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The Jurain-Doyaganj road in the capital has been in this appalling state for almost a year. The authorities have not bothered repairing it. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Powerful quake kills 29 in Haiti

REUTERS, Port-Au-Prince/Havana

A major earthquake killed at least 29 people in southwestern Haiti yesterday, reducing churches, hotels and homes to rubble in the latest tragedy to hit the impoverished Caribbean nation already mired in humanitarian and political crises.

The 7.2-magnitude quake, which was followed by a series of aftershocks, struck 8 km from the town of Petit Trou de Nippes, about 150 km west of the capital Port-au-



Prince, at a depth of 10 km, the USGS said.

That made the temblor which was felt as far away as Cuba and Jamaica potentially bigger and shallower than the magnitude 7 earthquake 11 years ago that killed tens of thousands in the poorest nation in the Americas.

This one - which occurred around 8:30 am local time - hit farther away from the capital, however. In Port-au-Prince, it was strongly felt but did not appear to have caused major damage, according to Reuters

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## 'HALALA MARRIAGE' Court orders police to probe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A Panchagarh court ordered a police officer to properly investigate allegations that a middle-aged couple suffered isolation for months after they disagreed to obey a halala marriage fatwa imposed by local influential people.

In the suo moto rule, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Matiur Rahman asked Jamal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Debiganj Police Station, to submit the investigation report to the court by August 2.

The OC early yesterday received the written order issued by the court on Wednesday.

The court took the matter into cognisance under the Code of Criminal Procedure after reports on the incident were published in different online news outlets including BBC Bangla.

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### PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 15

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-25 12-45 4-45 6-38 8-00  
JAMAAT 5-00 1-15 5-00 6-41 8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## 'My boy was killed, it's not an accident'

Says father of teen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The father of a dead teen yesterday said his son got killed after a neighbour shoved him under a vehicle on purpose earlier this month in Old Dhaka.

Shamsuddin Jumman told a press conference that Riazuddin alias Chotta Riaz, 55, the man who caused his son's death, then filed a case with Chawkbazar Police Station, claiming that the dead teen and several other boys robbed him and were fleeing when he got run

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## Sharks survived extinction event



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Sharks may have been spared a global extinction event millions of years ago that wiped out several species, including all large marine reptiles like mosasaurs and non-avian dinosaurs, according to a new study.


Scientists, including those from Sweden's

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ROAD TO FREEDOM  
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## Naval operation that shook Pakistan

AUGUST 15, 1971  
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN




**OPERATION JACKPOT**  
Bangladeshi naval commandos launched their first attack today. In the night, they attacked simultaneously the ports of Mongla, Chittagong, Chandpur, Narayanganj, and sunk 26 gunboats of the Pak army carrying commodities, arms and ammunitions.

Submariner Abdul Wahed Chowdhury (Bir Uttam) was the leader of a group of 60 commandos for the operation in Chittagong Port. He shared an interesting detail of the operation with The Daily Star: "We began moving secretly through Chattogram. The importance of maintaining the timing cannot be overstated. One wrong move and we could all lose our lives. To carry out the operation we crossed the Karnaphuli river and went to the other side to the Sadarghat area. It took us about five to six minutes to swim to our targets. Throughout the day it was drizzling. After reaching the targets, we took out our daggers and started digging six feet below the waterline to ensure that the limpet mine could stick to it. After that, we took out the pin. We had 30 minutes to return to safety but on our way


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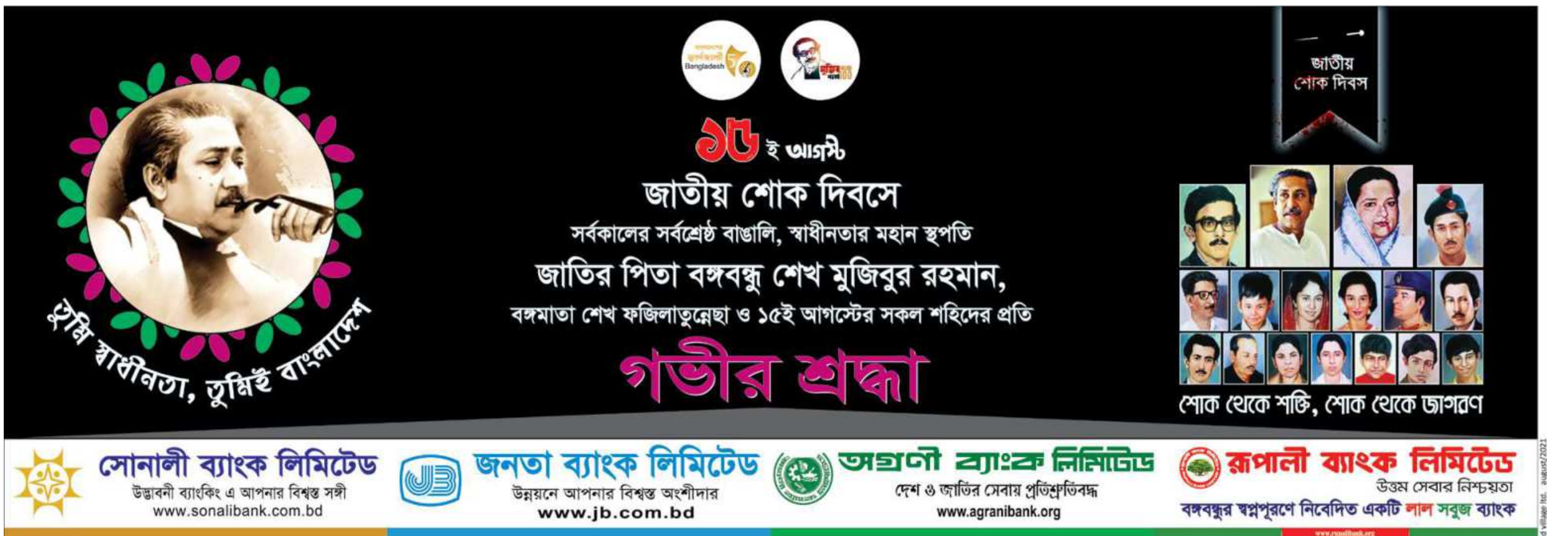
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