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Barisal,

**Sylhet polls** 

Chief Election Commissioner

(CEC) MA Syed would seek army

deployment in the coming Barisal and Sylhet city corporation polls.

The CEC told his decision to

journalists at the Election Commission (EC) yesterday in the

eaction to the Awami League's

The issue would be discussed at

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(AL) demand for troops.

an EC meeting on March 8.

suspended for

# **BCS test scam Opposition** demands JS probe, govt denies pushing PSC

### **STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government yesterday said it did not influence the Public Service Commission (PSC) into cancelling the civil service exams, questions of which were leaked.

The question leakage was also not discussed in Monday's cabinet meeting, several senior ministers told the parliament last night.

The denials came following opposition lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta's observation that the PSC cancelled the Bangladesh Civil Service preliminary test only after a decision in the cabinet.

The opposition demanded immediate formation of a parliamentary committee headed by the Speaker to probe the leakage.

The opposition lawmakers deplored that the PSC chairman continued to deny leakage even after the cancellation of the test taken on Thursday.

Industries Minister MK Anwar vouched that neither the prime minister nor any of the cabinet members had discussed the issue in Monday's cabinet meeting.

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### **Al-Hiqma leader** goes 'scot-free' in Rajshahi

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A leader of the banned Shahadat-e Al Hiqma Sayed Kawsar Hussain is reportedly moving freely in the city and different northern towns.

After he escaped arrest in an arms case on February 15, he was seen frequently in some city areas including Naodapara, Horogram and Mohisbathan. But he has so far managed to avoid arrest for mysterious reasons, alleged a source in the detective branch.

In a letter sent to several local journalists recently, Kawsar refuted home minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury's statement

# **Dengue to become** doubly dangerous

Experts warn as 3 cases reported in city last week; DCC indifferent to looming threat



**BCS test scam** 

the test.

Star file photo of an Aedes mosquito.

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT** 

preliminary examinations.

The government has not yet initi-

ated an enquiry into the leakage of

question papers for the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS)

And that might allow the real

The Public Service Commission

(PSC) still sticks to its position that

there was nothing wrong with the

test held last Friday and, therefore,

But overwhelming evidence of

question paper leakage had forced

the government to intervene and

ask the PSC to cancel the test. The

vesterday in a bomb attack at a key

airport in the rebellion-torn

southern Philippines, officials and

it took no follow up measures.

culprits to go unpunished, sources

### **STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Experts have warned about a twofold rise in the number of dengue patients in the coming rainy reason in the city if spraying of larvaecide does not start soon.

Three people were reportedly and demanded army deployment. diagnosed with dengue fever last week, all from the Mohammadpur Four policemen and Rayerbazar areas of the city.

Although blood tests were not done, doctors say the patients bore dengue symptoms such as pains in the joints, high fever and dizziness

In the last season, about 3,000 people were hospitalised across the country with dengue infection while about 150 others had died of SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

questions before the test, to

Mahbubur Rahman received a

copy of the leaked questions, and

out of the 75 questions in the copy,

72 appeared in the question paper

given at the exam hall.

unearth the root of the scandal

Four policemen were put under suspension as they assaulted and No enquiry yet into injured five journalists at a police camp at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday for protesting release of three persons after taking bribe.

They are Sergeant Shahdat, Havilder Abdul Mannan and con-stables Rayebul Islam and Benu, police said last night.

Journalist Monir Hossain of daily Dainik Sangram, while on professional work at the DMCH emergency, challenged three persons when they falsely identified themselves as journalists. They were moving around suspiciously. The three were Sheikh Mahbub

Rahman, Assistant Accountant of Rajuk, Munjur Hossain, a contractor and Mosharraf Hossain, a trader.

## CEC for army Zimbabwe ride on rain to oversee

### AFP, Bulawayo

Zimbabwe qualified for the Super Sixes of the World Cup after their match against Pakistan was rained off yesterday, knocking England out of the tournament.

Pakistan were 73 for three in 14 overs after electing to take first strike when rain hit the Queens Sports Club and forced play to be halted three times before being called off for the day.

The two points earned from the match took Zimbabwe's tally to 14, two more than England, and lifted the co-hosts to the next round from Group A behind Australia and India

Zimbabwe had the last laugh An AL delegation led by Abdus Samad Azad met the CEC Monday over England after Nasser Hussain's men boycotted their game in Harare on February 13 due to security and moral concerns.

Pakistan, meanwhile, will return home with just 10 points, their worst World Cup display ever after winning the title in 1992 and finishing runners-up to Australia four years ago in England.

Pakistan, who needed a big win to sneak through on run-rate, found the weather as much of a problem as their poor form.

"We played poor cricket throughout the World Cup and don't deserve to be there in the next round," captain Waqar Younis said.

"We will sit down and work out where we lacked. There is a lot of cricket coming up so that we have to study our failings quickly."

Pakistan are scheduled to play in the Sharjah Cup against Sri Lanka and South Africa from April -10.

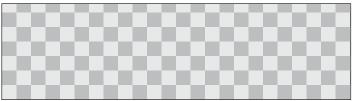
Premier batsman Inzamamul-Haq's miserable tournament continued when he was caught by Guy Whittall at deep mid-wicket off Sean Ervine for three.

Inzamam finished the tournament with just 19 runs from six innings

When play started 75 minutes late, Saleem Elahi was trapped leg-SEE PAGE 11 COL 3



TAKE SIX! Zimbabwean superstar Andy Fowler signs the number six in Bulawayo vesterday after his team gualified for the Cricket World Cup 2003 Super Six when their match against Pakistan was rained off.



# **Super Sixes from Friday**

matches.

### AFP, Johannesburg

Reigning champions Australia will launch the second stage of the World Cup at Centurion on Friday when they take on Sri Lanka in the

first match of the Super Sixes. The Australians, who swept through unbeaten in the preliminary league to top Group A, face a key clash against New Zealand at the Wanderers here on March 11 before taking on Kenya in their final match at Durban on March 15. The three Group A qualifiers --

with 12 maximum points, but the surprise packet of the Super Sixes is SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

Australia, India and Zimbabwe

will play their Group B rivals -- Sri

Lanka, Kenya and New Zealand -- in

points earned through wins against

fellow qualifiers from their respec-

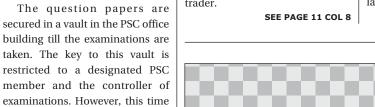
tive groups and one point for wins

against the non-qualifiers and half-a-point for tied or abandoned

Australia are comfortably placed

The six teams carry forward four

the nine-match Super Sixes round.



this key was not SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

### assaulting journalists STAFF CORRESPONDENT

February 9 banning his organisation.

In his letter, Kawsar claimed that the home minister provided wrong information about his organisation.

Kawsar, held and detained in April last year following allegations of creating panic and cheating people through an NGO in the city, is reorganising the party after being freed on bail in August.

He was implicated and wanted in an arms case filed on February 15 when Shamim Uddin, one of Kawsar's associates, was caught with firearms and ammunitions in the city

# **Bomb attack kills 19 at Philippines airport**

move, however, undermined the

position of the PSC, a constitu-tional body, observed a former PSC

chairman and some academicians.

want to see the 'hand-written copy'

of the leaked question paper, that

the officer-in-charge of Ramna police station, Mahbubur Rahman

received from a Dhaka University

student at least 90 minutes before

PSC of the incident, I informed the high police officials", he said. "It is

the job of concerned authorities to

investigate the matter. If the gov-

ernment wanted an investigation, the police could interrogate the

students, who got the hand-written

"Though I did not inform the

The PSC till yesterday did not

AFP, Davao

reports said

The blast struck a shed outside the Davao airport terminal amid At least 19 people were killed and more than 100 others injured the backdrop of increased Muslim guerrilla activity in the region head of a planned deployment of US anti-terror troops.

Another bomb exploded at a bus depot in Davao city but no one was injured while three others were wounded in a blast at a city health office in the nearby city of Taguma shortly after the airport attack.

The authorities shut down Davao airport as a precaution.

The relatively peaceful Davao has 1.2 million people and is the largest city of the southern Philippines.

waiting shed literally exploded," Davao Vice Mayor Luis Bongoyan said of the airport blast.



## Meherpur killing: 24 arrested

#### **UNB**, Meherpur

Police arrested 24 people from different parts of Gangni upazila in connection with the killing of two leaders of Awami League and BNP.

Awami League leader and former UP chairman Bazlu Bishwas and BNP leader and businessman Amirul Islam Bakul were killed in a brushfire by the outlaws at Gangni Bazaar here on Sunday.

IGP Modabbir Hossain Chowdhurv and DIG of Khulna Range AKM Enayetullah Dewan visited the spot yesterday.

They were accompanied by the deputy commissioner and police superintendent.

All business establishments and shops at the bazaar remained closed yesterday protesting the killing

