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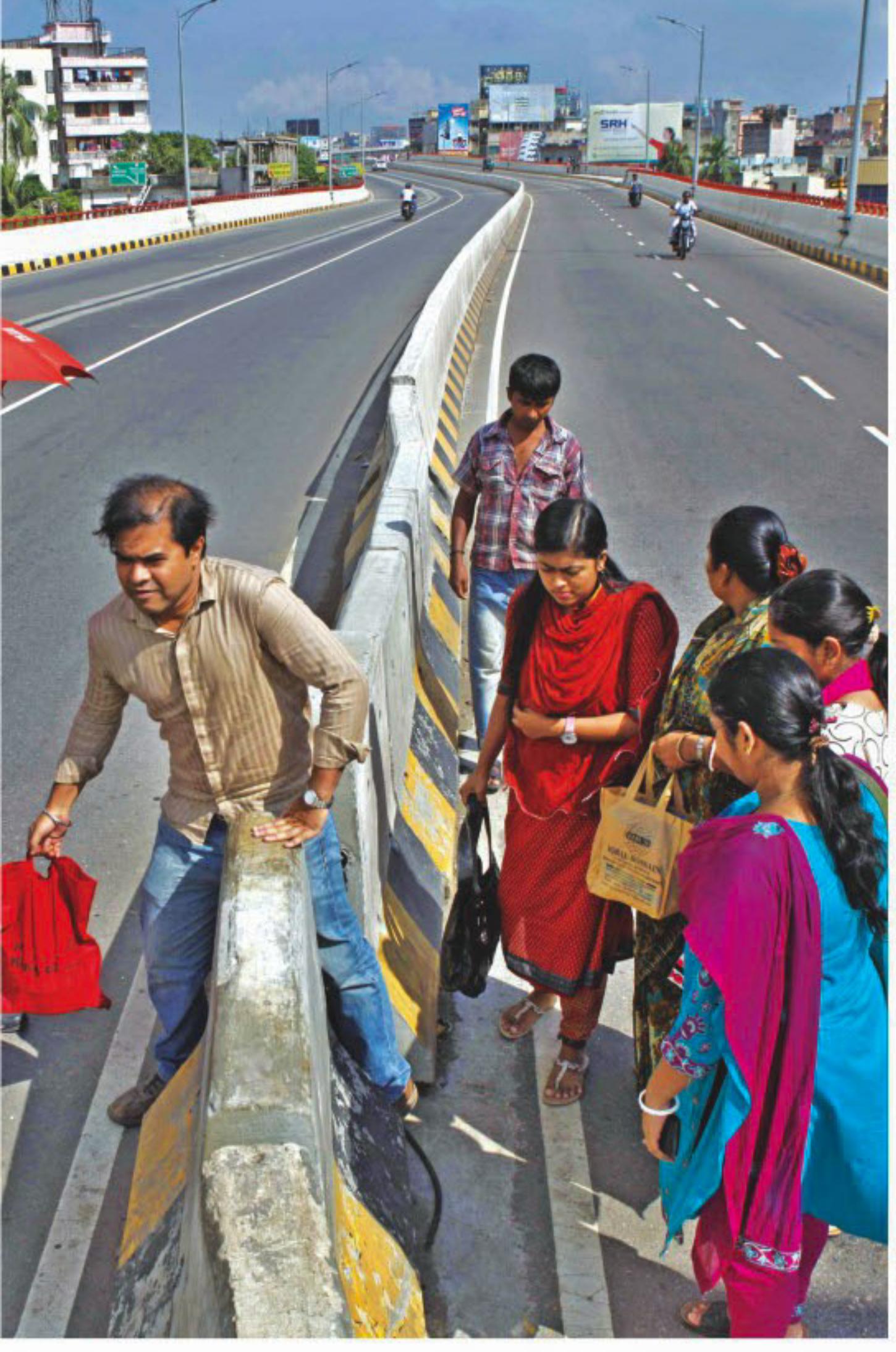
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RISKING LIVES FOR WHAT?

Just to shave a few minutes off of their journey, people risk their lives and scale over and slip through the guard barriers on Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover near Tiktoli. The vehicles travel at speed on the flyover which is off-limits to pedestrians. The photos were taken on Saturday.

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Overcrowding key reason for disaster

Govt probe on Pinak-6 also finds master's negligence

TAWFIQUE ALI

A government probe committee has found overloading and incompetence of the master (pilot) responsible for the tragic capsizing of Pinak-6 passenger launch that killed over a hundred people in the Padma on August 4.

"We have identified overloading, inefficiency of the master and negligence of BIWTA officials and owner as the reasons that led to the tragic loss of human lives," said one of the members of the seven-strong committee, requesting ano-

nymity.

The committee, headed by a joint secretary of the shipping ministry submitted its findings to the ministry yesterday.

The vessel had an approved capacity of 85 passengers but it was crowded with around 250, said the committee member. "Then the master headed straight for Mawa terminal across the turbulent river, bypassing the actual route to avoid only half a kilometer distance."

The vessel left Kawrakandi terminal with some

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JUDGE'S APPOINTMENT SC rejects Khaleda's petitions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court verdict that rejected two writ petitions filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, challenging the legality of the appointment of a trial court judge, who indicted her in two corruption cases.

The court dismissed two appeals lodged by the BNP chief against the June 19 HC judgment that found

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Save tigers, save nature

PM appeals at global conference in Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

Assuring her government will do everything necessary for conservation of the tigers, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the tiger range countries to continue their sincere efforts for protecting tigers.

"Let us join hands to save the tigers and save the nature," she said.

The prime minister gave the assurance and made the appeal while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the three-day 2nd Global Tiger Stocktaking Conference 2014 held at Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

Bangladesh Forest Department under the Ministry of Environment and Forests has organised the three-day conference in cooperation with Global Tiger Initiative, Global Tiger Forum and the develop-

ment partners, including the World Bank, aimed at saving the big cat from extinction.

The main objective of the conference is to review the implementation plan under the Global Tiger Recovery Programme for the tiger inhabiting countries. The conference will adopt a 'Dhaka Recommendation' for the conservation of tigers across the globe.

Sheikh Hasina, who received a token of appreciation from the organisers for her role in protecting tigers, urged the global community to protect the Sundarbans as it protects the southern coastal region of Bangladesh from storms and cyclones.

Stressing that the Sundarbans needs to be saved for its colossal storage of biodiversity, besides the precious Royal Bengal Tiger, she said it's a unique

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Bangladesh Railway destroying illegal structures built beside rail lines in Moghbazar area yesterday. The move comes after four people got killed by a train at an illegal fish market set up on the train lines in Karwan Bazar on Thursday.

SLUMS ON RAILWAY LAND

5 hurt in clash over eviction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Slum dwellers along the rail tracks at Wireless Gate in the capital's Moghbazar clashed with police and members of Railway Nirapatta Bahini (RNB) yesterday during an eviction drive.

Several hundred people, many with sticks, chased the members of the drive team around 2:15pm after a quarrel over removal of a shanty close to the rail track, witnesses and police sources said. They threw brickbats at the law enforcers. Policemen then baton charged the slum dwellers leaving five with minor injuries.

Kazi Md Habibullah, assistant estate officer of Bangladesh Railway, however, said the team with a bulldozer was moving towards Malibagh level crossing after knocking down illegal structures along the rail tracks at Moghbazar. When they neared the slum, its dwellers attacked the team members, thinking that they would destroy the shanties, he added.

Only illegal shops and other establishments were destroyed in the drive that was launched on Friday following a train accident claiming four lives, Habibullah said, the slums had not been touched.

Yesterday's drive began around 9:00am at Moghbazar level crossing. The team knocked down the establishments on the southern side of the rail tracks first and then demolished structures on the opposite side.

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Two lakh new voters listed in Dhaka city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over two lakh new voters in the capital would be included in the updated electoral roll, said Election Commission officials yesterday.

The EC went door-to-door for information about the new voters from September 1 to September 13.

Now, the eligible people will have to go to the respective registration centres where photos would be taken and other necessary procedures done between September 18 and November 15, added the EC officials.

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PRAYER TIMING September 15	
Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	4-35 5-10
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	4-30 4-45
Maghrub	6-09 6-12
Esha	7-45 8-15

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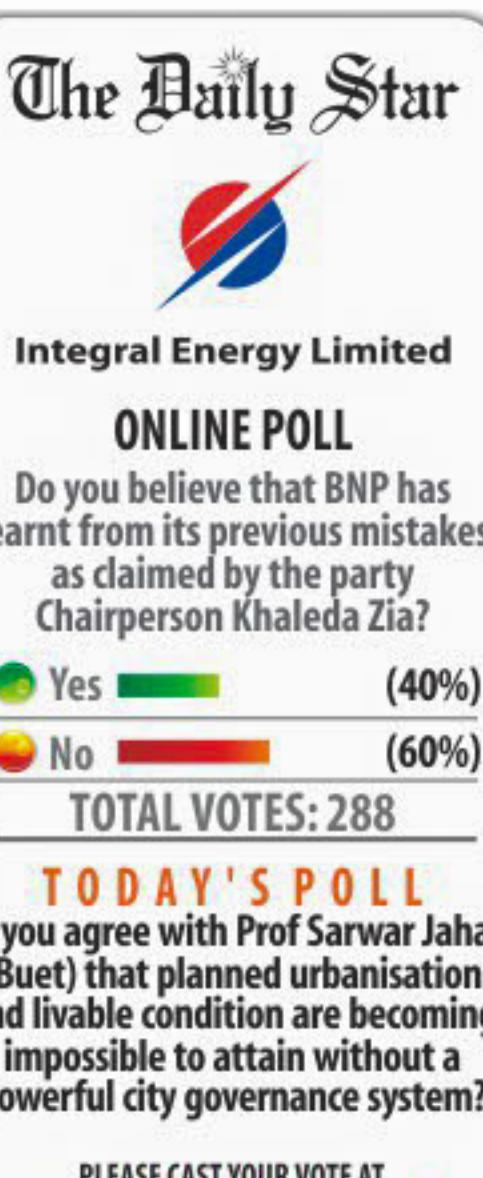
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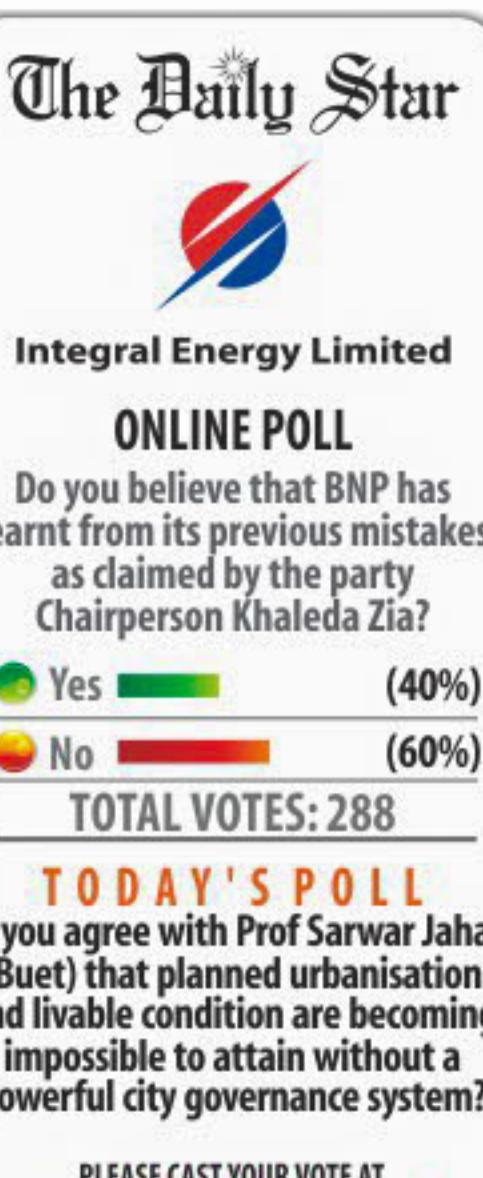
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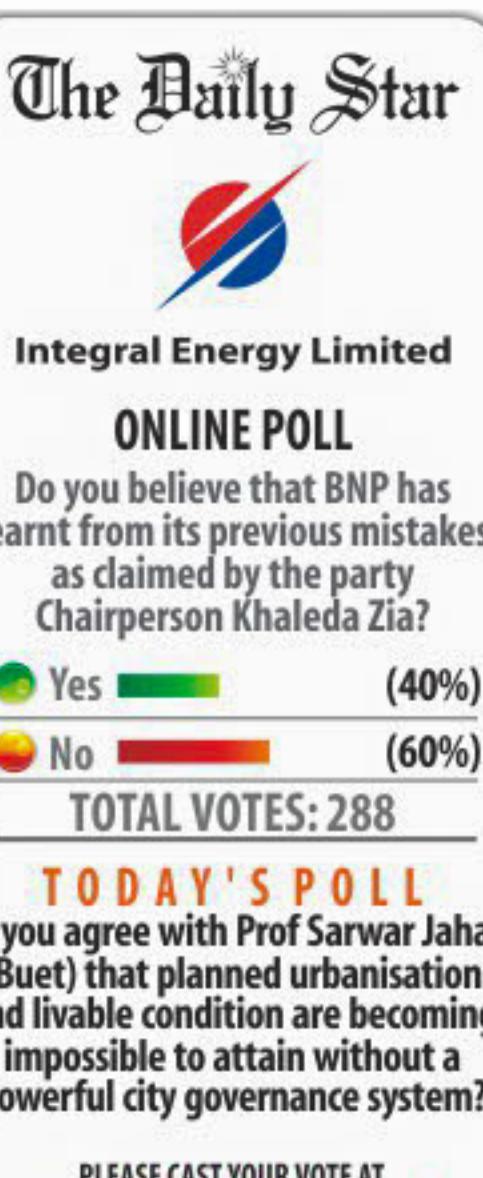
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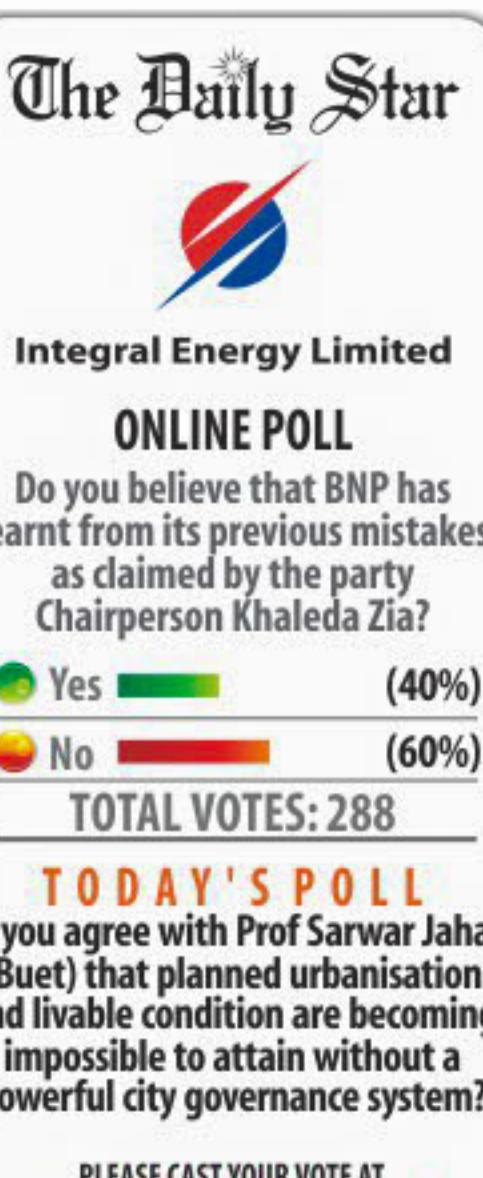
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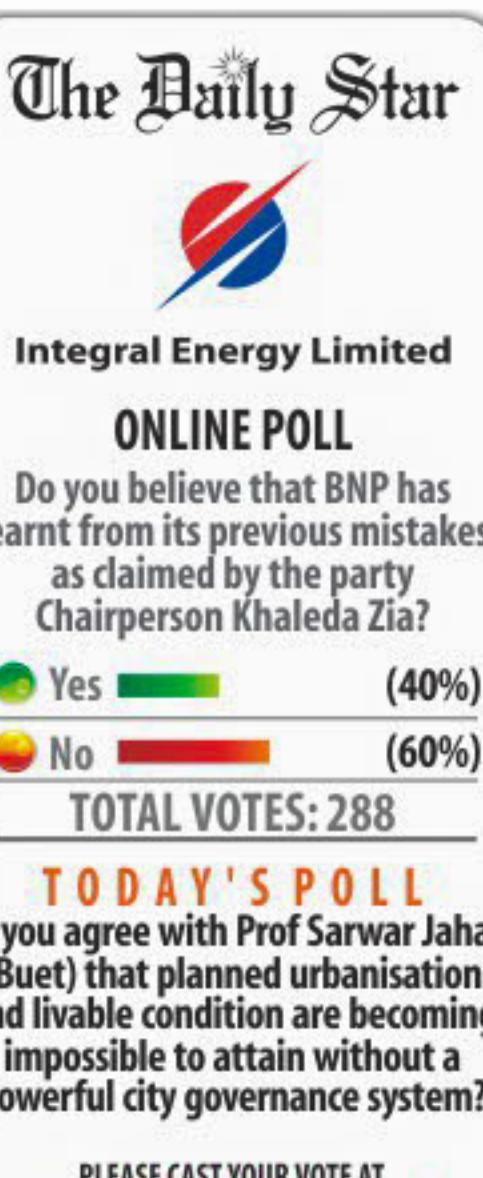
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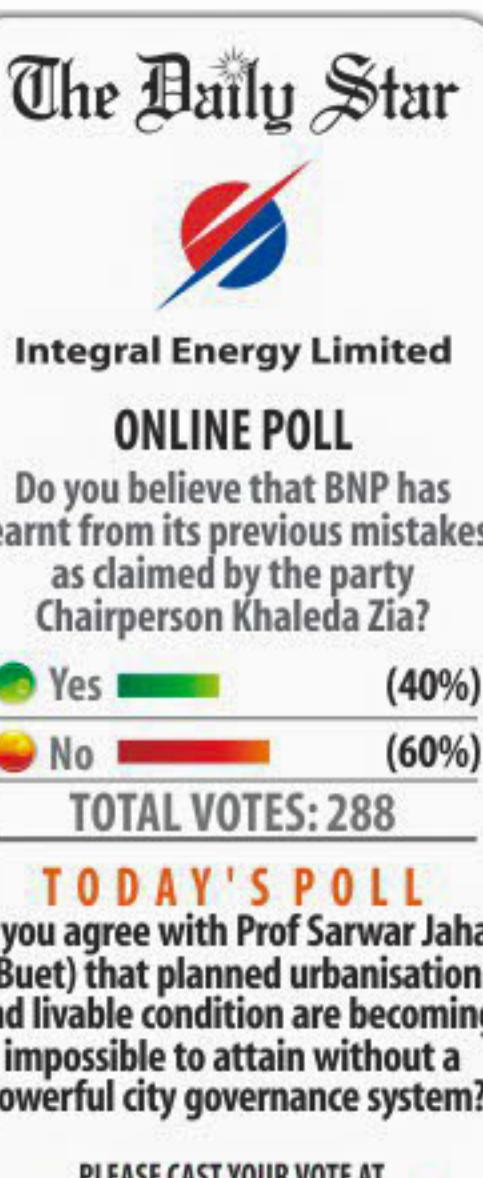
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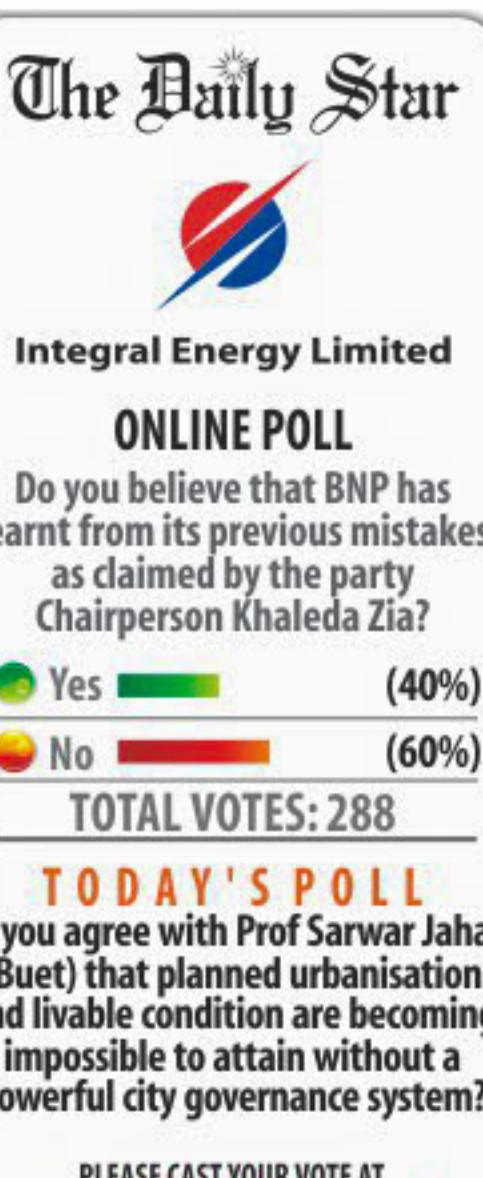
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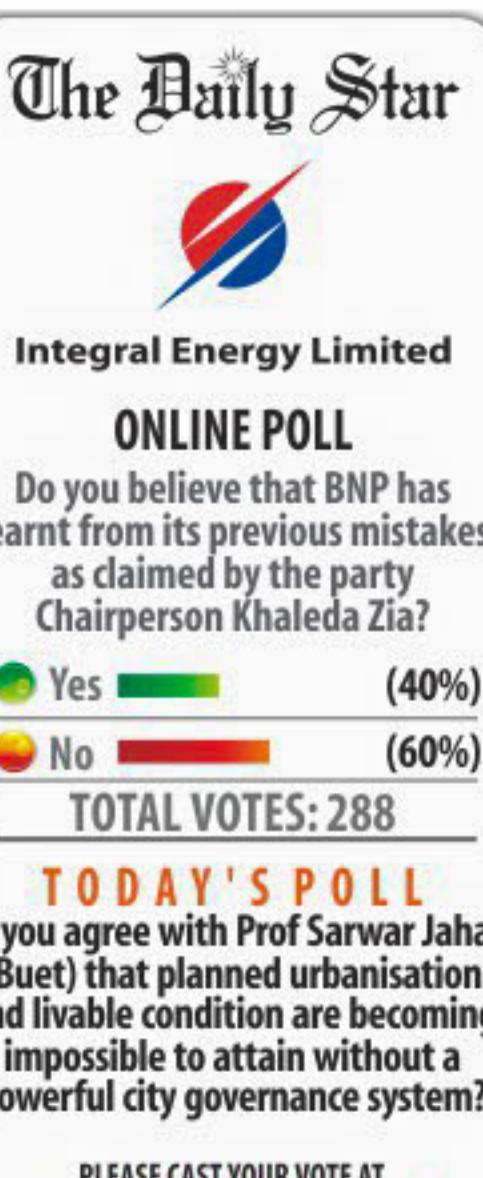
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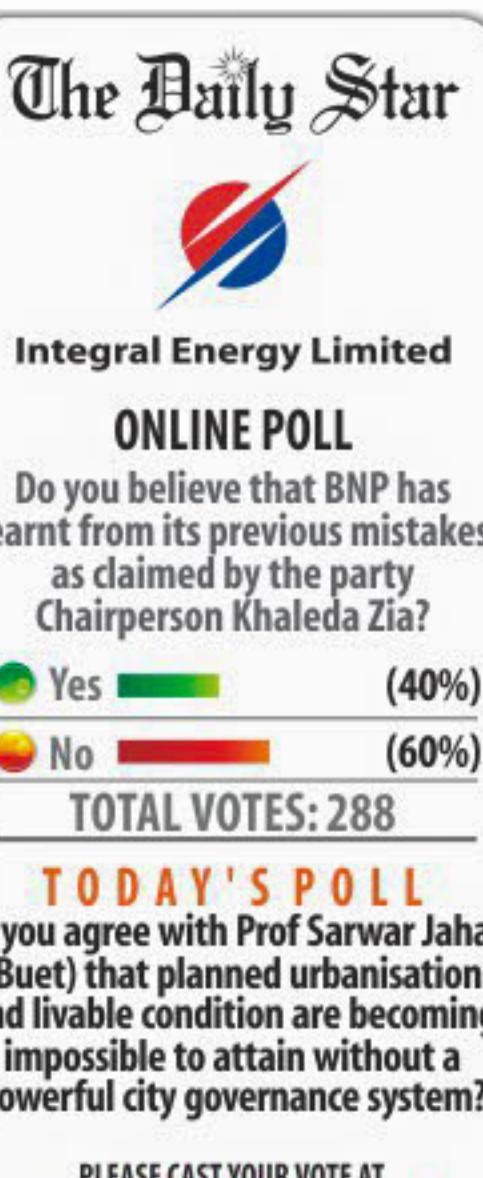
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