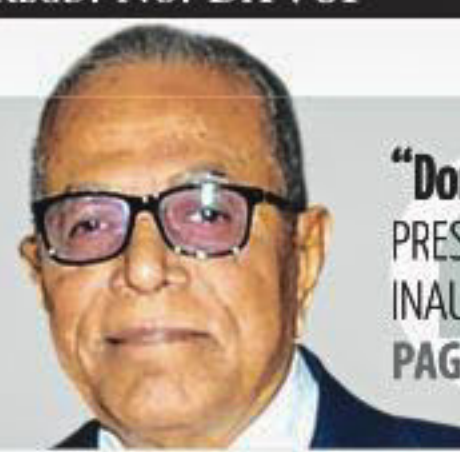


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**Bangladesh's World Cup hopes may have been dashed against India at Edgbaston yesterday, but Shakib Al Hasan continued his incredible form in the tournament with a 74-ball 66. That saw him become the only player in World Cup history to record at least 500 runs and 10 wickets in a single tournament.**

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**পদ্মা সেতুর মূল কাঠামোতে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে শুধুমাত্র স্ক্যানসিমেন্ট**

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## Tigers' dream over

SAKEB SUBHAN from Birmingham

After keeping hopes alive for much of their World Cup campaign and for 98 overs of yesterday's match against India in Birmingham, two searing yorkers from Jasprit Bumrah sealed Bangladesh's elimination from the semifinal race of the 2019 World Cup. The 28-run defeat was Bangladesh's fourth in seven completed matches and, with three wins and a washed-out game against Sri Lanka, left them stranded on seven points when they needed to win yesterday and on July 5 against Pakistan to keep their hopes alive.

It was a valiant effort by Bangladesh as they had to contend with the hard luck in the washed-out game, missing out on the injured Mahmudullah Riyad yesterday as well as losing a crucial toss on a pitch that grew slower as the day wore on. However, they also left themselves too much to do both yesterday and in a demanding tournament after wasting a chance to beat New Zealand early on in their campaign.

Bangladesh had impressed by beating South Africa to start their campaign exactly a month ago, did what was expected by beating West Indies and Afghanistan in rousing fashion, but were found wanting in skill and mentality when faced with the three big teams in England, Australia and India.

Despite Shakib Al Hasan scoring yet another fifty that continued a glittering performance in this tournament and Mohammad Saifuddin hitting an unbeaten 51 to serve notice of his talent, Bangladesh left themselves too much to do after letting India get off to a flyer with a listless bowling and fielding effort. Mustafizur Rahman cleaned up the

effort somewhat from the 39th over with a five-wicket haul, but it was a burst of brilliance after already conceding a head start, which eventually proved to be too big a gap to fill even though the Tigers restricted the Indians to 314 for nine after Rohit Sharma's 104 threatened a score well in excess of 350.

In chase of the target against arguably the tournament's most versatile attack, Tamim Iqbal looked set to make up for an underwhelming performance thus far and his blunder of dropping Sharma on nine, and hit a few sweetly timed boundaries off the dangerous Bumrah. As he had done throughout the tournament, he was out just when he looked settled, this time inside-edging an attempted glide off Mohammad Shami in the 10th over.

Shakib was as solid as ever, but Soumya Sarkar was the first of several soft dismissals when he hammered a long hop from Hardik Pandya straight to cover to leave the score on 74 for two in the 16th over. There was no big partnership between Mushfiqur Rahim and Shakib this time as the former swept Yuzvendra Chahal straight to the fielder at square leg. Liton Das continued the trend of soft dismissals when, after adding 41 runs with Shakib for the fourth wicket, he miscued a hook off Pandya after hitting a six earlier in the 30th over. India, who played England on the same pitch on Sunday, knew exactly what they were doing and got the prized wicket of Shakib when Shami bowled a slower ball that stuck in the surface and Shakib's checked drive looped to a delighted Dinesh Karthik at cover. As Shakib walked back for a 74-ball 66, Bangladesh were on 179 for six in the 34th over. A 66-run partnership between Sabbir Rahman

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## Exactly the same, every word of it!

**3 witnesses' statements in the case against road safety campaigner Mozammel identical; none of them could be found in their 'address'**

SHARIFUL ISLAM and RAFIUL ISLAM

The extortion case against prominent road safety campaigner Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury has three witnesses, one of whom is now saying he was made a witness without his knowledge. But more intriguingly, their statements included in the charge sheet are exactly the same -- every line, every word and even every punctuation of them.

Each statement has exactly 78 words and 13 lines in the exact same order, although two investigating officers of Mirpur Police Station "recorded" these statements on different dates since the case was filed last year.

Sub-inspector Bazlur Rahman, the first investigating officer, recorded the statement of the prime witness, Jahangir Hossain. This statement bears no date. The statements of the two other witnesses were recorded by Sarwar Jahan, another SI, on December 25 last year and January 21 this year.

While police defended this apparently copy-paste job, Jahangir told The Daily Star yesterday that he came to know about his being a witness only recently.

Also, none of the three "witnesses" could be found in the addresses mentioned in the charge sheet, raising question about the police investigation.

Police pressed charges against Mozammel, secretary general of Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity, on May 31 after about eight months' investigation by two police officers.

Mozammel denies the extortion charges and says he is a victim of conspiracy by a vested quarter who "instigated the government against him" to protect their own narrow interest.

"We work for the welfare of the passengers and the government does not want any commuter getting harmed either," he told this paper yesterday.

Mozammel is now on bail.

Established in 2006, Jatri Kalyan Samity came under severe criticism by Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader on several occasions. Other lawmakers also castigated the Samity's reports on road accidents, terming those "false and motivated". They also raised questions about Mozammel's political affiliation.

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## Peace and fair contest, not rivalry

Says PM at WEF discussion

**UNB, Dalian, China**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday placed a five-point proposal, including creation of an environment of peace and fair competition by all countries staying away from rivalries, to make any Indo-Pacific initiative a success.

"Over a five-decade of my journey in politics tells me that any initiative in Indo-Pacific should include creation of an environment of peace-harmony-stability of all countries; focusing on entire aspects of sustainable development; engaging countries based

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## RIFAT MURDER Prime accused killed in 'gunfight'

STAR REPORT

The prime accused in the Rifat murder case was killed in a "gunfight" between his accomplices and police in Barguna early yesterday.

A team of Barguna police rushed towards Purbo Burirchar area around 4:15am on information that Sabbir Hossain Nayan alias Nayan Bond who, along with another, hacked Barguna youth Rifat Sharif to death in broad daylight on June 26, was staying there.

As the team reached near Purkata ferry ghat, around 10 kilometres from the district town, it came under fire from Nayan's cohorts.

Police returned fire in self-defence, Maruf Hossain, superintendent of police in Barguna, said at a press conference at his office around 9:30am.

Nayan's body was found lying there after the "gunfight", he said.

The SP mentioned that law enforcers would have got more information about Rifat murder if Nayan had been captured alive.

Nayan and his close accomplice Rifat Farazi attacked

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## PROTESTS AT USTC Students try to set teacher afire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Some students yesterday poured kerosene on a professor in an attempt to set him on fire at the University of Science and Technology of Chittagong.

The incident happened around noon during a protest against Prof Masud Mahmood of the English department. They also physically assaulted him.

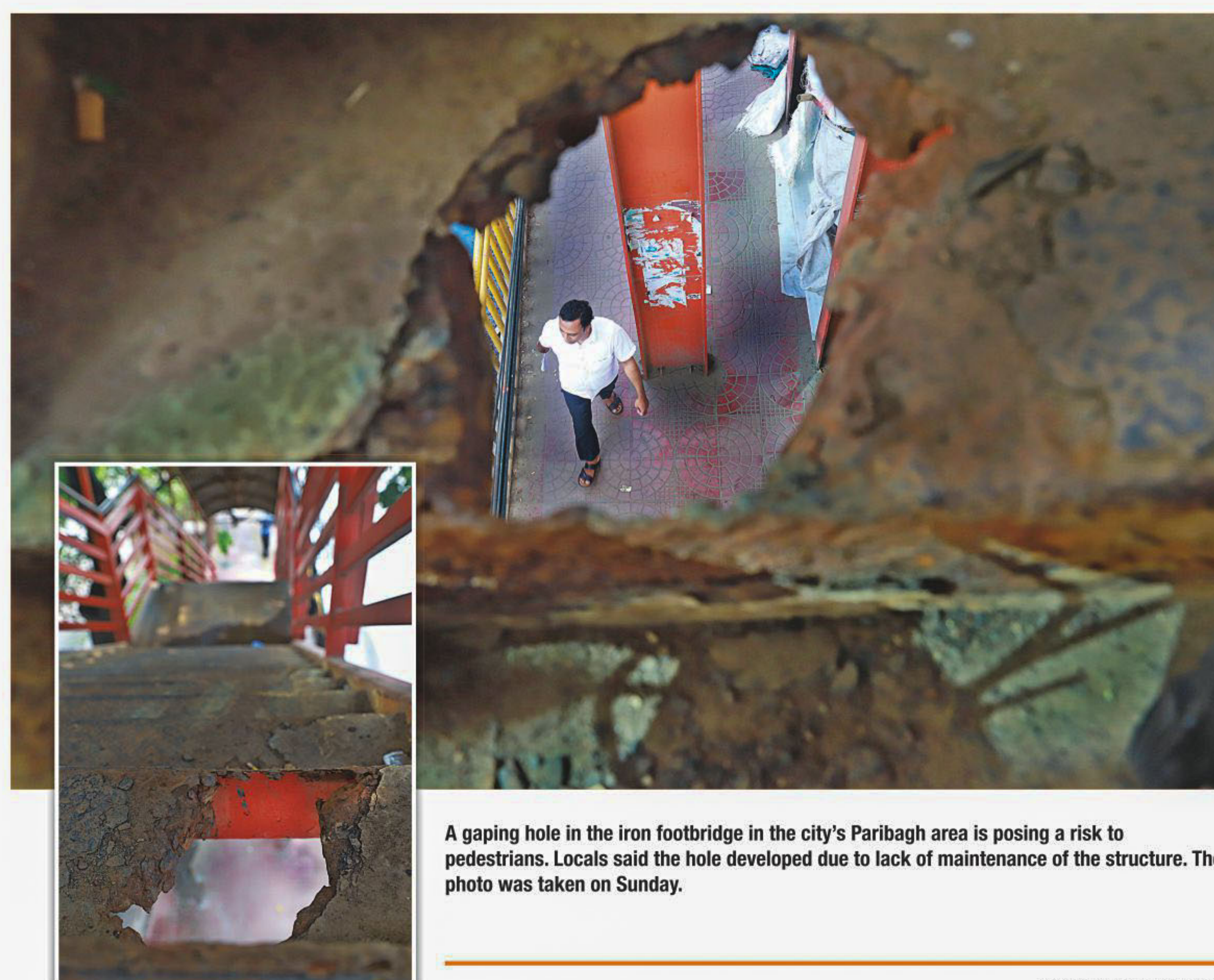
Witnesses said some students of the department, who demanded the

termination of Prof Masud for delivering "obscene lectures in the classroom", started chanting slogans at the university gate around 11:30am and at one point dragged him out of the administration building.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Masud said, "They dragged me out of the office building and physically assaulted me."

"Mahmud Hasan, a master's student of English, poured kerosene on me when several others pushed me into the crowd."

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**A gaping hole in the iron footbridge in the city's Paribagh area is posing a risk to pedestrians. Locals said the hole developed due to lack of maintenance of the structure. The photo was taken on Sunday.**

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