JUCSU polls to see a triangular fight

By Shamsad Mortuza

The ninth JUCSU and hall union polls, scheduled to be held on Wednesday, has taken a triangular shape with Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Bangladesh Chhatra League (M I) and Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) in cardinal points.

All the students bodies are optimistic about emerging victorious in the election but the odds seem to be in favour of the incumbent BNP-backed

According to a JCD leader, the Liton-Mithu-Badal panel of JCD would retain the JUCSU (Jahangirnagar University Central Students' Union) and hall union posts.

"BCL [M-I] and GCO are only contesting to secure the sccond position," said a supporter. "JCD swept the last election despite formidable opposition from the Students' Action Committee (SAC) formed by six students' bodies," he

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's recent visit to Jahangirnagar University will help the electoral success of JCD, according to another

Besides, the source said, Jahangirnagar University has set an example by keeping itself free from terrorism and session iam. For obvious reasons, JCD is barking on this issue during its campaigning, he added.

Another possible reason for JCD to emerge victorious is the decision of other students' bodies to contest from a single

All the left-wing students bodies of JU, save Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, are competing under the Shamol-Kapil-Mukta panel of GCO.

GCO, comprising Bangladesh Students' Union (BSU), Bangladesh Chhatra League (N-S), Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) and Chhatra Moitri is using the ten-point demands of the students as their main electioneering issue.

However, BCL (M-1), with similar demands, failed to form an alliance with GCO as SCF termed BCL (M-I) "patroniser of terrorists."

BCL (M-I), contesting from the Mahibullah-Mitu-Sarwar panel, has engaged itself in a prestigious light. For the first time in the his-

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said that "they did not agree

with the results of the findings

as the tests were not complete

and adequate", the source

Four separate categories of

tests were conducted on the

nine samples. In the first one,

the milk-fat content of the se-

lected products were tested,

the Bangladesh Standards and

Testing Institution (BSTI)

minimum for which is 10 per

ducted were to determine the

percentage of other types of

fat' content in the products,

the Butyro Refractometer (BR)

reading at 40 degrees Celsius,

a physical constant reading for

fatty substance for which the

BSTI standard is between

41.5-42.5 degrees Celsius, and

a test to find out the percent-

age of solids, the BSTI stan-

dard being a minimum of 36

per cent, in the sample prod-

only the 'Milk Vita chocbar'

passed all four tests and was

recommended as 'pure' by the

committee in the letter to the

were Milk Vita vanilla ice

cream in one litre containers

and in cups, Polar brand vanilla

in one litre containers and in

cups, Igloo vanilla ice-cream in

half litre containers, Igloo

chocbar, Igloo lemon ice-

cream and Igloo vanilla in 100

only the three Milk Vita prod-

ucts contained milk-fat, while

the others except the Igloo

lemon contained 'other types

of fat'. The first three were

found to be the only ones

within the recommended BR

Furthermore, the tests also

revealed that, other than the

Milk Vita chocbar and the

Igloo chocbar, all ice-creams

tested were found to contain

less percentage of solids than

Milk Vita and Polar, when con-

tacted, questioned the validity

of the tests while admitting

Representatives of both

the recommended level.

According to the findings,

The other items tested

Health Ministry.

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Of the nine items tested,

The other three tests con-

addcd.

However, the manufacturers

tory of JUCSU, a female candidate is contesting for a major post. Mitu of BCL (M-I) is likely to put up a good fight for the post of GS.

"Her advantage is the likeli hood of getting votes of female students," sources said. Mitu was the VP of the Nawab Faizunnessa Hall Students Union of the eighth JUCSU.

Meanwhile, the five-member Election Commission has published the list of 1901 vot

Fourteen candidates yying 91 posts of the seven hall unions were elected uncontested as no nomination papers were found valid against them. Those elected are all members of JCD.

According to the Election Commission, stringent security measures will be taken to ensure the peaceful holding of the JUCSU election.

A total of Taka 1 lakh has been sanctioned for the JUCSU polls expenses while Taka 10,000 has been allocated for each hall.

Electioneering will be banned from tonight (Monday). Meanwhile, Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, the Vice-Chancellor of Jahangir University has sought co-operation from teachers and students of the university for the peaceful holding of the election.

He was addressing a meeting of teachers at the Senate Hall of the university.

The meeting was addressed by Chief Election Commissioner Prof Mesbauddin Ahmed and Proctor Prof Shubhas Chandra Das among

DU remains tense

Dhaka University campus dwellers passed a sleepless night in heightened tension as the two belligerent factions of Chhatra League fought each other overnight till early yesterday morning, reports UNB.

The gunfight erupted again at 11 Saturday night when the Gopalganj-Barisal group again launched an attack from Salimullah Hall against the 'Mantu group' to recapture the adjacent Zahurul Huq Hall, campus sources said.

that they were officially in-

formed about the outcome of

the tests. Officials of the Igloo

lee cream Company could not

be reached despite repeated

The owner of the Polar lee

cream Company, Amanullah

Miah, told The Daily Star that

his company's disapproval

about the testing procedure

was conveyed to the Ministry

after the company received

what he termed 'warnings'

from it. The findings of the

committee were not made in

an 'actual report', he pointed

He however said "We have

He reiterated that Polar was

rectified the shortcomings and

a quality ice-cream and that

the company was 'extremely

quality conscious'. "We have a

complete laboratory manned

by foreign experts to check

A top official of Milk Vita,

who requested anonymity, also

questioned the testing proce-

dures and alleged that the

samples were tested 'one

month after the products

below quality as we have a good

quality control department. We

make allout efforts and take

precautions to maintain our

He said that the samples

should have been collected

"fresh from the factory or im-

mediately from the delivery

point" as preservation for a

long period could pose prob-

pointed out that as the Min-

istry itself was not sure about

the testing procedures it re-

frained from taking any further

action like releasing the report

to the press or informing the

public about the health haz-

quality of the ice-creams pro-

duced by the top three manu-

facturers in the country are

found to be below standard

then what about the quality of

the products of the numerous

small ice-cream makers scat-

tered around the country?"

However, he said, "If the

The Health Ministry source

"We do not market products

were manufactured.

standards," he added.

the quality of our products."

improved the quality".

Unsafe ice-creams the elections peacefully.

Bar Council polls

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(Group - G) The Jativa Ainjibi Samity panel won three of the general seats and two of the group seats. The elected are: Khondaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed (General seat), Syed Rezaur Rahman (general seat), Khondaker Mahbub Hossain (General seat) Md Abdur Rashid Talukder (group - B), and Fazlul Karim (Group- C).

Dr Kamal Hossain secured the highest number of votes (6,296) in the general seats while Abdus Salam Talukder topped the candidates in the group seats bagging 4,860 votes. Both of them belong to the Coordination Council.

Meanwhile, different forums of lawyers have congratulated the Coordination Council on its winning the overall ma-

Leaders of Bangabandhu Ainjibi Parishad in a statement expressed their heartiest felicitations to the victorious candidates of Dr. Kamal led panel of the Coordination Council.

The victory of the Coordination Council was a victory of the majority lawyers of the country, they said and hoped that the elected leaders of the lawyers would take steps to resolved the existing problems in the Bar Council.

They also thanked the country's lawyers for holding

Signatories to the state-

ment included: Advocate De-

wan Ziauddin, Advocate Moslehuddin and Advocate

Kamrul Islam. Three directors of the Ain Upadesta Kendra in a statement expressed their best wishes and heartfelt thanks to the Coordination Council and termed its victory as a victory of the country's young lawyers

They hoped that the elected Bar Council leaders would contribute to standardizing the legal profession in the country.

Advocate A F M Rezaur Rahman Rumel, Advocate Md Kamrul Islam and Advocate Ajii Kumar Majumder issued the statement on behalf of the organisation.

5 held on different charges

By Staff Correspondent

Police on the last two days arrested five persons for their alleged involvement in hijack ing and terrorist act. Police arrested Abdur Rahim and Rafigul Islam from

Shahjahanpur Income Tax Colony field with one pipe gun at 12 pm Sunday. Police arrested Majibur Rahman and Arju Hossain alias Yasin Saturday night at 10 pm with two knives. Police also

recovered a robbed wrist-

watch and some money from

them Police arrested one terrorist and murderer Quayum of Kalabagan last night from Gazipur district.

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She said the present gov. ernment during its eight month tenure have been trying to put things in the righ track.

PM: Power

Two crore was placed to the Thompson expressed his Principal Office of Al-Baraka deep appreciation for the Bank for encashment. steps taken and measures initiated by the government for accused Nazrul Islam in colluoverall development of the sion with other accused placed country. the false bank guarantee

He expressed his satisfac tion at the measures taken by the government in the power and the railway sectors for their development where ADB is a significant development partner.

The ADB Vice-President said his bank would respond positively and lend active support to the rural electrification and development through private sector initiatives.

He assured bank's increased support and cooperation with the government's development efforts especially in the social sector. He also assured ADB's support for construction of the Jamuna Bridge.

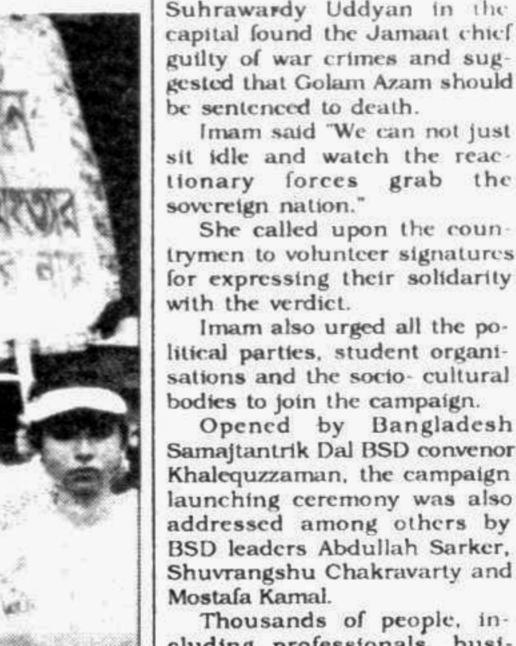
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Mantu

From Page 1 Col 5 The AL Working Committee approved the new committee of the Dhaka District unit of

the party led by Shamsuddoha

liberation people would again Khan Majlish. endorse their support to the Mantu, however, is yet to verdict through their signareceive the official notice of his expulsion from the party.



Shuvrangshu Chakravarty and Mostafa Kamal. Thousands of people, including professionals, businessmen, teachers, journalists, students and even rickshawpullers and hawkers put their signatures on the beginning of the campaign.

India tops

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in Asia, 71 per cent live in

South Asia and 60 per cent in

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those living in South Asia are

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World No -Tobacco Day yesterday. No-Tobacco Day observed

Cancer threat looms large: Experts

'Manobik', a social organisation, brought out a procession in the city in observance of the

By Staff Correspondent

The present number of cancer patients in the country eight lakhs. A total of two lakh people in Bangladesh fall prey to the killer disease while 1,50,000 die every year.

Speaking at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka experts Sunday warned that cancer would emerge as an acute health hazard in the country in future if timely steps to combat the disease were not taken.

With successful curbing of contagious diseases and reduction of child mortality, the average life expectancy would increase in the country pushing up the number of cancer patients, they warned. Bangladesh Cancer Society

President Dr Syed Fazlul Hug, Secretary General Dr Samir Kumar Sarma, Dr Habíbuz Zaman, Dr KM Nazrul Islam, Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam, Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury and Shahabuddin Mahtab of the Society spoke at the press conference, organised in observance of the No-Tobacco Day Sunday.

Bangladesh Cancer Society

called for joint effort of the government and the private sector to detect and combat the discase.

Giving a grim picture of

cancer in the country, Dr Syed Fazlul Huq said that 50 per cent of cancers common in Bangladesh could be prevented by avoiding smoking and other uses of tobacco. He pointed out that tobacco-related oro-pharyngial cancers, that is, cancers in the oral cavity and the pharynx and the lungs were the most common in Bangladesh affecting both male

and female. fecting the uterus, cervix and the breast — could be prevented by changing the social behaviour and cured when deteeted at an early stage.

The leaders of the Cancer Society suggested that increased awareness among people could be the main driving force behind the campaign against the malady.

They pointed out that most of the cancer patients in the country seek medical assistance very late because of their lack of awareness about the symptoms of the disease. Onethird of the total cancer cases could be prevented if detected at an early stage while almost 50 per cent could be cured with appropriate medical facil-

ities. The leaders at the press said.

conference also demanded that the government implement the Plan for Cancer Control in Bangladesh, drafted by a special committee of the society and presented to the government in April.

— Star photo

Dr Habibuz Zaman, a former regional adviser of WHO, and Chairman of the Cancer Control Committee, suggested setting up of a National Council for Cancer Control and multi-Cancers in the female af- disciplinary teamwork for planning the management of cancer patients.

He said that all the 13 radiotherapy machines at the five medical colleges were either outdated or out of order. The only Cobalt-60 tele-

to 14,200 million US dollars in therapy machine and the Caesium-137 machine in-1993. stalled at the radiotherapy deber countries of the Bank, partment of the DMCH were Hong Kong, Singapore and obsolete. There were no such Taiwan have no outstanding machines at the other hospiforeign loans. tals of the country, he said. The Cancer Society General

loan of Bangladesh was 8,032 Secretary Dr Samir Kumar million US dollars in 1986 and Sarma said that almost all the it would stand at 12,882 mil-30 medicines for chemotherlion US dollars in 1993. apy treatment of cancer were Incidentally, the Bank cal unavailable in Bangladesh. culated the outstanding exter Some of the drugs, which nal debts up to 1993 on the poured into the country from basis of the current situation, India, were sold in the black without considering new nemarket at very high prices, he gotiations.

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Mojaddedi blames Hekmatyar

KABUL, May 31: Afghan caretaker President Sibghatullah Mojaddedi today squarely blamed members of the ousted communist regime and renegade Mujahideen for trying to shoot down his plane. Addressing his first news conference amid tight security since gunners shot and damaged his plane over Kabul Friday, Mojaddedi said angrily it appeared to have been a plot to assassinate him, reports APP.

Serb forces attack Sarajevo

BELGRADE, May 31: Serb forces renewed artillery and rocket barrages against the Bosnian capital Sarajevo and the adriatic town of Dubrovník today despite drastic UN sanctions imposed on Serb-led Yugoslavia. The shelling suggested some Bosnian Serb militia and Serb-led Yugoslav army troops were operating independent of political control. Belgrade argued this in a futile 11th-hour appeal against punishment by the United Nations, reports Reuter.

Tenants rob master's house

Al-Baraka case

Charge hearing

on July 7

By Court Correspondent

tional Al-Baraka Bank fraud

case was held in the Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate Court,

Rabbani, Assistant Vice-Pre-

sident of Al-Baraka Bank

The complainant, Golam

Accused Nazrul Islam Khan

Badal and Mantrul Islam Khan,

were released on bail, were

present in the court and filed

Another accused A B

Siddique did not appear in

person before the court but

filed attendance through his

the case, A N M Hamidullah,

the bank's founder Executive

The court fixed July 7 for

The case in brief is that

Golam Rabbani, Assistant Vice-

President, Al-Baraka Bank

(Bangladesh) Limited filed a

criminal case before the CMM

Court, Dhaka, on July 29, 1991

alleging that on May 20, 1991

a false Bank guarantee of Taka

Rabbani further alleged that

through City Bank Limited,

was prepared by A N M

Hamidullah, former Executive

President and Manirul Islam,

former Senior Vice-President

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rest against all the accused

World Children's

Day today

By Staff Correspondent

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of the Al-Baraka Bank.

The said bank guarantee

Dhaka.

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(Monday).

President is absconding.

the charge hearing.

The principal accused in

Dhaka yesterday (Sunday).

(Bangladesh) Limited

present in the court.

their attendance.

The hearing of the sensa-

By DMCH Correspondent The seeds of 'Dhutura', a common poisonous plant in the country has so long been used by the highway cheat to

rob the travellers. This time two tenants in Dhaka are alleged to have used the sedative drug of Dhutura against their landlord and decamped with cash and kind worth Tk one lakh.

Sufia Khatun, wife of land lord Khalifur Rahman, said that two young men with some personal goods moved into their East Jurain house Friday.

The following night, they invited their landlord and other family members includ ing neighbours to a dinner.

After sumptuous dinner, all the invitees got unconscious and the said tenants loaded household goods of their landlord on a cart and left the house in no time.

The people in the neigh bourhood, having witnessed a late night move-out, became suspicious and enquired about the family members of the house.

To their utter surprise they found all the eight guests unconscious and the house ransacked.

The neighbours then sent critically ill Khalilur Rahman (70), owner of the house, his wife Sufia Khatun (50), Matiur Rahman (30), Mokhlesur Rahman Bhuivan (25), Khaleda (20) and Nasima (18) to the Medical College Dhaka Hospital.

The victims after regaining consciousness were released from the hospital Sunday noon.

3 killed, 10 hurt in road mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent At least three persons were

killed and ten others injured in separate road mishaps in the city Sunday. Of the killed, two were pedestrians and one was

helper of a minibus.

Witnesses said the bus (Dhaka Ba-1545) met the mishap as the driver tried to save a pedestrian crossing the

The helper, Kalam (25) died on the spot and about ten others were injured in the incident. Four of the injured were admitted to the Dhaka

A pedestrian, Abdul Aziz (30) was run over by a speeding minibus near Mirpur Technical College at 6 pm. Aziz succumbed to his in-

DMCH. Another pedestrian died at Uttara Bus Stand when a

minibus hit him from behind at midnight. Mostafiz to lead

Dhaka team to Earth Summit

Mostafizur Rahman will lead a 10-member delegation to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) beginning June 3 (Wednesday) in the Brazilian city Rio De Janeiro, reports

Mostafiz is due to leave for Rio on Thursday, officials said in Dhaka Sunday.

should press the Prime

Minister and the opposition to

implement the recommenda-

from 82 organisations joined

the convention where six pa-

participated in the discussion.

Mixed reaction

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was a big trade partner of

Bangladesh, there must exist a

good relationship between the

private sectors of both the

countries and any row over the

political issue should not affect

make any mission and agree-

ment effective there must be

outstanding issues of both the

countries must be sorted out

to make the organization more

quota restrictions on jamdani

export, Minhazul Abedin, Di-

rector. Bazaar, a jamdani

house, said that the agreement

would promote cultural ties

and narrow down the existing

He further added that to

On SAARC, Khan said that

Reacting to the lifting of

Khan added that as India

pers were presented.

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this relationship.

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meaningful.

A total of 147 participants

More than 40 speakers

Hasina: Politics

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that the present poor percentage of women in politics may be enhanced by increasing literacy among women and creating awareness through

As half of the country's dowry ism.

Recalling her past she said

again entered active politics following a tragic incident in 1975 and finally was placed in position of party chief which she never thought about.

political arena for the establishment of women's rights. S M Ali said that there was a danger of having a large

number of recommendations that were not normally implemented.

of the seminar and implementation of the recommendations", he said praising the topic Women and Politics' as an explosive combination.

He also said that a woman prime minister and opposition leader did not necessarily mean the participation of women in politics.

The outstanding external and let us not be deceived by this", he added. The 22-point recommenda-

> cluded: political parties should clearly mention political rights of women in their party manifestos; parties should nominate at least 15 per cent women candidates in any general election; parliament should form a standing committee on women issues to monitor women affairs discussions in the house; the women parliamentarians should press for inducting more female ministers; effective measure should be taken against violence in politics to create a congenial atmosphere for women; fundamentalism should be checked for the sake of inviting more women to politics; reserved seats in the Parliament should be en-

The helper died on the spot near Banant Road No 11 when the bus overturned.

Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Police seized the bus and arrested the driver.

uries after admission to

Foreign Minister A S M

hanced to 30 per cent and women rights campaigners

seminars and symposia.

population consisted women they should enter politics to resist repression and torture meted out to them and eliminate the social problem like

that she started politics since her childhood when she protested the report of Hamidur Rahman Education Commission. There was a break in politics on family ground but she

She appealed to the women groups to work together in the

"I will wait for the follow-up

"It is a sort of 'token'ism

tions of the convention in-

trade deficits between the two countries. He pointed out that the price of raw materials of jamdani saree should be lowered so that the commodity could enter into a competitive mar-

Abedin suggested that there should be meetings between the government, the producers and the exporters to determine the export strategies. "We cannot compromise on the quality of jamdani saree and before exporting we should be very sure of that", he

Munira Emdad of Tangail Saree Kutir, said that similar accord was reached between Bangladesh and India in the late 80s which produced little She said that Bangladesh

had to decide first whether it would export quality jamdani sarce to India or the cheap ones available in the market. Emdad suggested exhibition of Dhaka jamdani in the major

Indian cities so that a better relation of Bangladeshi exporters and Indian importers could evolve.

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