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A large part of Nayabazar road in the capital is occupied by piles of construction material that are forcing the heavy traffic to use only two lanes. The street is witnessing heavier than usual traffic since the first Buriganga bridge in Postagola have been closed to traffic for repairs. The closure diverted traffic to Nayabazar road as it leads to Babubazar Bridge.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Beef up efforts to eradicate graft, drug abuse

PM tells cops while inaugurating police week

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the Bangladesh Police to intensify their efforts in eradicating militancy, terrorism, drug abuse, and corruption, underscoring these actions as pivotal for the nation's peace, stability, and future prosperity.

Speaking at the inauguration of Police Week-2024 in Dhaka's Rajarbagh Police Lines yesterday, she outlined the vision of a developed and prosperous Bangladesh reliant on robust law enforcement. "Our operation against militancy, terrorism, drugs,



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'There's no basis for these cases at all'

Says Yunus in interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All the charges brought against him and Grameen Telecom do not hold any legal basis, said Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus.

"Not only I am denying [the charges], all the lawyers that we consulted, the local consultants, the local

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Myriad anomalies found during hospital raids

STAR REPORT

Over 100 private diagnostic centres, clinics and hospitals across the country were raided yesterday as health officials went to check whether the 10-point directive issued by the DGHS on Thursday was being followed.

Dr Abu Hossain Md Moinul Ahsan, director (hospital) of the Directorate General of Health Services, said the raids laid bare numerous irregularities. In response, some of the health facilities were shut down,

while others received warnings.

About the raids in Dhaka, he said, "Six establishments inspected today [yesterday] will be closed down, while 12 others have been warned for various irregularities. The numbers could rise."

Ahsan further said the raids will continue in coming days to ensure that the newly-set DGHS rules are enforced.

Meanwhile, a team led by Chattogram's civil surgeon Dr Ilias Chowdhury visited a number

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Russia bans petrol exports for 6 months

REUTERS, Moscow

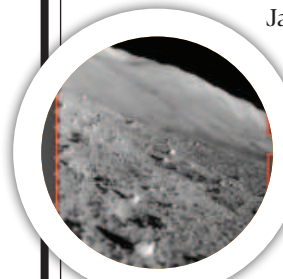
Russia yesterday ordered a six-month ban on petrol exports from March 1 to keep prices stable amid rising demand from consumers and farmers and to allow for maintenance of refineries in the world's second largest oil exporter.

The ban, first reported by Russia's RBC, was confirmed by a spokeswoman for Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak, President Vladimir Putin's point man for

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Japan's Moon Sniper 'miraculously' wakes up on lunar surface

CNN ONLINE



Japan's "Moon Sniper" is the lunar mission that keeps coming back to life. After being dormant for most of February, the spacecraft miraculously woke up over the weekend and transmitted new images to Earth, according to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency. This feat was unexpected given that the lunar lander wasn't designed to survive the moon's harsh temperatures.

Known as SLIM, or the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon, the robotic vehicle's

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