



Flyover chokes highway to Ctg

People suffer in over 100km tailback caused by construction work in Feni; businesses hit hard



STAR REPORT

Traffic would not move an inch for hours on end. There was no food, no water, no toilet on the way. Relatives of the patients needing urgent medical attention did not know what to do.

highway continued for the fifth consecutive day yesterday, suffering of the passengers and transport workers knew no bounds.

Female passengers, patients and children were the worst sufferers as they remained stuck for hours.

Businesses are also being hit hard by the

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Gazipur city polls now on June 26

STAR REPORT

The Election Commission (EC) has revised the schedule for Gazipur City Corporation polls and set June 26 for voting, which was postponed earlier following a writ petition.

As per the revised schedule, electioneering will resume on June 18 after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

EC Secretary Helal Uddin Ahmed announced the election schedule at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

As per an earlier schedule announced by the EC on March 31, the GCC election was scheduled to

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KCC POLLS: LAST DAY'S CAMPAIGN AL men dominate, BNP men lie low

RASHIDUL HASAN, MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and DIPANKAR ROY from Khulna

Supporters of the Awami League-nominated mayoral candidate dominated the last day's election campaign in Khulna City Corporation yesterday as many of the followers of the BNP-backed candidate kept off the campaign trail amid fear of arrest and harassment by law enforcers.

Almost all the main streets of the city were flooded with the campaigners of the AL-nominated candidate Talukder Abdul Khaleque with the electioneering ending at midnight.

On the other hand, the presence of supporters of the BNP-nominated candidate Nazrul Islam Monju was thin on the city streets.

Contacted, Shafiqul Islam Mona, chief election coordinator of Monju, said they were carrying out campaigns quietly as police were arresting their men.

"Police have so far arrested 174 BNP men in the city and elsewhere in the district. How can our men dare to carry out

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It's called crazy medicine. Produced in Myanmar with military support, the dangerous drug very easily crosses the border and reaches cities, towns and villages of Bangladesh through various channels -- sometimes in full knowledge of law enforcers. It now seems unstoppable and is poised to cripple the country's biggest hope -- the youth. Millions are now addicted to the pink pills. They take it as stimulant and end up with organ damage and mental derangement. The Daily Star has prepared a three-part series on the invasion of yaba and is running the third part today.

Living in DRUG ZONE

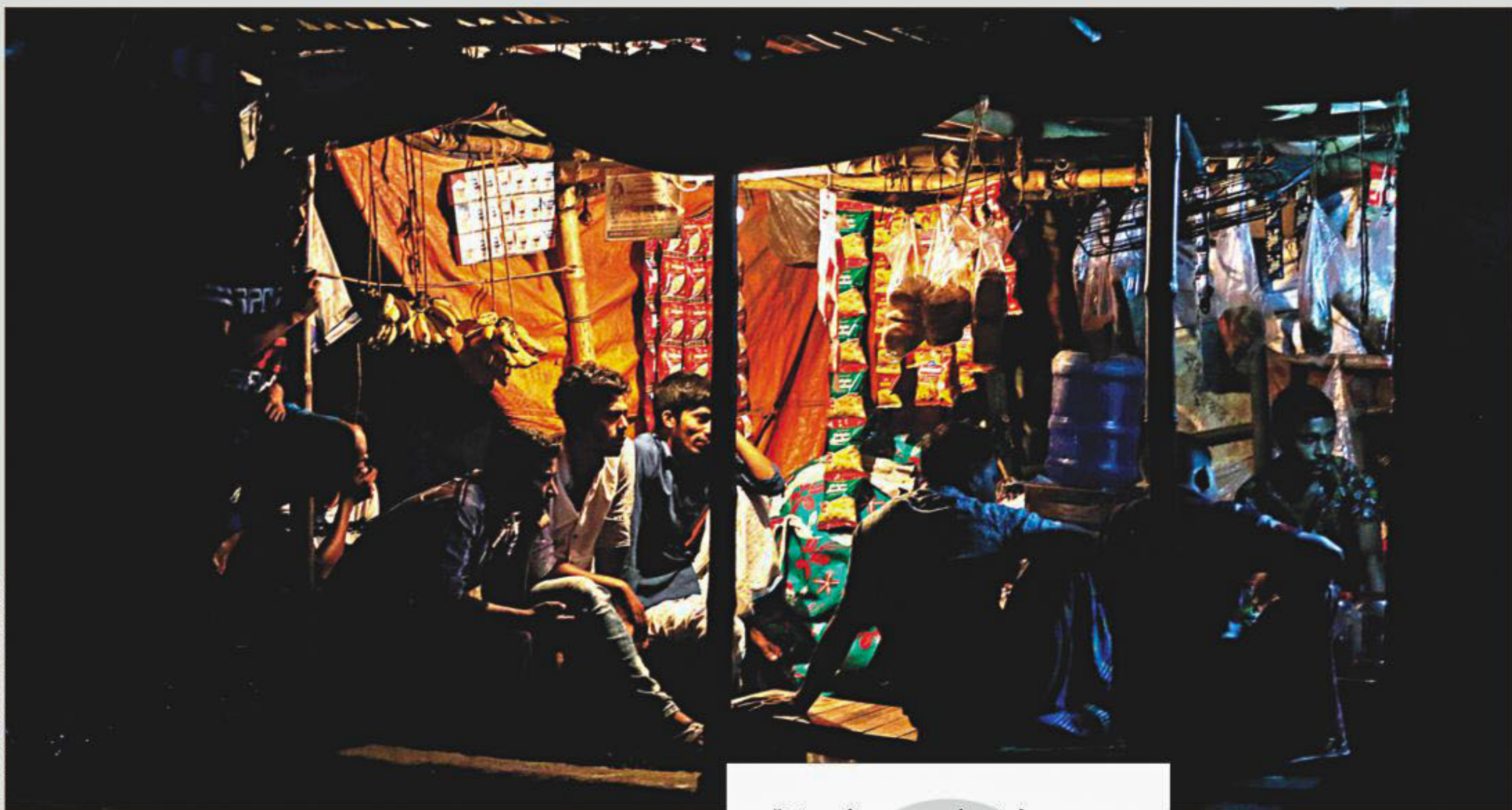


PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

As soon as dark falls, tea stalls like these along the rail line in Karwan Bazar see a heavy rise in customers, but not for what one would think. Drug peddlers gather in these stalls, waiting for their customers. The photo was taken on Thursday night.

ANISUR RAHMAN

When I was assigned to prepare a photographic documentation of yaba consumption and trade, I knew it was a cakewalk for me because I have grown up in a drug zone and seen the ins and outs of the trade. I have seen my friends getting addicted to all kinds of drugs from marijuana to Phensedyl to yaba. I have seen them debilitate and die, mostly in their sleep.

The area I am talking about is Peyarabagh, Nayatola and Modhubagh in Moghbazar. It was a happening neighbourhood in the 70s and 80s. An area with a lot of life and social interactions. The youths used to hang out and play badminton in winter and football in summer. Sometimes, when they wanted a

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"It is a disease, and so it has a cure. People need to know this so that they can give patients the courage needed to overcome it."

CHAIRMAN OF A REHABILITATION CENTRE



Source of sickness

ERESH OMAR JAMAL

Abir* first tried yaba out of curiosity with one of his neighbours. Eight years later, he is now fully addicted to the drug, having taken it regularly for the past seven years. When he first started, Abir only did the drug occasionally. It became a regular habit after he started to do it more frequently with two of his friends.

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