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Nazrul's birthday today

STAR REPORT

The 112th birth anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be celebrated across the country today.

Nazrul, the rebel poet of Bengali literature, was born at Churulia in Burdwan district of West

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No respite from overcharging

Weak monitoring of bus fare collection despite HC directives

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

A day after the High Court directives on bus fares, authorities concerned yesterday took no measures, apart from deploying mobile courts, to check over charging of bus passengers.

The communications ministry, however, would deploy seven mobile courts in the capital today to prevent transport operators from collecting extra fares from passengers.

"From tomorrow [today] seven mobile courts will start their drives in the capital to implement the government fixed bus

fares," Communications Secretary Md Mozammel Haque Khan told The Daily Star yesterday. He said the move has been taken in light of the HC directives.

Plan for deploying the courts was already there before the HC verdict.

Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder told The Daily Star that he has instructed police in line with the HC directives. The traffic department has been asked to assist the mobile courts. Further steps will be taken after receipt of the copy of the HC order, he said.

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A mobile court assigned to check extra fares charging by bus operators receives complaints from passengers in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. Passengers and supervisor of a bus are locked in a heated argument, inset, after its driver fled when intercepted by the court.

PHOTO: STAR

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Jubo League man killed in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A Jubo League activist was stabbed to death allegedly by a group of Awami League (AL) supporters following a brawl over accepting a tender in Shajahanpur

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BNP may join budget session

Decision after Khaleda's return

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Despite strong opposition from a section of party leaders, BNP may join the current parliament session to participate in the budget discussion.

The final decision will be taken after party chairperson Khaleda Zia's return from the US on May 29, party leaders told The Daily Star yesterday.

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New Jersey Senate honours Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

New Jersey State Senate on Monday honoured BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, now in USA, as a fighter for democracy.

BNP Vice-chairman Shamser Mobin Chowdhury, a member of Khaleda's entourage, told UNB over phone that both

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JSC scholarship list stuck in red tape

WASIM BIN HABIB

A scholarship list is yet to be published five months after publication of the results of the first ever Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations, creating anxiety among students.

Officials at the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE)

and education ministry fear that the budget allocated for scholarships may not be disbursed if the lists are not published by the stipulated time, i.e. June 30.

In that case, students may not receive the scholarship money this year, said the officials as they expressed their concern over the bureaucratic tangle over

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Govt handling of Yunus issue wasn't smart

Says Prof Wahiduddin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus was not treated by the government as he should have been, noted economist Wahiduddin Mahmud has said.

"The way the

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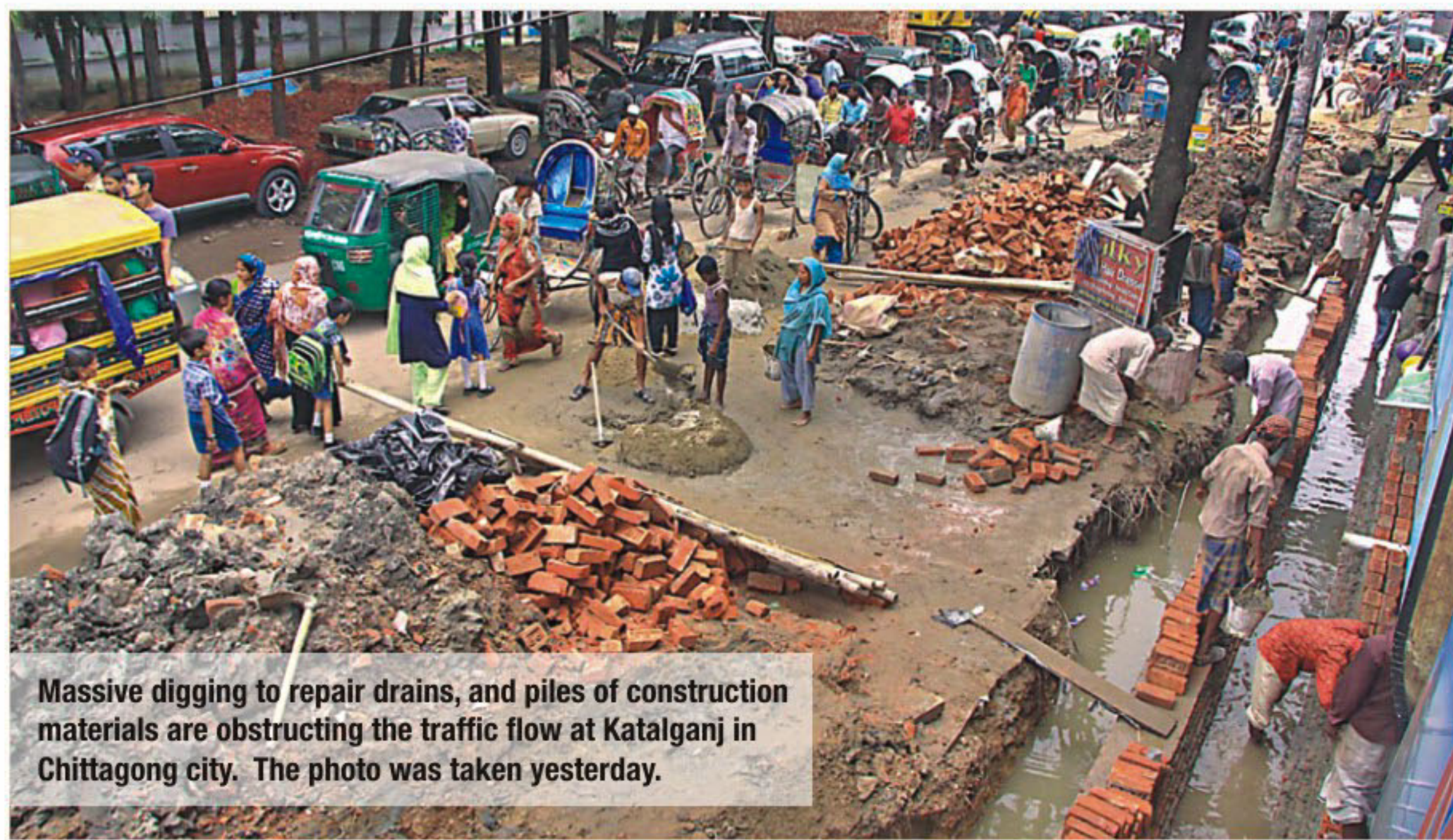
ROAD ON CANAL

DoE asks CCC to stop work

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department of Environment (DoE), Chittagong yesterday issued a notice to Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) to stop filling up of Rajakhali Canal to

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Massive digging to repair drains, and piles of construction materials are obstructing the traffic flow at Katalganj in Chittagong city. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Nato air strikes rock Tripoli

US moves closer to rebels

AFP, Tripoli

Powerful explosions rocked Tripoli yesterday as Nato unleashed its heaviest blitz yet of the capital, while France and Britain piled pressure on Muammar Gaddafi by bringing helicopters into the Libya fray.

Top United States official Jeffrey Feltman said meanwhile that Libya's rebels are to open a representative office in the US and that Washington sees them as "credible and legitimate representatives of the Libyan people."

Libyan government spokesman Mussa Ibrahim told reporters that at least three people died and 150 were wounded in the air strikes, which he said targeted a

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PRAYER TIMING May 25

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05 4-40
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	5-00 5-15
Maghrib	6-40 6-45
Esha	8-00 8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

ONLINE POLL

How do you look at the new claim of PM's defence adviser, home minister and Rab that Limon and his family are involved in criminal activities?

True: (10.1%)
Blatant bid to save Rab: (89.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 404

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the authorities concerned will be able to prevent transport operators from collecting extra fares from passengers?

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