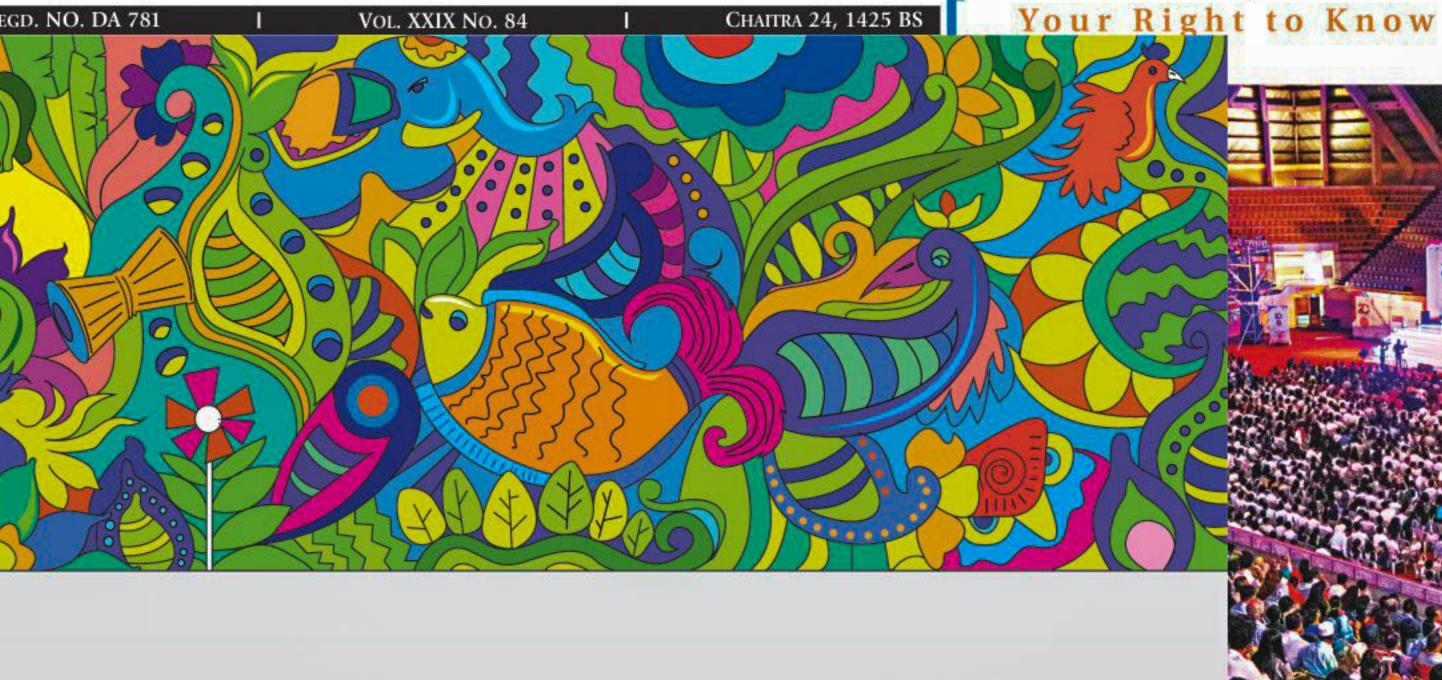
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## FEUD IN JP Ailing Ershad struggles to keep reins

RASHIDUL HASAN

The dispute between two groups in the Jatiya Party has reached a critical juncture thanks to the absence of HM Ershad in party activities and his flip-flops over who would be the acting chairman.

With Ershad's wife Raushan Ershad in the forefront, JP senior leaders Anisul Islam Mahmud, Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, Ruhul Amin Hawlader, Kazi Feroz Rashid, and Fakhrul Imam are leading one group while Ershad's SEE PAGE 15 COL 4 Seventeen-year-old Mehedi Hasan was

diagnosed with skin cancer at a Natore hospital in December 2017 and was referred to the National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital. WORLD

After his mother brought him to the institute in the capital's Mohakhali, doctors performed several tests and asked them to go home and wait until they hear from the hospital.

A few weeks later, his mother took Mehedi to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he stayed for seven months and oper-

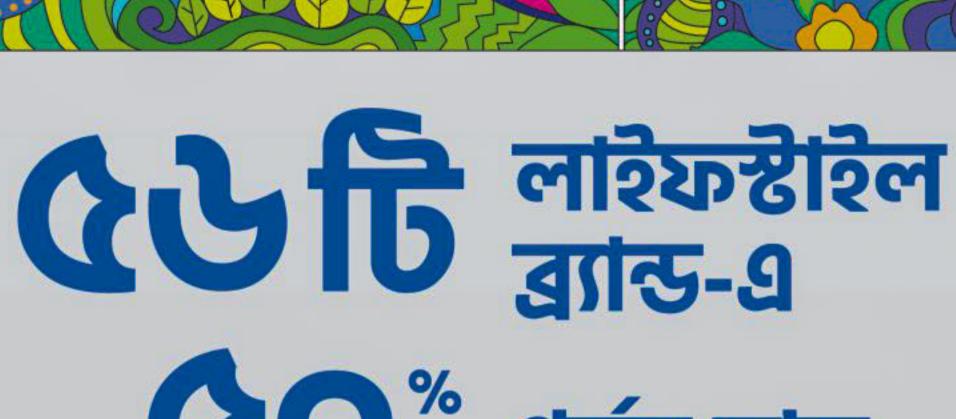
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PORIMOL PALMA and MOUDUD AHMMED SUJAN ated upon five times. Meanwhile, paying for medication, travels and food, his parents' savings depleted. They also incurred debts, his mother Monju Ara said as she attended to

her son at the DMCH last week. He was released from the hospital last year, but had to be brought

back regularly for chemotherapy. **HEALTH DAY** He now has to stay half of each month at the hospital. "We have to spend at least Tk 25,000 every time we come to Dhaka for his chemo-

therapy," the grieving mother told The Daily Star, adding that the family has spent over SEE PAGE 15 COL 2



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