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Nazrul's birth anniversary today

STAR REPORT

The 113th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be celebrated across the country today.

On this occasion, Bangladesh and India jointly organise a two-day programme in the capital.

The programme, beginning today, will also mark the 90th anniversary of the publication of Nazrul's most famous creation "Bidrohi".

The celebration of the day will start through

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Farmers in Chittagong hill areas have had good yields of summer fruits this year. They sell the fruits to wholesalers through whom the produce reaches the markets countrywide. The traders buy a jackfruit only at Tk 15-25 and a pineapple at TK 5-10 but sell those at much higher prices. The photo was shot at Rangamati a few days ago.

Gas prices to go up in July

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Gas prices for public and private power stations, fertiliser companies, tea gardens, industries and CNG filling stations will go up in July, officials said yesterday.

"We will hold a public hearing with all stakeholders in June to complete all the legal

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Wasfia close to Everest summit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wasfia Nazreen, who was set to scale the Mount Everest today, has deferred her climb to the summit by a day due to inclement weather.

"Wasfia will push for the summit tomorrow [Saturday] night," Korvi Rakshand, spokesperson of Bangladesh on Seven

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Reckless driving kills two

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two more road accidents, two more lives lost. One sandwiched between two competing buses at Malibagh and the other crushed by a reckless truck near Cantonment Railway Station in the capital.

In Malibagh, a passenger was sandwiched seconds after he had alighted

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10-TRUCK ARMS HAUL CASE Babar interfered in govt probe

Babar interfered in govt probe

Ex-home secy Faroque tells court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A probe committee in its report could not name the NSI officials involved in unloading a huge cache of arms and explosives at the CUFL jetty in 2004 due to obstruction from ex-state minister for home

Lutfuzzaman Babar.

The chief of the investigation committee, Omar Faroque, also the home secretary at that time, said this in court here yesterday.

He made his deposition as a

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Reveal details of Sahara deal

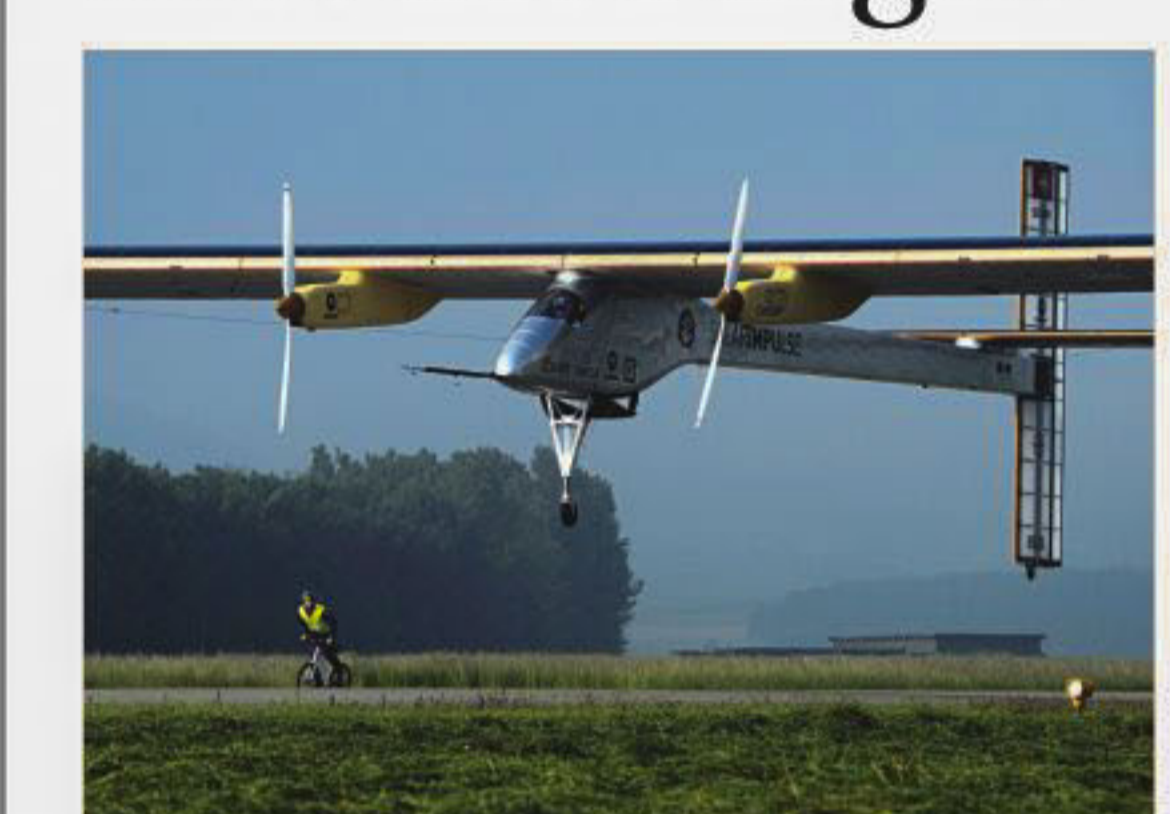
TIB asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday asked the authorities to immediately publish details of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on Wednesday between India's Sahara group and Rajuk for investment in low-cost township

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Solar-powered plane starts first int'l flight



The sun-powered aircraft Solar Impulse takes off yesterday on its first attempted intercontinental flight from Switzerland to Morocco. PHOTO: AFP

AFP, Payerne, Switzerland

The Swiss sun-powered aircraft Solar Impulse yesterday took off for Morocco on its first intercontinental flight attempt without using a drop of fuel.

Pilot Andre Borschberg successfully launched the plane from an airfield in Payerne in western

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BSF kills 1 Bangladeshi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot a Bangladeshi cattle trader dead at Phulbari border of Dinajpur early yesterday, said Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) sources.

The deceased was identified as Nader Ali, 35, son of Md. Bujra of Murari village under Phulbari upazila.

BGB sources of Phulbari 40 Battalion said that a group of cattle traders entered the Indian territory through Amra border early yesterday.

While they were returning with the cattle around 6:00am, BSF members of Darajpur camp under 96 BSF Battalion fired shots at the cattle traders leaving Nader dead on the spot.

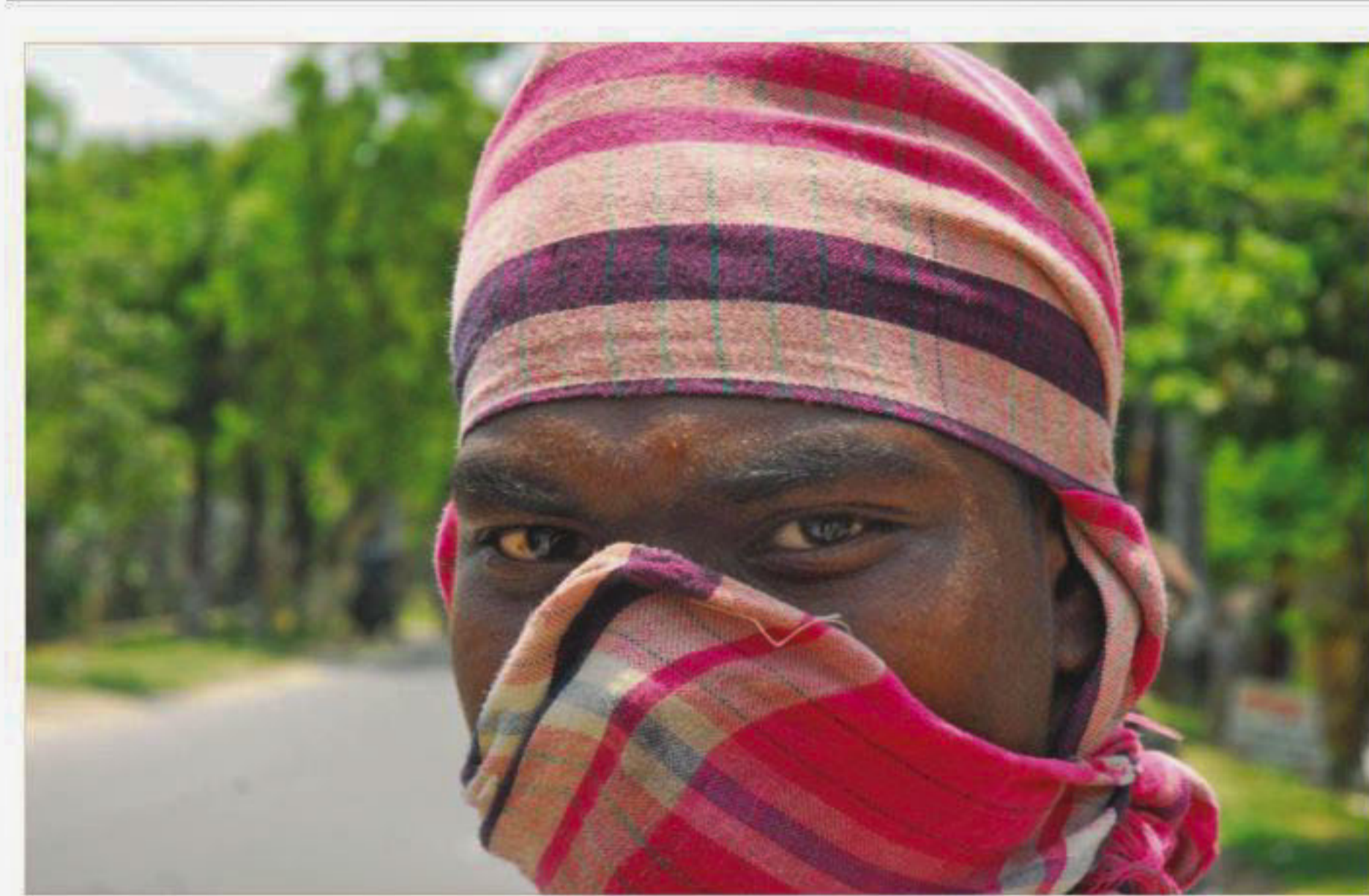
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Testimony of 3rd witness starts at ICT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The third prosecution witness against BNP lawmaker and war crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury began giving his testimony at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday by outlining some historic details that led to the

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A day labourer wraps his face and head with a *gamchha* as a protection from severe summer heat in Rajshahi yesterday. City dwellers say they have not faced such an unbearable heat spell in the last five years.

PHOTO: STAR

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Our Explanation

The news, published in the 2nd page of "The Daily Star" dated 23-5-2012, under the caption, "PDB takes possession of 246.99 acres of land" has attracted our attention. It has been stated in the news that A.K.Khan & Co. Ltd. took the lease of this land from Chittagong Port Authority. But the fact is that we did not take the lease of this land from Chittagong Port Authority, rather A.K. Khan & Co. Ltd. took long term lease of this land from the Government of Bangladesh (DC, Chittagong) and we paid up-to-date Khazna (Land Taxes) for this land.

JICA suggested to establish Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and Industrial Sites for Board of Investment (BOI) on this land. As such A.K.Khan & Co.Ltd. obtained the enlistment of Board of Investment (BOI), Government of Bangladesh for establishing "Industrial Parks" thereon. We also signed MOU with foreign investors for investing thereon and we spent crores of Taka for its development. On 31-1-2012, a notice under section 7 of the "Acquisition and Requisition of Immovable Property Ordinance, 1982" served upon A.K. Khan & Co.Ltd, which has been impugned in Writ Petition and the matter is at present Sub judge before High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. On 15-5-2012, the Board of Investment has urged in writing the concerned Ministries of Government to reconsider the decision of acquisition of the land concerned.

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For A.K. Khan & Co.Ltd.
Director-LSP

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku to comment that the government is being unable to trace Ilias Ali because BNP is hiding him?

Yes (8.6%)
No (90.3%)
No Comments (1.1%)
TOTAL VOTES: 626

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Amnesty International that the government has failed to stop extrajudicial killings?

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Maghrib	6-40	6-45
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation