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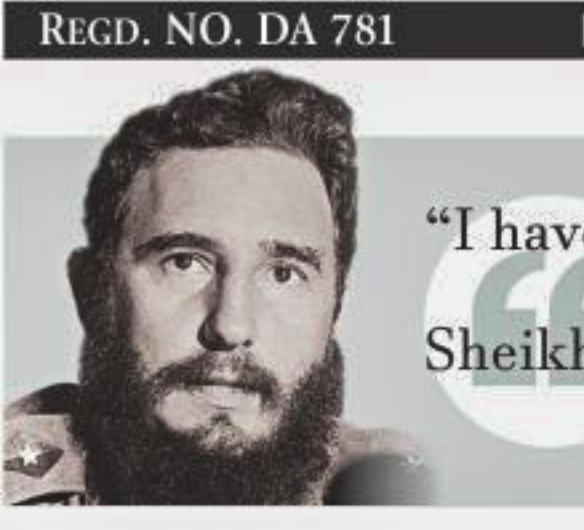
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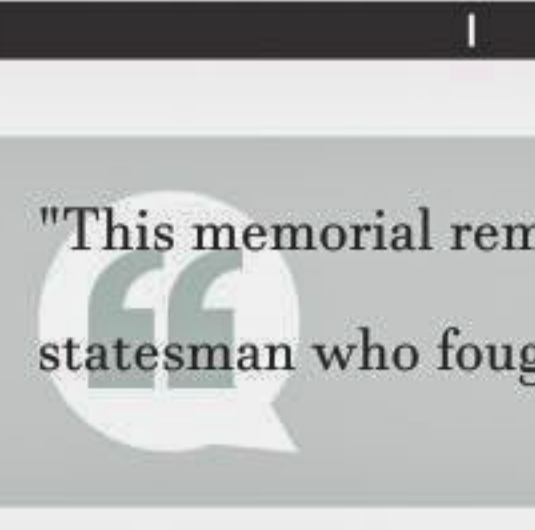
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"I have not seen the Himalayas, but I have seen Sheikh Mujib. In personality and in courage, this



"This is surely a supreme national tragedy for you. For me, it is a per-



"This memorial reminds us of a great statesman who fought for the rights and

BLOODBATH ON ROAD 32

INAM AHMED and JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

It was not dawn yet. A false dawn spread its pale light across the sky. At House 677 of Road 32 in Dhanmondi, it was time to change guards while everybody was still in deep sleep: President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, his wife Begum Mujib, sons Sheikh Kamal, Sheikh Jamal and Sheikh Russell, daughters-in-law, and brother Sheikh Naser.

Bangabandhu's personal assistant AFM Mohitul Islam was on night duty, but he hit the bed around one in the morning.

Suddenly the phone rang and he sleepily picked up the receiver. At the other end was the president himself. The clock was about to strike five.

"Get the police control room," Bangabandhu ordered Mohitul. Mujib just got the message that his brother-in-law Abdur Rob Serniabat's house was under attack.

Mohitul dialled the police but the line did not get through. He then tried to reach the Ganobhaban exchange. Somebody picked up the phone at the other end but would not speak.

Mujib was impatient and asked him why he did not contact the police control room.

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Haunted forever

Shahan Ara recounts how 5 of her family were murdered on Aug 15

SUSANTA GHOSH and WASIM BIN HABIB

It was around 10:00pm. The family of Abdur Rab Serniabat, Bangabandhu's brother-in-law and a minister, had just finished dinner at their 27 Minto Road residence on August 14, 1975.

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Shahan Ara

TIMELINE

AUG 15

Early in the morning, some disgruntled army officers lead the pre-planned attack to assassinate and overthrow President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Attackers open fire indiscriminately on his residence at Dhanmondi. Bangabandhu phones army

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August 15, thereafter

SHAKHAWAT LITON

We still suffer from the fallout of August 15.

The chaos after the barbaric assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members 43 years ago changed the course of politics.

A chronology of events after the bloodbath on Dhanmondi Road-32 on August 15, 1975, remains as evidence how the situation became complicated over the years. And consequences of the massacre still haunt the country.

The dawn of August 15 broke with a bluff. The morning radio announcement made by Major Dalim -- the army led by Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed has

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The mindset needs to change first

Observe Rover Scouts who worked with police in Traffic Week to help tackle chaos on city roads

RAFIUL ISLAM

It was around 11:30am yesterday.

A Rover Scout was requesting drivers to properly line up their vehicles stuck in jam at the capital's Shahbagh intersection. All of a sudden, a motorcycle came through the gaps and drove to the other side of the road.

Utterly frustrated, the sunburnt volunteer, in his early 20s, kept staring at the bike until it disappeared.

"When will they stop?" the youth, named Shahriar Intiaz, asked and sighed wearily. "People keep breaking [traffic] rules despite our repeated requests. Controlling traffic and pedestrians is a massive task."

Amid such a situation, around 440 Rover Scouts deployed at eight key points of the



city to assist traffic police were withdrawn yesterday, the last day of the Traffic Week.

Apart from educating drivers and their helpers about traffic rules, the volunteers also made pedestrians use footbridges and zebra crossings during the Week beginning

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Things remain almost same

Despite efforts from traffic personnel and others, indiscipline on the city roads continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traffic situation in the capital remained almost the same despite the authorities' actions to bring discipline in the otherwise disorderly public transport system.

Police filed more than 83,000 cases against errant drivers and vehicles, and also fined them over Tk 4.5 crore in the city in 10 days till yesterday, the last day of Traffic Week.

More than 400 rover scouts were deployed to make people aware of traffic rules. Transport owners and workers organisations also took some steps that include checking documents of vehicles and drivers.

All these developments came more than two weeks after school and college students began agitation for road safety following the death of two of their peers in a city road crash on July 29.

The two students of Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment

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EIU SURVEY

Dhaka ranked second least liveable city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka is the second least liveable city in the world while Damascus is the worst, according to the annual global survey of Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

Civil war and terrorism resulted in cities like Damascus to rank so poorly and unavailability of adequate infrastructure is responsible for the low score of Dhaka.

Every city was assigned a rating of relative comfort for over 30 qualitative and quantitative factors across five broad categories: stability, healthcare, culture

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DU student freed hours after DB picks her up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About four hours after detaining her from Shamsunnahar Hall area over "provocative" Facebook posts, detectives released Dhaka University student Sheikh Tasnim Afroz Emi around midnight last night.

Tasnim, a master's student of sociology department, was handed over to the DU authorities after receiving an undertaking from them, Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star early today.

She is also an activist of the quota reform movement.

Mir Muddasser Hossain, deputy commissioner of the DB's serious crime unit, told this newspaper around 10:00pm that Tasnim had posted "political status" on Facebook over the quota reform movement and some recent issues, which were "provocative and violent".

"We detained her for interrogation. We are now checking her Facebook account and will take necessary actions after that," he said.

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