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Dug up Dhaka-Chittagong highway at the capital's Jatrabari area. The highway was excavated about a month ago to lay sewer pipes. No progress in the work has been made since then. The photo was taken a few days ago.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BNP REORGANISATION Pending district councils after May 19 rally

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The BNP high command has asked organising secretaries of the party to complete pending elections of new committees of 16 district units to wrap up the ongoing party reorganisation. The councils of these districts will be held after the party's grand rally slated for May 19 in the capital. The party managed to get new committees of 58 district units out of the 75 elected through holding of councils by December last year. It however could not make any headway in case of the 16 units that remain disorganised for long. Besides, the party leadership did not approve any of the two new committees of Kishoreganj unit formed by two rival factions holding separate councils. In the absence of elected committees of so many district units, BNP could not reap the benefits of its reorganisation initiated last year, a party central leader noted.



Tagore's birth anniversary today

STAR REPORT

The 149th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore will be celebrated across the country today. The government and socio-cultural organisations have taken up elaborate programmes to celebrate the great poet's birthday.

Schoolteacher killed by robbers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A schoolteacher was chopped to death while his son and daughter were injured in an attack by a gang of armed robbers in Kachudanga village of Tangail pourashava early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Yousuf Ali, 60, an assistant teacher of Katulee Sarifunnesa Registered Primary School in Sadarupazila.

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CCC aspirants warming up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Potential candidates in the upcoming Chittagong City Corporation election are busy lobbying for the support of both Awami League and BNP. The Election Commission is set to hold the polls before the CCC's tenure expires on June 25. CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, who had been elected to the post thrice, is the favourite to get backing of the ruling party in the election. Chittagong Development Authority Chairman Abdus Salam, also president of Chittagong Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and AL leaders

Rezaul Karim and AJM Nasiruddin are trying to get AL backing. Mohiuddin, also Chittagong city unit AL president, expressed his desire to contest for the mayoral post for the fourth consecutive time. But split and disputes in city AL might make it difficult for the incumbent mayor to fulfil his wish this time, said party insiders. Lawmaker Nurul Islam said he is not willing to vie for the mayoral post resigning his membership of parliament. But if the party wants him to vie for the mayoral post, he is ready to do it, said the lawmaker. "Otherwise, I shall support and work

for anyone the party backs for the mayoral post," he said. Nurul Islam said Abdus Salam is in a better position than others to get the ruling party's backing. BNP Vice-Chairman Abdullah Al Noman, city BNP Vice-President Dastagir Chowdhury, General Secretary Shahadat Hossain and BNP Chittagong north district unit President Giasuddin Quader Chowdhury are trying to get BNP's backing to contest for the mayoral post. BNP Chittagong city unit President Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said he is not interested in contesting for the mayoral post this time.

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Outlaw killed by rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An activist of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) Red Flag faction was killed by its rival group at Ataikula in Pabna Thursday night. He was identified as Mithu Pramanik, 34, son of Palan

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OnlinePoll ✓

How do you look at the attack on BNP rally-goers by AL men?

- Planned attack 66.2%
- Stray incident 32.5%
- No Comments 1.3%

Total votes: 594
 TODAY'S POLL

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Nepalese protest Maoist strike

Thousands take to street as shutdown enters day 6

AP, Katmandu

Police fired warning shots yesterday as thousands of protesters gathered in Nepal's capital to demand an end to a crippling general strike imposed by former communist guerrillas seeking the government's resignation. The estimated crowd of 20,000 including doctors, lawyers, business executives, singers, teachers, and daily wage labourers demanded a halt to the six-day strike that has shut down transportation, businesses and schools in Katmandu and other cities. It was the largest protest against the Maoist-imposed strike since it began Sunday. The Maoists want Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal to resign and hand power over to a Maoist-led administration. The government has said it won't bow to the demands. The Maoists traditionally back their strike calls with the threat of violence against those who defy them, and their supporters went into Katmandu neighbourhoods Friday to try to forcibly shut shops that owners opened for business. Thousands of police in riot gear guarded the capital's streets to prevent violence. Police reported at least two clashes Friday and officers shot weapons into the air and fired tear gas canisters to bring the

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Ex-army man's house looted

Robbers force him to swear on the Quran not to file case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Masked robbers forced a retired army officer to swear on the holy Qur'an for not filing a case after they had looted 50 tolas of gold ornaments and Tk 30,000 from his house in Dhaka Cantonment area in the small hours of yesterday. "Now I am hesitant to file a case as I swore on the holy

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Prayer Timing

| May 8 | | |
|---------|-------|--------|
| | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr | 4-15 | 4-50 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 5-00 | 5-15 |
| Maghrib | 6-34 | 6-38 |
| Esha | 8-00 | 8-30 |

Source: Islamic Foundation

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