

Mirza Khokon's wife 'shot', family denies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The wife of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Ward Commissioner Mirza Khokon, brother of former housing and public works minister Mirza Abbas, was reportedly shot at her house in South Shahjahanpur in the capital yesterday morning.

Fatwa victim girl saved from caning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Human rights organisations and law enforcement agencies in Sunamganj yesterday saved a girl from being whipped after a teacher of a local madrasa gave a fatwa against her.

CORRECTION OF UPDATED VOTER ROLL
Field visits end, yet many left off list

SHARIFUL ISLAM and RASHIDUL HASAN

The Election Commission's (EC) drive for correcting this year's updated voter list ended yesterday amid allegations of many eligible people's remaining out of the voter list while the field level EC staff did not turn up at many houses in the capital and elsewhere in the country.

Besides, they did not get any clear instruction from the EC. "The Election Commission at one stage directed through media that photocopies of registration form will do, but the temporarily appointed staff, who are mostly poor, felt reluctant to spend money for photocopying the form," said an EC staff seeking anonymity.

Members of some Hindu families in the locality, who were deleted from the updated voter roll which the EC used as the base for the just completed correction drive.

Khaleda urges all to take part in polls

UNB, Dhaka
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the people to participate in the upcoming general elections to protect democracy and the constitution. She also urged her party leaders and workers and all sections of people in Dhaka city and its adjacent areas, who believe in the continuity of democratic and constitutional process, to make today's four-party rally at Paltan a success.



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, JP Chairman HM Ershad and Liberal Democratic Party President Badruddoza Chowdhury wave during 14-party alliance's grand rally at Paltan Maidan in the capital yesterday.



The names of all members of Kamala Rani's, right, family except one have been deleted from the voter list, though they voted in previous elections. Her 20-year-old daughter Swapna Rani, left, is the only voter in the family now.

Grameen Bank reception to Yunus today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Grameen Bank will accord a grand reception to the Nobel Peace Prize 2006 laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus today on his return after receiving the prestigious award in Oslo.

Guantanamo returnee put on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday took Mobarak, who was detained at Guantanamo Bay for five years for his suspected al-Qaeda connection, on a three-day remand to learn if he has any military links in the land.



Mobarak Hossain arrested him and suspecting his link with al-Qaeda, handed over to the US authorities who later took him to the Guantanamo Bay prison.

Army captain killed in CHT ambush

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati
Armed members of United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF), an anti-peace accord group, ambushed an army team at Maichchhari in Rangamati Sunday evening killing the team's commander Captain Nurul Azam Gazi.

7 killed in Sirajganj road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
At least seven people were killed and six others injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Dinajpur highway at Kalibari Bhadrachhat of Kamarkhanda upazila in Sirajganj yesterday.

N Korea spells out demands for scrapping nukes

REUTERS, Beijing
North Korea set out sweeping demands yesterday for scrapping its nuclear arms and the United States warned that its patience was running out -- an inauspicious start to six-party talks after a year-long hiatus.

Shafiqul for slight change in poll schedule to end stalemate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Agriculture Adviser Shafiqul Haque Choudhury yesterday said the ongoing political crisis over the election schedule could be resolved by delaying the nomination paper submission date by a few days.

3 muggers die in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh
Three alleged muggers were killed by a mob at Batajur in Bhaluka upazila yesterday morning. Two of them were identified as Jahangir Alam Raju, 25, and Shaheed, 25. Identity of the other could not be known.



Site offices for the Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover at Gulistan in the capital are being built on the middle of the road narrowing the already congested intersection.

Barrister Rokan joins AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud yesterday formally joined the Awami League (AL) handing over a floral bouquet to party chief Sheikh Hasina during a grand rally in the historic Paltan Maidan (ground).

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