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CCC office moving to building for poor

Ctg city corporation took money from slum people promising cheap flats, now wants to shift office to the block; mayor says it's for time being

MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Chittagong

The Chittagong City Corporation took Tk 10,000 each from 33 families of a landslide-prone slum five years ago promising to relocate them to an apartment building.

The construction of the seven-storey building was completed in 2016, but the flats have yet to be handed over to the families. Instead, the city corporation now wants to move its office to the block.

The building in the port city's Tigerpass area is part of a rehabilitation scheme recommended by experts after a massive landslide claimed at least 127 lives in Lalkhanbazar area in 2007.

"As promised, we will accommodate them in the flat block. It will take a while as

our existing office is going through some renovation. We will shift our office there but this is for the time being. When the renovation is over, we will hand them their flats," said CCC Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin.

To avoid deaths and damages caused by landslides, experts opined the lower-income group residing at the foot of hill should be moved to safer places.

In the face of pressure from civic bodies, the then mayor Manjur Alam decided to evict the dwellers of Bottol slum of Tiger Pass, and the construction of the apartment building began in 2013.

Assured of safe accommodation, the families were evicted from the slum which would be around 50 years old.

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The Chittagong City Corporation built this seven-storey flat building in the port city's Tigerpass area for slum dwellers. The corporation is yet to hand the flats over to the rightful owners. It now plans to shift its office to the building.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

UN to gather evidence on genocide in Myanmar

BSS, Dhaka

The UN has planned to amass evidence of genocide on Rohingyas through a judicial investigation, said United Nations Special Adviser on Genocide Prevention Adama Dieng in a meeting with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque.

Talking to newsmen after the meeting, the NHRC chief said UN was now trying to amass evidence of five "acts of genocide" as Myanmar military carried out the atrocities on ethnic minority community.

"Adama told me that an independent UN judicial

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More support for movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The black flag continued to wave.

With it increased the number of people, from various fields and walks of life, in support of the non-

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Keen to solve Teesta issue

Efforts on to keep Mamata on board, Modi tells Hamid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday conveyed to visiting President Abdul Hamid that India is keen on solving the long-pending Teesta river water-sharing issue taking West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on board.

"We are keen to solve the Teesta issue but we want to keep her [Mamata] on board," Modi told Hamid when the issue came up during a nearly 20-minute bilateral meeting on the

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President for life

China okays constitutional changes allowing Xi Jinping to remain in office indefinitely

REUTERS, Beijing

China removed presidential term limits from its constitution yesterday, giving President Xi Jinping the right to remain in office indefinitely, and confirming his status as the country's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong died more than 40 years ago.

China's ruling Communist Party announced the proposed amendment only last month and there was never any doubt it would pass as parliament is packed with loyal party members who would not have opposed the proposal.



legal framework to a new super anti-corruption department.

Only two "no" votes were cast, with three abstentions, from almost 3,000 delegates.

Reporters were briefly ushered from the main hall in the Great Hall of the People as

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Mushy's template for excellence

SPORTS REPORTER

There was a priceless moment during a priceless innings by Mushfiqur Rahim on Saturday. It came after he had hit the boundary -- an end-of-range, one-kneed scythe over backward point to a wide yorker that defied belief because of the hand-eye coordination and control it showcased -- that brought the equation down to three runs off four balls and all but sealed the win over hosts Sri Lanka. There was no reaction from Mushfiqur, however, save an entranced fist bump with Mehedi Hasan Miraz.

Mushfiqur knew the perils of celebrating too early -- refer back to the 2016 World Twenty20 heartbreak against India for proof -- and so he waited till the moment was truly his. In doing so, Mushfiqur showed why he is the man to watch



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