



JUDGEMENT ON VOTER LIST
SC hearing on
CEC's appeal
adjourned until
Thursday

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The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday adjourned until Thursday the hearing on an appeal filed by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Justice MA Aziz against the High Court (HC) judgement on voter list.

On January 4, the High Court in its judgement on two writ petitions filed by Awami League General Secretary MA Jalil and two of his party lawmakers had asked the Election Commission (EC) to update the electoral roll based on the existing one.

Dr Kamal Hossain, counsel for the writ petitioners, concluded his arguments while Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, representing the CEC, made his reply to his opponent.

Meanwhile, the hearing of the contempt of court charge facing four top secretaries, including Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, principal secretary to the prime minister, could not take place as the court hours exhausted with the hearing on the CEC's appeal.

The five-member full bench headed by Chief Justice Syed JR Mudassir Husain deferred the hearing to May 21.

Street children demand more
night shelter centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Street children yesterday called for setting up more safe night shelter centres close to their workplaces.

They also demanded immediate implementation of development programmes meant for them and opportunities to lead a better life.

Over 500 street children placed their demands at the 'Annual Conference 2006' jointly organised by Assistance for Slum Dwellers (ASD) and Plan Bangladesh at LGED auditorium at Agargaon in the city.

The children also performed at a cultural show at the conference.

Speaking as the chief guest, Golam Mustafa Talukder, director general of the Academy for Planning Development, said he is impressed by the way the children has raised their voice today.

He also assured that he would raise the issues of the street children at the inter-ministerial meeting.

Expressing concern over their condition, Mustafa said overall development of the country is not possible if their condition remains the same.

Haider Wasim Yakub, programme support manager of Plan Bangladesh, suggested adopting pragmatic strategy for the devel-



Street children sing national anthem at the 'Annual Conference 2006' at the LGED auditorium in the city yesterday.

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opment of street children prioritising their needs and aspiration.

Prof Nazrul Islam, honorary chairman of the Centre for Urban

Studies (CUS), and Rafikul Islam, former chief news editor of Bangladesh Television, also spoke.

Monir, a day labourer at a kitchen market, moderated the daylong programme.

Moyna, a trash collector, and

Take action against those
disrupting bus service

BRTC employees demand

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Employees of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) yesterday called on the government to take effective measures for smooth running of BRTC buses across the country.

They also called for legal action against the transport owners who are disrupting the state-run bus services in different districts.

Using the party banner, a section of transport owners, particularly private bus owners' associations, often enforce unreasonable strikes on different routes to oppose the BRTC bus service, causing immense suffer-

ing to passengers, said the leaders of BRTC employees' union at a press conference in the city.

In fact, the owners' syndicate wants to make more profit by raising bus fares, said union leader Minhazul Islam. So, they are trying to weaken the BRTC bus service, he added.

He also demanded resumption of double-decker bus service of the BRTC in northern districts.

The union leaders said the double-decker bus service in northern region has been suspended under the pressure from the so-called syndicate and this syndicate is now continuing a strike in the region to press for its demand for withdrawal of the

BRTC bus service.

This syndicate even forced the BRTC to stop its services in southern region, they added.

The leaders demanded import of new buses for expansion of BRTC service across the country and action against those who humiliated passengers of BRTC buses during their travel.

They also threatened to stage a demonstration in front of the High Court on May 17 if the government does not meet their demands within 24 hours.

Union leaders Pravash Chandra Mandal, Abdul Matin, Borhan Uddin and Sikander Abu Zafar were present at the press conference.



Students of International Turkish Hope School sing at a function marking the Mother's Day on the school campus on Sunday.

Turkish Hope
School marks
Mother's Day

International Turkish Hope School celebrated the Mother's Day on Sunday with a grand festive fervour 'Modhur Amar Mayer Hashee', says a press release.

The students of Uttara preschool section along with their parents attended the programme at the new campus of the school.

The function conveyed respect and regards to all mothers who were the epitome of that event as the programme was dedicated to them.

Students of playgroup, nursery, KG 1 and KG 2 displayed their talents through spectacular performances at the function.