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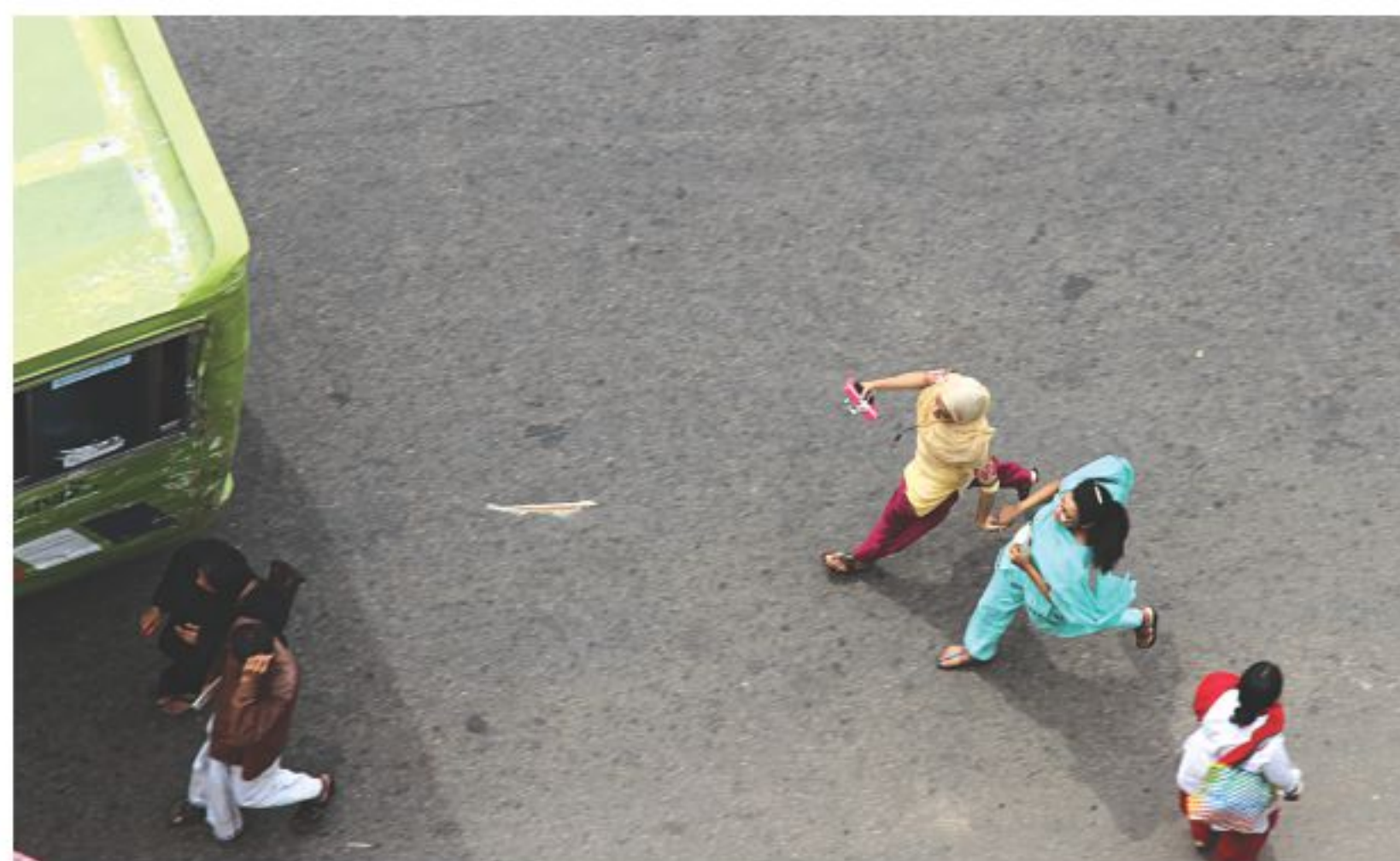
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## SHAHBAGH TRAP

Traffic disorder is a regular scene at Shahbagh intersection, one of the key points in the capital. People frequently risk their lives jaywalking the spot, dodging speeding vehicles. Following the death of a Dhaka University student in a recent road accident, Dhaka South City Corporation yesterday decided to build a footbridge there. But experts say public awareness on using footbridges is much more important than simply building those to avert road deaths. Moreover, location of a footbridge should be such that allows pedestrians easy access to bus stops. The photos were shot between 11:30am and 2:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## War hero testifies for Sayedee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first defence witness for war crimes accused Delwar Hossain Sayedee yesterday told International Crimes Tribunal-1 that no one had told him anything against the Jamaat leader during his visit to a Razakar camp in 1971.

Defence witness Shamsul Alam Talukder, who is a freedom fighter, said though many locals gave a description of torture by Razakars during

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## WAR TRIBUNAL

# Azad linked with 2 acts of genocide

*Formal charge includes 10 types of crime*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution of the international crimes tribunals yesterday submitted formal charges against expelled Jamaat member Abul Kalam Azad in connection with crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Sahidur Rahman, prosecutor of the case, told The Daily Star that Azad, also known as Bachchu Razakar, has been accused in 10 types of crimes against

humanity.

The crimes include genocide, killing, rape, abduction, confinement, torture, arson, looting, forced religious conversion and deportation.

Sahidur had submitted the 64-page formal charges through the Registrar's Office of the international crimes tribunals.

He said the former leader of Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of

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## Grameen concerns baseless

Says foreign minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday termed baseless the concern of the United States and other western countries over Grameen Bank.

She was talking to

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**PRAYER TIMING** September 3

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-35	5-10
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-20	6-25
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

## NITAI MURDER

# Rab nabs six more suspects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The mystery surrounding the killing of Dr Narayan Chandra Dutta Naitai on August 23 deepened as six suspects arrested by the Rapid Action Battalion claimed responsibility for the murder before the media yesterday.

Earlier, four men detained by the Detective Branch of police on August 25 and another on Saturday admitted to being involved in the murder of Naitai, assistant professor of the National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital (NIDCH), at his Mohakhali residence in the capital.

Both the groups, however, named one person, Masum Mintu, 24, arrested on Saturday by DB, as the one who had stabbed the physician, who also owned a private clinic named Reliance Medical and Services in Dhaka.

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## China working for revival of Padma loan

Says envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

China hopes the World Bank will revive the loan agreement on the Padma bridge project in the interest of socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Li Jun said his country was surprised at the scrapping of the loan agreement.

He made the remarks during an interaction with editors and senior journalists at the Chinese

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## CRUCIAL ISSUES BNP briefs EU envoys

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP yesterday briefed the representatives from the European Union (EU) nations about different crucial issues of the country, including the party's

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Temporary renovation of Meghna bridge is being carried out under the supervision of Bangladesh Army around 5:00am yesterday. Because of the work, traffic operation on the bridge will remain suspended for seven hours from 11:00pm every day till September 7. Story on page 2.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## MEDICAL ADMISSION Agitation called off on assurance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students willing to enrol at medical and dental colleges called off their demonstrations yesterday on the health minister's assurances that an admission test this year would be held for enrolment like previous years.

However, two writ petitions against the government

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## LIMON HOSSAIN Court now to hear Rab's case Oct 17

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Jhalakathi court yesterday deferred the hearing on acceptance of the charge sheet in a case filed by Rab as college student

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP leader Nazrul Islam Khan that Tarique Rahman should be brought back to lead the party in its anti-government movement?

Yes (51%)  
No (44%)  
No Comments (5%)

TOTAL VOTES: 466

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government will be able to take action against the people behind the Hall-Mark loan scam? PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net) YOU MAY ALSO VOTE AT [facebook.com/dailystarnews](https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews)

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