be endowed with the divine blessings of Almighty.

To commemorate the day, special Dua & Milad Mahfil will be held on Sunday, the 25th of February 2018, after Dhuhr Prayer at Corporate Office, Court de la ACME, 1/4 Kallayanpur, Mirpur Road, Dhaka including all Sales Centres throughout the country and on Monday, 26th of February, 2018 at Dhamrai Factory. All the relatives and well-wishers are cordially welcome to attend the Program.

