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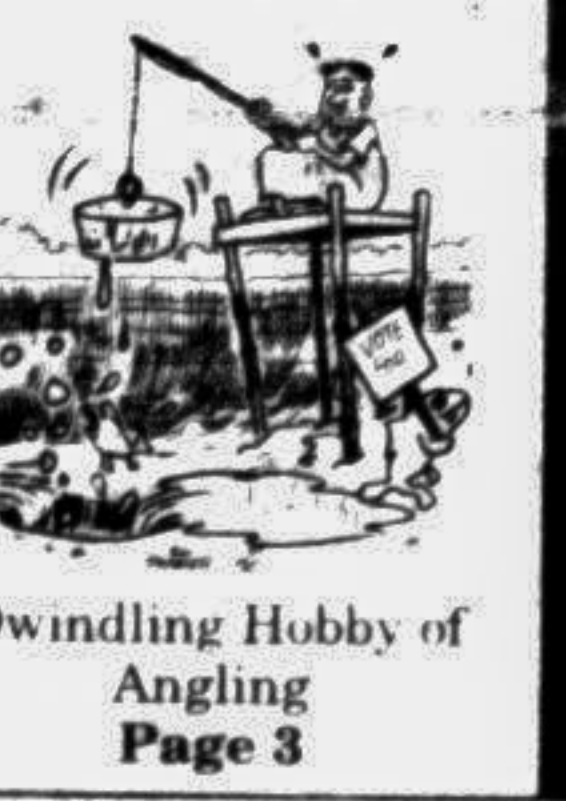
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Ex-Pak HC judge, son shot dead**

KARACHI, June 10: A former Pakistani provincial High Court judge and his son were shot dead by unidentified gunmen here today, witnesses and police said. Nizam Ahmed, an ex-judge of the Sindh High Court, and Nadeem Ahmed were returning home in their car when they were attacked by two men riding a motorcycle, police said. The assailants fled after spraying the car with bullets, the witnesses said, reports AFP.

**139 firearms seized, one arrested**

Police recovered 139 illegal firearms and arrested one person throughout the country yesterday two days ahead of the general election. Recovered firearms were one cut rifle, five revolvers, one pistol, 78 pipe guns, one single barrel gun, one sawed-off gun, 51 LGs, one shutter gun. Some 105 rounds of bullet and cartridges and 42 explosives were also seized during the period, reports UNB.

**Pak blasts kill 7**

LAHORE, Pakistan, June 10: At least seven people were killed and dozens injured today when three bombs rocked Pakistan's industrial city of Gujranwala, police said, reports AFP.

**Multi-party talks on N Ireland**

BELFAST, June 10: British Prime Minister John Major opened multi-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland this afternoon. The political wing of the IRA, Sinn Fein, was excluded from the talks because IRA paramilitaries had refused to call a ceasefire, reports AFP.

## All set for election tomorrow

**By Staff Correspondent**

All preparations for tomorrow's parliamentary polls have been completed as the nation is poised to elect 300 Jatiya Sangsad members, from among a total of 2574 contestants.

Eighty-one political parties have fielded candidates. Besides, 281 independents are in the electoral race.

Political parties and candidates made last-minute frantic campaigns which ended at midnight last night. The campaign had started on May 22 under an election code of conduct.

The Election Commission (EC) completed all preparations for the election within a time span of about two months. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) took over on April 9 and started the preparations by launching a programme for updating the voters' list. The process ended on April 27 with the inclusion of about six lakh new voters.

About 4,00,000 members of the Armed Forces, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Police and the Ansars have been deployed to help ensure a free, fair and peaceful election, EC sources said.

At every district headquarters, the EC has set up a control room with representatives from the law enforcing agencies and the election officials.

The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) had earlier said that any irregularity would be dealt with severely. The problem of fast and efficient communications, which had posed problems in previous elections, has been overcome by using the communication system used by the law enforcing agencies, the CEC had pointed out on Friday.

Although sporadic incidents of election-related violence were reported from Bhola, Sylhet, Narayanganj and Jhenidah, the CEC again expressed

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### Last-minute campaign

**By Reaz Ahmad**

At the closing hours of electioneering before it officially came to an end at midnight last night, the candidates from all the eight Jatiya Sangsad constituencies in the capital made frantic campaigns.

Candidates and political parties put an end to their hectic three-week electioneering midnight last night. The campaigning had begun on May 22 under a Code of Conduct formulated by the Election Commission.

By noon, door-to-door campaigning by and large stopped in most city areas and the workers and supporters were on streets to bring out colourful processions with election symbols, posters, banners and festoons.

After the door-to-door 'vote begging' and campaigning, the candidates were still anxious about the large number of undecided floating voters, on whom the polls results would largely depend, according to some party workers.

The whole Dhaka city turned into a city of processions with the citizenry enjoying the gaiety and frenzied last-minute electioneering by

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Last-minute campaign by Awami League (L) and BNP (R) in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## BNP conspiring to manipulate polls results, alleges Hasina

**By Staff Correspondent**

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina has expressed apprehension that BNP may rig the polls with help from certain quarters.

"But, if (BNP) fails in these efforts it may seek to overturn the peoples' electoral verdict by creating a law and order crisis in the country," she said.

The AL president was making a statement before a gathering of newsmen from home and abroad at a city hotel yesterday evening.

BNP may also attempt to manipulate the announcement of the election results, although the Chief Election Commissioner has sought to allay these concerns," Hasina said.

"Conspiracies against a free and fair election must not be permitted to succeed," she stressed.

The AL chief said that there was apprehension widespread in the country that the President, acting for the BNP, would use the security forces to tilt the election results in favour of his party. "Recent developments in the military cantonments may be used by him for this purpose," she added.

In this regard, she referred to the May 18-20 developments in the armed forces and actions taken by the President.

She said the President was being accused of violating the



Sheikh Hasina

election code of conduct by acting in favour of his son, a BNP candidate in the coming polls.

Hasina alleged that the President had attempted to exercise power in a manner calculated to undermine the authority of the neutral caretaker government installed through the peoples' movement.

Such attempts made recently by the President include manipulation in appointing attorney general, interference in the appointment and renewal of contract of envoys abroad, summoning or giving direct orders to the secretaries in violation of the established rules of business of the government, she said.

Finally, just three weeks before the polling day, he provoked a serious crisis by summarily retiring two senior army officers. Since the President did not follow the normal procedure in taking these actions, the Chief of Army Staff expressed his reservations," said Hasina, adding that instead of paying heed to these complaints, the President summarily retired the Army Chief and placed him under arrest.

"The decision for the summary retirement and arrest of these senior military officers was taken and implemented without consultation with the Chief Adviser who is the head of the government under the Constitution," said Hasina.

The AL chief added that in order to create a negative public opinion about Awami League, the President caused highly tendentious press reports to be published. In this regard, she referred to providing secret tapes to the Dainik Dimple and the press release issued by the ISPR.

Much to the dismay of the nation, Hasina said, the

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## Reaction to unfairness in polls may not be normal: Khaleda

**By Staff Correspondent**

BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed the hope that the caretaker government would be able to hold tomorrow's election in a free, fair and impartial manner and said that her party would accept the election results.

Addressing a press conference at the Sheraton Hotel in the city at about 10 last night, Begum Zia, however, alleged that problems had already surfaced in some areas where 'neutrality was not being maintained so far fairness of the election was concerned.'

"We've informed the Election Commission (EC) of the incidents and requested it to take appropriate measures. Any failure on the part of the EC, fairness of the election may be questioned and in that case the reaction may not be normal," she said while replying to questions by the journalists from home and abroad.

Asked to comment on allegation that BNP was conspiring to rig the election, Begum Zia said, "The question of rigging cannot arise unless the election is held."

Replying to another question if her party would go for a coalition with the Jatiya Party on condition of release of JP's jailed leader HM Ershad, the BNP chief said, "BNP is the biggest party that won all the past election it contested and this time too we hope to bag majority seats in the next parliament."

On a possible coalition government, she said, "We'll decide it when time comes."

To a question how was BNP's relations with the army now, Begum Zia said, "BNP has no relation with the army... at least there is no political relation. We do politics with the people who are our source of power. While in power, BNP had its relation with the army on the issue of protecting the national independence and sovereignty. BNP did that much for the army which was needed to build up a strong army."

The Defence Ministry had been vested in the President under the 13th constitutional amendment since the President is the only elected person in the caretaker government besides being the Commander-in-Chief, she told another questioner regarding the controversy on the issue. "Defence Ministry has been placed under the President so that he can take appropriate measure on the question of the coun-



Khaleda Zia

### Polls : Tk 19 cr allocated for law & order

**By Staff Correspondent**

The budget allocation of the Home Ministry for the maintenance of the law and order for the June 12 parliamentary elections stands at Tk 18.79 crore, according to official sources.

The highest allocation goes to the Ansar and VDP with Tk 9.49 crore followed by police at Tk 5.71 crore, the army Tk 2.26 crore, for BDR Tk 0.789 crore, while the allocation for the air force, navy and Coastal Guard together stands at Tk 0.53 crore.

### Polls day may be rainy & sultry

**By Staff Correspondent**

The weather on polling day tomorrow is likely to be rainy and sultry, the Met office said yesterday.

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty wind may occur in one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions.

"The prevailing weather is likely to continue," a Met office official said when asked about the weather on the voting day.

The temperature on election day is also likely to remain nearly unchanged. The rainfall is likely to be extremely light, another weatherman pointed out.

In Dhaka yesterday the highest temperature was recorded at 35.2 degrees

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## Meetings, rallies banned till tomorrow midnight

The Election Commission has banned all kinds of meetings and processions for 48 hours from midnight last night till 12 midnight of Wednesday under the Representation of the People Order, 1972, reports BSS.

An Election Commission press release said that (A) no person shall convene, hold or attend any public meeting, and no person shall promote or join in any procession within the area of any constituency during a period of 48 hours ending at midnight following the conclusion of the poll for any election in that constituency.

No person can resort to terrorist activities and irresponsible behaviour or intimidate a voter or a man engaged in election activities or show arms or physical power. A violator of this law may suffer imprisonment of at least two years and maximum of seven years.

No persons on the day of polling can canvass for votes within a radius of 400 yards of the polling station or (B) solicit the vote of any elector or (C) persuade any elector not to vote at election or (D) exhibit, except with the permission of the Returning Officer and as a place reserved for the candidate or his election agent beyond the radius of 100 yards of the polling station, any notice, sign, banner or flag designed to encourage, the elector to vote or discourage the electors from voting, for any contesting candidate.

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## One killed, 114 hurt in pre-polls violence in five districts

**By Staff Correspondent**

A young boy was killed and 114 people injured in election-related violence in Dhaka, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Narayanganj and Khulna districts yesterday and the day before.

A young boy was killed and 30 others were injured in a clash between the processionists of Awami League and Jatiya Party in Fulpur thana of Mymensingh Sunday night, UNB quoting police said.

Local sources said the clash erupted when supporters of AL candidate M Shamsul Huq and JP candidate Shah Shahid Sarwar came face to face at Kashiganj Bazar in the thana during election campaign in Mymensingh-2 constituency.

Seriously injured Sumon (12), who was initially treated locally, succumbed to his injuries yesterday.

Awami League claimed Sumon to be a party worker.

Seven of the injured — Alimuddin (18), Shamsul Huq (35), Abdur Rashid (22), Shahjahan (30), Abdur Rashid (35), Gajendra Das (70) and Mohammad Faruq — were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

In Chittagong, at least 25 people were injured in pre-election clashes between the activists of the Awami League and the BNP yesterday.

Police said five activists of Awami League were injured when BNP supporters attacked the an AL election camp at

Urkirchar Union in Rajuan (Chittagong-6).

In another incident, Awami League activists allegedly attacked the house of CCC ward commissioner M A Malek in the town at about 7 pm firing shots and hurling bombs at the house.

They also damaged furniture of the house. None was reported hurt in the incident.

At Nath Para of Uttar Halishahar (Chittagong-8), seven people were injured in a clash between the supporters of BNP and Awami League. The clash ensued when two election processions of the two rival organisations confronted in the area.

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## Ershad's speech over Radio & TV Stay of HC order extended

**By SC Correspondent**

The Appellate Division yesterday extended its earlier order staying the High Court directives for telecasting and broadcasting of H M Ershad's speech.

The full bench of the Appellate Division after hearing both the government and Ershad's lawyers ordered that the stay of the HC order would continue.

On Sunday, the division bench of the HC comprising Justice Mohammad Mozammel Huq and Justice M A Matin, upon a writ petition of the former President and Jatiya Party chairman, had directed the authorities concerned to telecast and broadcast Ershad's speech over radio and television along with the other party leaders.

The HC had also issued a rule nisi upon the Secretaries, Ministry of Information and Ministry of Home Affairs, the Election Commission and other authorities concerned to show cause as to why they should not be directed to allow Ershad to address the electorate over radio and television as per the script submitted to the authorities.

Pending hearing of the rule, the HC had directed the respondents to record Ershad's speech either in the TV or radio bhabans or in the Dhaka Central Jail and telecast and

broadcast the same along with the speeches of other party leaders within the time limit prescribed by the election authorities.

Justice Latifur Rahman of the Appellate Division later on June 9 upon a petition of the government ordered stay of the HC order till 11:30 am yesterday and also fixed the matter for hearing yesterday in the full bench of the Appellate Division.

Attorney General M Nurul lah submitted on behalf of the government that Ershad is not equally circumstanced with other party chiefs or candidates and as such Article 27 of

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### Presiding officers in Feb 15 polls were not paid full honorarium

**By Mizan Ali**

Funds allocated as honorarium of the presiding officers in the February 15 parliamentary elections were partly misappropriated, revealed an investigation into allegations in this regard carried out by the Election Commission Secretariat, EC sources said.

The funds for honorarium fixed at the rate of Tk 100 per person were handed over to the Returning Officers of the respective area, the sources added.

Misappropriation of the funds was unearthed when a delegation of presiding officers met the Chief Adviser a few days back and requested him

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## Biman to have two new Airbuses

**By Inam Ahmed**

Biman Bangladesh Airlines is expected to have a new Airbus A-310 aircraft in its fleet from 16th of this month, according to official sources.

The midhaul aircraft, first of the couple, is scheduled to leave its country of origin, France, on June 15.

Officials expect that the Airbus could be commissioned by the last week of this month after necessary test flights.

The new aircraft having 196 economy seats and 25 business class seats will be put into service in the Gulf, Middle East and Far East routes. The Biman has now a fleet of nine aircraft including five DC-10s, two F-28s and two ATPs.

The two airbuses has been purchased at a cost of 150 million US dollars, the officials said.

The second aircraft is expected to arrive in Dhaka sometime in August that will enable the Biman to expand its network considerably and maintain operation schedules, they hoped.

Biman had been trying to procure two more midhaul carriers for quite a long time to expand its routes and had planned to float bonds to procure the aircraft. But this plan did not work because of the financial weakness of the agency.

Later, Biman planned to purchase the aircraft through local banks financing.

But this also hit snags because

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### Political violence now routine feature: HRW

**By Staff Correspondent**

Human Rights Watch (HRW), based in New York, has urged the international community involved in the July Bangladesh aid consortium meeting for pressing the elected government to fully investigate all reports of human rights violations since January this year.

The organisation has also urged the two main stream political parties, Awami League and BNP, to help ensure a peaceful and fair election and to hold their supporters and organised cadres, including

### 'Allegations against President false'

The President's office yesterday dismissed as false, irresponsible and motivated recent statements of some political leaders that President Abdur Rahman Biswas was conspiring to rig the general election, reports UNB.

Some political leaders alleged that President Biswas sitting at Bangabhaban had been conspiring to rig the election in favour of a party using different organisations.

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### Shahabuddin murder Zulu gives his confessional statement

**By Staff Correspondent**

Shihazul Huq alias Zulu, 28, one of the 10 accused in the killing of city Awami League leader and ward commissioner A S M Shahabuddin, gave his confessional statement before the court yesterday afternoon, police sources said.

He was later sent to jail.

Zulu was arrested from the city's Agargaon area on Thursday night and was placed

### Shamsul murder: No arrest yet

**By Staff Correspondent**

The killing of Shamsul Huq, a trader at Kamrangirchar in the city late night Saturday was sequel to an in fight in a local terrorist group, police suspects.

During a visit to the area yesterday, this correspondent found both the local units of Awami League and BNP claiming Shamsul to be their activist and blaming each other for the killing. Lalbagh thana police could not confirm his political affiliation.

None was arrested in connection.

### Ban on 3 types of vehicles

The government has banned the movement of motor cycles, minibuses and jeeps from 6 pm today till 6 am on Thursday, BSS quoting an Election Commission press release said.

The Election Commission has asked the authority not to apply this ban on the vehicles having yellow number plates belonging to various embassies, UN agencies and foreign NGOs.