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No water for 72 hours

Supply restored as Wasa fixes line snapped during road digging

RASHIDUL HASAN

It was 8:15pm on Wednesday. Over 350 people, each carrying four to five empty pots, were waiting in four queues to collect drinking water from a water pump at the capital's Farmgate.

They came early to form a queue. Many others were coming to help them carry the water pots home in the capital's West Tejuri Bazar, Green Road, Mostafa Goli and Farmgate.

Thousands of people in the areas had been without water for over 72 hours until yesterday morning.

A Wasa engineer said the local supply line was cut when the Telegraph and Telephone Department dug a trench a few days ago.

It took three days for Wasa employees to figure out the problem. They worked overnight and finally managed to restore the supply yesterday morning.

Locals said the snap in water supply caused immense sufferings to them.

This correspondent was present at the water-pump spot in Farmgate from 8:15pm on Wednesday night to 12:30am Thursday, when 45 people including five

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This is in fact a protest scene. Locals, transport owners association and Swopnojatri, a social organisation, are mock-planting paddy seedlings on Arakan road of the port city to draw attention of the authorities concerned to the road's battered condition. The photo was taken yesterday. Story on page 2.

PHOTO: STAR

Boy killed by electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage boy was electrocuted and killed last night while plugging in a mobile phone charger at their house in Moulvitek of the capital's Rampura.

The deceased, Sagor, was 13-year-old and a student of an NGO-run primary school. His father Mobasher Fakir is a vegetable vendor.

Sagor fell unconscious as soon as electricity passed through his body from the mobile phone charger's plug around 8:00pm, his brother

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Jamaat eating iftar, doing politics

Hosting about 500 parties in Ramadan to step up campaign against govt, war crimes trial of its leaders

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Jamaat-e-Islami now appears to go on with a revised strategy to take advantage of the month of Ramadan to conduct a country-wide campaign against the government and also the ongoing war crimes trial.

The party opted for organising iftar parties-discussion meetings following its failed bid to launch street agitation in the name of "welcoming holy Ramadan",

sources in the political arena said.

Jamaat and its associated bodies will hold at least 500 such iftar parties across the country till the end of Ramadan where party central leaders will speak as chief guest, according to Jamaat insiders.

Pro-Jamaat student body Islami Chhatra Shibir had earlier tried to bring out processions in different areas of the country on July 19 welcoming the advent

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10 Rohingyas arrested, 3 sent back

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in separate drives detained 10 Rohingya intruders in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar district early yesterday.

A BGB patrol team held three Rohingya males from Naitongpara area around 1:00am, said Lt Col Zahid Hasan, BGB commanding officer of 42 Battalion.

The three were sent back to Myanmar by 2:00pm, he added.

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UN members condemn Syria

REUTERS

The UN General Assembly yesterday overwhelmingly voted to condemn the Syrian government and demanded a political transition in Syria, which has seen 17 months of fighting between forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and opposition fighters.

The 193-nation assembly approved the Saudi-drafted resolution, which expressed "grave concern" at the escalation of violence in Syria, with 133 votes in favour, 12 against and 31 abstentions. Dozens of other countries, including many Western states, co-sponsored the resolution.

As expected, Assad's staunch ally Russia was among the 12 countries that opposed the resolution in the assembly, where no country has a veto but all decisions are non-binding.

Others that voted against it included China, Iran, North Korea, Belarus, Cuba and others nations that often criticize the West. Some countries did not participate in the vote.

The resolution has the assembly "deplored the failure of the Security Council to agree on measures to ensure the compliance of Syrian authorities with its decisions."

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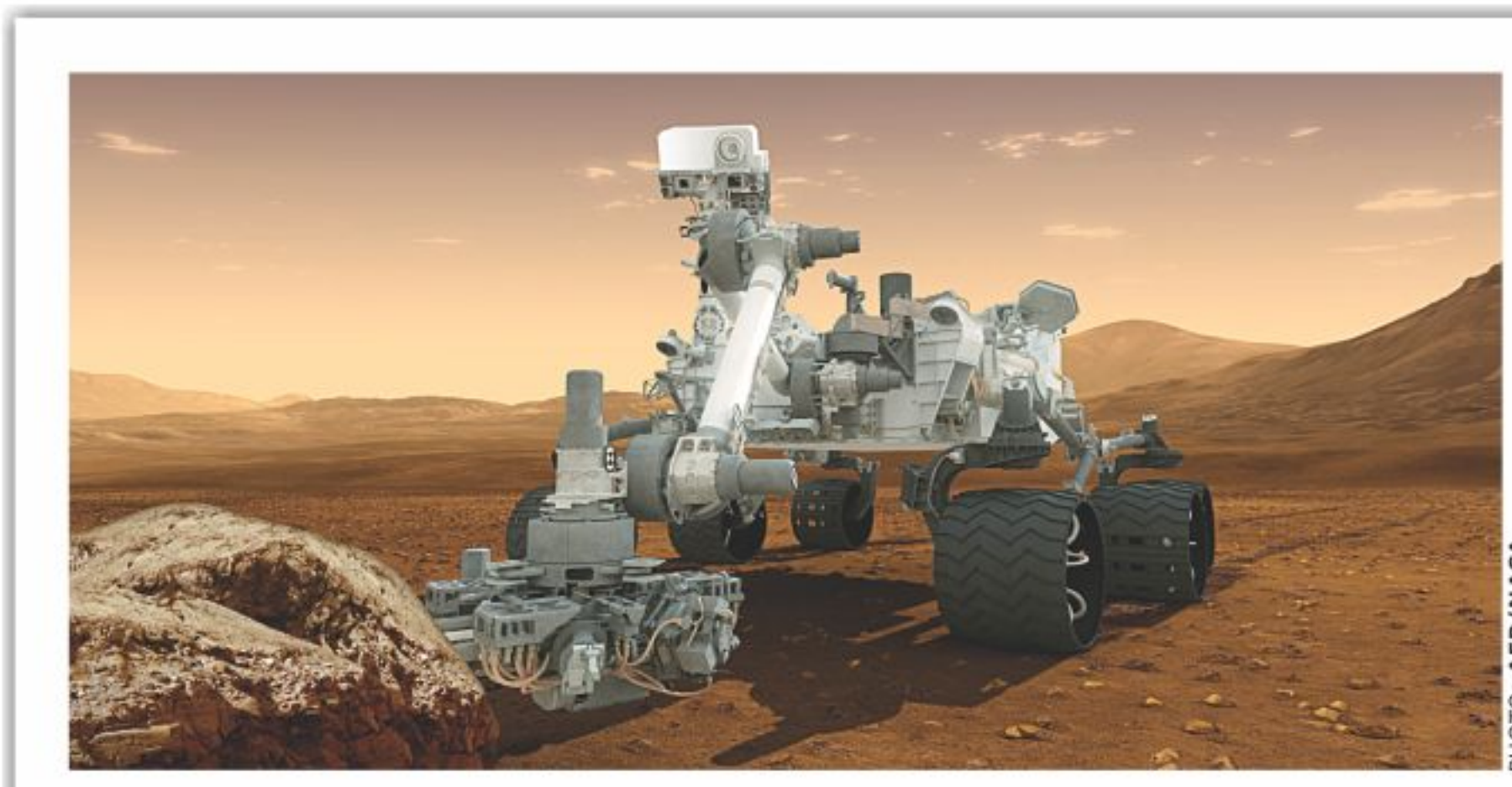


PHOTO: AFP/NASA

Robot rover nears Mars

BBC ONLINE

Nasa yesterday said the big robot rover it is sending to Mars looks in excellent shape for its Monday landing.

The vehicle, known as Curiosity, was launched from Earth in

November last year and is now nearing the end of a 570-million-km journey across space.

To reach its intended touch-down zone in a deep equatorial crater, the machine must enter the atmosphere at a very precise point on the sky.

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Septic tank gas kills 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two labourers died after inhaling toxic gas trapped inside a septic tank in a housing plot at Colonel Hat of Chittagong city yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Abdur Rahman, 50, of Chandpur and Md Kamal, 50. Police could not trace the latter's residence.

Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, senior station officer of Agrabad Fire Service and Civil Defence Station, said the accident occurred at about 9:30am when the duo entered the septic tank to remove some bamboos that were used to hold the under-construction structure of the tank.

As the neighbours got no response from them even after an hour of their entry, they informed the police and firefighters.

Firefighters at first blew air inside the tank to make it

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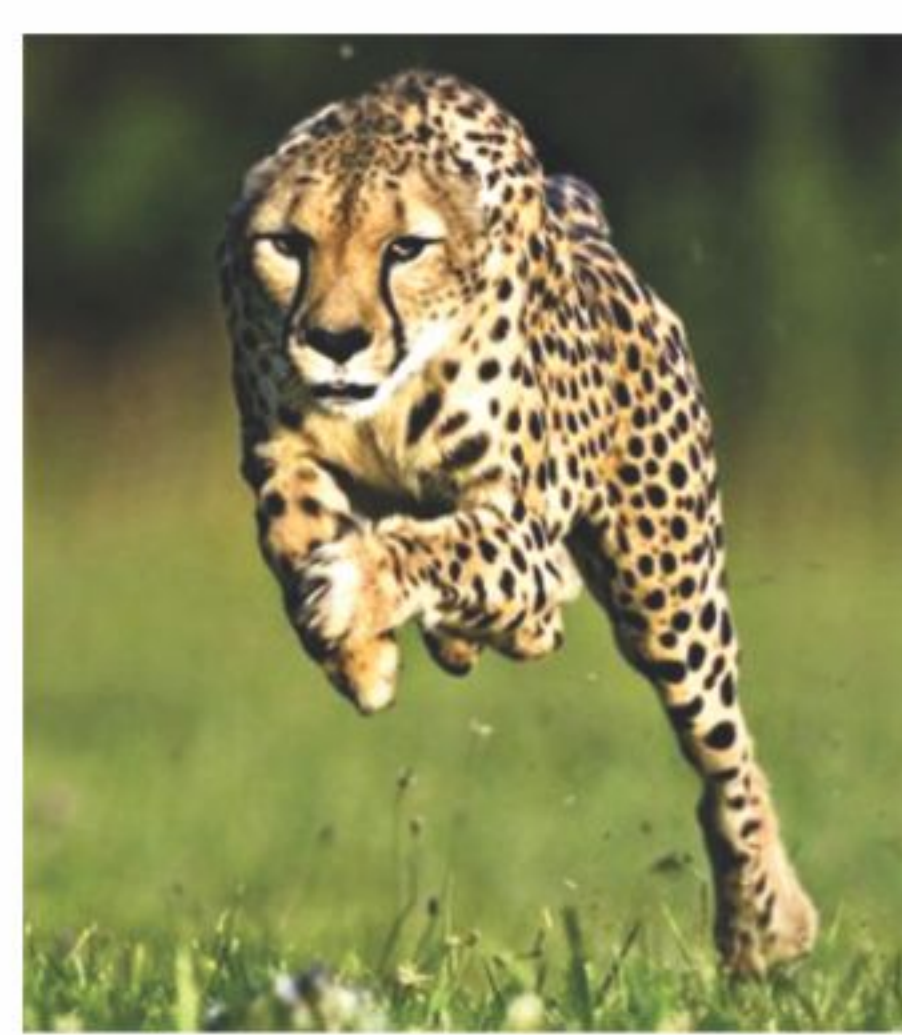
Cheetah the best sprinter on earth

LIVE SCIENCE ONLINE

The fastest cheetah on Earth has done it again, breaking her previous world record for the 100-meter dash and setting a new best time of 5.95 seconds.

This feat surpasses the fastest of all human 100-meter sprinters by almost four seconds.

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PRAYER TIMING August 4

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-07 4-12
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	5-00 5-15
Maghrib	6-43 6-53
Esha	8-15 8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



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