

PADMA BRIDGE RAIL LINK PROJECT IS BEING BUILT WITH BSRM

COUNTRY'S NO. 1 STEEL EXPERT





CORRUPTION AT FMCH

Tk 38 lakh for a set of curtains!

ACC to file case against 6 today

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Ten crore. That is the amount of money which resulted in the unravelling of numerous money-grab schemes at Faridpur Medical College Hospital (FMCH).

In September 2014, three firms, each owned by one of three brothers, took part in the bidding process for supplying machines and equipment for the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

The same year, one of the brothers, owner of MS Anik Traders, was awarded the work and he supplied FMCH the required machines and equipment on December 9 and December 20.

The trader then submitted a bill of Tk 10 crore. This was, however, rejected by the health ministry at the last minute for being "inflated", a source within the Anti-Corruption Commission said.

Padma Bridge

17 spans in

now visible

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

The 17th span of the

Bridge was installed

pillars yesterday.

under-construction Padma

between its 22th and 23rd

With this, more than

bridge has become visible.

On November 19, the

bridge was placed between

Project engineers said

16th span of the 41-span

its 16th and 17th pillars.

yesterday's installation

process started around

completed around four

The construction of the

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150-metre-long span was

10:00am and was

hours later.

2.5-km of the 6.15-km

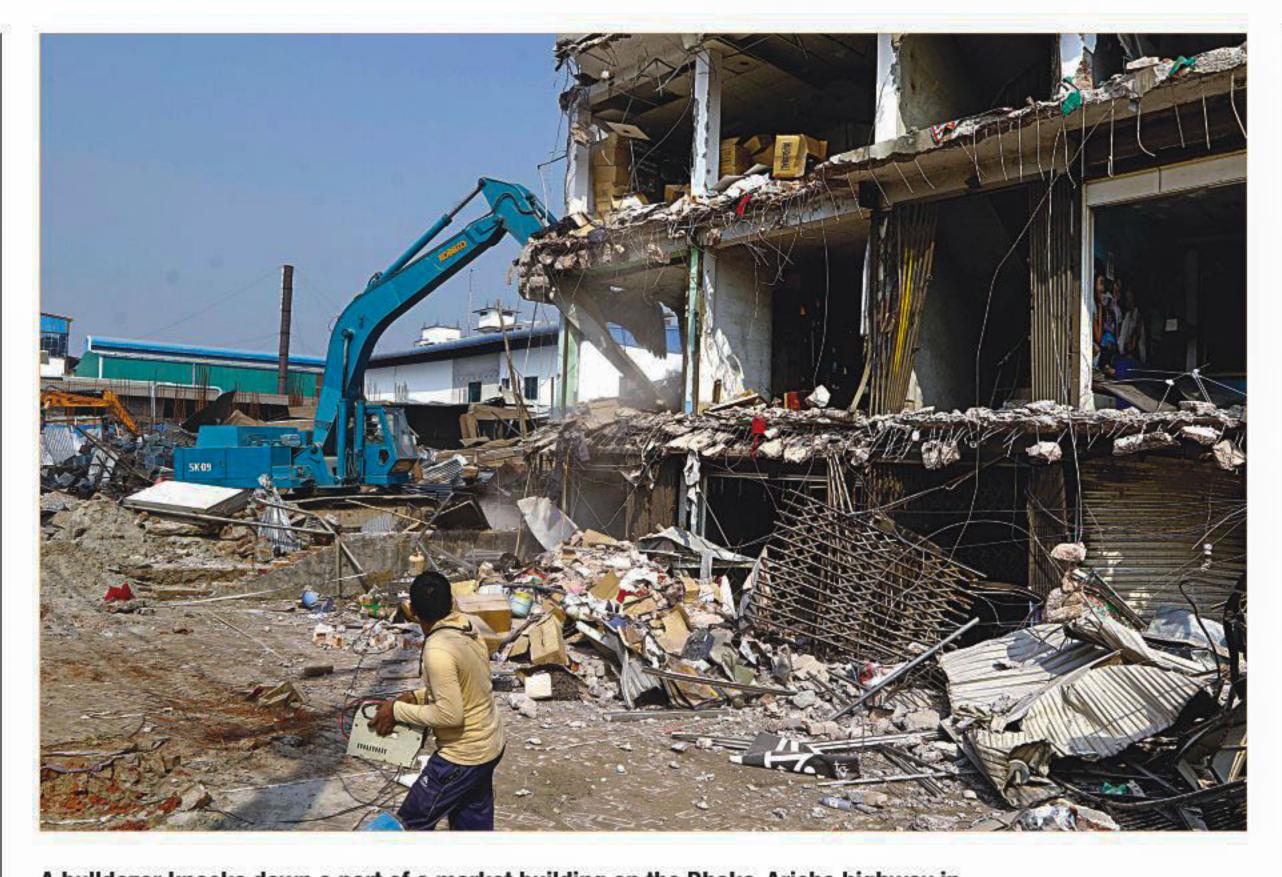
place, 2.5km

"It [the trader] charged Tk 28.25 lakh for a set of curtains. The price of such a curtain, used as a bed screen, would be Tk 20,000," the source said, adding, the prices of most of the machines and equipment were also inflated. Following the refusal to clear the bill, for

the goods which were already supplied, MS Anik Traders in June 2017 moved a petition with the High Court against the Directorate General of Health Services for withholding the payment. After scrutinising the documents

submitted by the DGHS and MS Anik Traders, the HC bench found gross anomalies and directed the ACC to launch an investigation.

On August 20 this year, the HC directed the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) SEE PAGE 9 COL 4



A bulldozer knocks down a part of a market building on the Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar Thana Stand area yesterday during a drive by Roads and Highways Department against illegal structures.

PHOTO: **PALASH KHAN**

Pompeii's grand baths unveiled



AFP, Pompeii

Magnificent thermal baths designed to be the jewel of Pompeii but destroyed by a volcanic eruption before they could be completed opened to visitors for the first time on Monday after a painstaking excavation.

Marble pillars and blocks lie where they were abandoned when the city was submerged by a pyroclastic flow from Mount Vesuvius in the 79 AD disaster.

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IS Affiliates

900 including 10 Indians

surrender in Afghanistan HINDUSTAN TIMES ONLINE

Almost 900 people, including Islamic State fighters and members of their families and a majority of them Pakistani nationals, have surrendered to Afghan security forces in the past fortnight, people familiar with developments said. These include ten Indians as well.

The surrenders occurred in the eastern province of Nangarhar, where the Afghan national security forces are conducting operations against the IS, the people cited above said on Sunday.

Hours after the operation was launched on November 12, a total of 93 IS members, including 13 Pakistani nationals, laid down their arms, they said.

According to reports, 10 Indian women and children - all members of families of Indian fighters, most of them from Kerala - are believed to be among those who have surrendered.

The 10 people were believed to have been shifted to Kabul. A special team from the National Directorate of Security, the Afghan intelligence agency, is gathering SEE PAGE 9 COL 2

Myanmar may have chem arms

Says US; court martial of Myanmar soldiers begins after probe into Rohingya atrocities

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Myanmar is in breach of a global banning chemical convention weapons and may have a stockpile left over from the 1980s, the United States said on Monday.

The southeast Asian nation may still have weapons at a "historic" facility where mustard gas was produced, a senior State Department

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official told the annual meeting of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The US allegation comes as Myanmar's military yesterday began a rare court martial of soldiers following a probe into alleged atrocities during a crackdown on Rohingya Muslims, a spokesman said, as the country prepares to face genocide charges at an international court in the Hague.

Myanmar officially joined the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), which bans the production, storage and use of chemical arms, in

"The US has serious concerns that a chemical weapons stockpile may remain at Myanmar's historical chemical weapons facility," Thomas DiNanno, Deputy Assistant Secretary SEE PAGE 9 COL 1

ERSHAD'S SON Trustee board, Bidisha at loggerheads

RASHIDUL Hasan

Tension is growing between the trustee board formed by late Jatiya Party chairman HM Ershad and his former wife Bidisha Sidiqque over the custody of their son Eric Ershad.

Party sources said some recent developments on the issue strained the between relationship Bidisha and JP Chairman GM Quader, also Ershad's younger brother.

Bidisha alleged that Quader was keen on grabbing her son's inherited property rather than taking care of him.

She further complained tortured Quader her son, aged about 18, physically and mentally.

However, the JP chief denied the allegations. He recently told reporters that he would file a defamation case against Bidisha. Mentioning that he loves

his nephew, Quader blamed Bidisha for what her son was saying against him and the board of trustee. SEE PAGE 9 COL 2



Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-10 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00 JAMAAT 5-45 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

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