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## Suranjit elected in Habiganj-2 JS seat

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League candidate Suranjit Sengupta was unofficially declared elected in the parliamentary by-election in Habiganj-2 constituency held yesterday.

He bagged 72,925 votes and his nearest rival Sirajul Hossain Khan of Jatiya Party 39,020 votes, according to unofficial results of all the 115 centres announced by the Election Commission late last night.

The two other candidates — Tofazzal Hossain Chowdhury of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (Mahbub) and Mohammad Sadek of Bangladesh Krishak Samik Mukti Andolon — secured 776 and 237 votes respectively. Both lost their security money.

The BNP boycotted the polls to press its demand for resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena.

The by-election was held because of the death of AL legislator Sharifuddin Ahmed.

Meanwhile, Sirajul Hossain Khan has alleged massive rigging of votes by the ruling party, while Suranjit Sengupta claimed that the elections were free and fair.

The Chief Election Commissioner said that there was no violence, rigging or any sort of irregularities in the by-elections. "We have received no complaint, neither written nor verbal, from any of the candidates," he told The Daily Star late last night.

He also said that the members of Electoral Enquiry Committee had visited quite a



Suranjit Sengupta



Cultivation of winter vegetables have begun. — Star photo.

## Corruption cases against two more ex-BNP ministers soon

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption has completed preliminary investigation to file cases against two former ministers of the BNP government and some officials for misuse of power and fraudulence, reports UNB.

Competent sources said the Bureau on the basis of prima facie evidence will sue former Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah and Agriculture Minister Major Gen (Retd) Majeed-ul-Haq.

Barrister Rafiq as a lawyer had applied for a government plot in 1988 and got a 3-katha plot at Sector 9 (Road-1) in Uttara Model town in 1991.

The sources said within two days of getting the allotment, the former minister again applied for another plot showing his name as 'Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Miah'.

He allegedly concealed his ministerial job and the prefix of his name 'Barrister'. In the application, he mentioned his

## Important decisions to reform jail admin today

The government is going to take some important decisions to reform the jail administration of the country in its long-term bid to improve law and order, reports UNB.

"Development of country's overall law-and-order is related to jails where a convict passes his time," said a Home Ministry official last night.

He said a convicted person could return to normal life through proper treatment in a jail, again he also has a probability of becoming more notorious if oppressed in prison.

"So the government is emphasising making the jails into reclamation centres," he said. For this some important decisions are expected to be finalised at the annual conference of jail authorities in the city today.

Home Minister Major (Retd) Rafiqul Islam will inaugurate the annual top-level meeting of the jail officials in the conference room of the ministry at 9 am.

## Package programme to ease city problems

The high-powered coordination committee in its first meeting yesterday chalked out a package programme for speeding up removal of city garbages, easing out traffic jam and clearing waterlogging, reports UNB.

The city-cleaning task will be carried out with concerted efforts of the City Corporation, government, semi-government and autonomous agencies.

LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman, who is convener of the committee, presided over the meeting held at the LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry.

Inaugurating the meeting, Zillur Rahman said Dhaka, being the capital of the country, is the centre of commercial and economic activities of the nation. It is because of this reason, the requirement of physical infrastructure as well as other requirements are increasing with the corresponding increase of the population of the city.

The urgency of such requirement has made it inevitable for government to coordinate service-oriented activities of the government, semi-government and autonomous organisations.

The minister was critical of the previous government's indifference to their social services making the problems increasingly acute.

He said Sheikh Hasina's government has formed this high-powered committee to improve the facilities of citizens and to resolve the problems afflicting the city dwellers as well as to coordinate the development and service oriented activities of the city corporation and other agencies.

The meeting took a number of decisions to intensify activities of city corporation to clear garbages. The decisions include observance of strict night to inspire city dwellers to help clean the city and thereby create

## HSC results under 4 boards tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under four of the five education boards will be published tomorrow at 4 pm from the respective examination centres, officials said yesterday.

The four boards are, Dhaka, Chittagong, Comilla and Jessore. The results of the Rajshahi Board will be published later, said the Controller of Examinations of Dhaka Board.

This year the HSC examinations were held based on the same set of questions for the first time under all five education boards.

## Thakur on fresh remand

Star Report

Taheruddin Thakur, a former minister of state, was taken on a fresh remand for another three days yesterday, according to police sources.

Earlier, Thakur was taken on remand for 12 days in two terms after his arrest on October 3, from a house in Nakhla-para in the city.

Besides, the CID was also interrogating tank operator Osman and Naik Md Yunus in this connection. Osman, who was arrested from Chandina, Comilla on October 12, was

## 14-member coordination body Khulna to become second commercial city: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the Khulna City would gradually be developed as the second commercial city of the country, report agencies.

"Our government has taken up massive development schemes, including the construction of Rupsha Bridge with provision for railway tracks, supply of pure drinking water, airport development, setting up export processing zones, installation of a 210 megawatt power generation station to boost economic activities of this important divisional headquarters," she added.

Addressing the Mayor and the commissioners of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) who called on her yesterday evening at her office, the Prime Minister said Khulna city would become the country's second largest and strategically important seaport city.

The Prime Minister said to achieve these objectives the government has constituted a 14-member coordination committee with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister as the chairman and Mayor of KCC as co-chairman to expedite development of the city through a better coordinated and integrated efforts by all the authorities concerned.

The committee includes

## CI Sheet Case Mirza Azam MP, others acquitted of charges

JAMALPUR, Oct 15: Ruling party MP, Mirza Azam and seven others accused of CI Sheet misappropriation were acquitted by a court here today, reports UNB.

Court sources said the Relief Ministry had allocated 22.5

## NEWS BRIEFS

**BNP enforces hartal in Sylhet**  
 SYLHET, Oct 15: The divisional town remained under shutdown for eight hours at the call of opposition BNP and its youth front. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Juba Dal enforced the hartal in protest against conspiracy for power import, power tariff hike and frequent power failure in the area. Witnesses said shops and offices in the town remained closed during the hartal that began at 6 am. There was no report of violence, reports UNB.

**Lebanese gov't resigns**  
 BEIRUT, Oct 15: Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri and his government resigned today to make way for the formation of a new government following recent parliamentary elections, reports Reuters.

## BNP warns at city rally All polls will be resisted unless CEC steps down

By Staff Correspondent

BNP will resist holding of any election in the future unless Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena resigns and identity cards are issued to the voters, Secretary General of the party Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, MP, told a public rally in the city yesterday.

The city unit of BNP organised the rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club demanding resignation of the CEC and issuance of voters' ID cards and protesting, what it said, terrorism, killings, arrests, rigging in the recent by-polls and sell-out of national sovereignty.

The BNP leader announced that his party would hold demonstrations and rallies and bring out processions at all the thanas in the next one month to press home their demands.

Referring to BNP's boycott of Habiganj-2 by-polls, held yesterday, Mannan Bhuiyan said, "Despite our boycott, we did not obstruct anybody from contesting it. But we'll not allow anybody to hold any election in the future if our demands are not met."

Reiterating his party's allegation of rigging in elections, the BNP Secretary General said,

## Winter knocking at the door

By Staff Correspondent

With days getting shorter and nights longer, the winter is setting in silently.

The humidity in the air fell significantly since the last heavy rainfall earlier this month. The weather is now very pleasant — neither too hot nor too cold.

It's now only a matter of weeks when people will be seen in warm clothes while the guest birds would start visiting Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, favourite winter vegetables have already started arriving in the city markets. Tomatoes and spinach, beans and carrots and many other vegetables are now available in many markets although they are beyond the reach of the common men due to their exorbitant prices.

## Rajshahi College students observe strike, gherao principal's office

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 15: The Chhatra Adhikar Bastabayan Committee has enforced a strike at Rajshahi Government College to realise its 8-point demand.

Several hundred students of the college also gheraoed the office of the principal today to press home their demands.

They also staged a sit-in for more than one hour. Official work of the college remained suspended during the demonstration. The students later submitted a memorandum to the principal Prof Golam Rahmani.

The demands include imple-

**প্রথম মৃত্যু বার্ষিকী**

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## Shortfall in gas supply hampers generation of power: Petrobangla

By Staff Correspondent

Power generation in different plants of the country is being seriously hampered due to a daily shortfall of gas supply caused by poor transmission capacity of the existing gas network, according to Petrobangla.

The short supply of gas is severe in the Chittagong region due to the poor transmission capacity of Bakhrabad pipeline, which is not connected to the national grid, said a Petrobangla press release yesterday.

The press release also revealed that a number of power plants could not either get adequate gas supply or utilize it for technical reasons, resulting in a short fall of 235 million cubic feet of gas daily. The country is currently facing a load-shedding of 200 MW to 300 MW daily.

It also revealed that the production capacity of Bakhrabad and Feni gasfields is alarmingly decreasing while the proportion of water with the extracted gas has alarmingly gone up. Therefore, production of gas from these fields had to be decreased to avert severe damage to the gas reservoirs, the press release said.

A separate grid system exclusively feeds gas produced by these two fields to Chittagong.

Since the gas supply has declined, power generation at the 210 MW Rauzan has been suspended. If the authorities now supply gas to the Rauzan plant, then production of fertilizer at the KAFCO and CUPF would decrease.

## Hectic campaign: FBCCI election tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Campaigning for the FBCCI elections mounted yesterday with the two presidential and other candidates spending a hectic day to woo the voters.

The election to form a 32-member executive committee — 16 from chamber bodies and another 16 from the association groups — of the apex trade body of the country is going to be held tomorrow.

The prospective candidates carried out extensive campaigning among the business leaders who have gathered in the city to elect the president, vice president and 30 executive body members.

Colourful posters, leaflets and pamphlets were distributed and pasted on city's walls and a very large presence of voters was seen at the offices of FBCCI presidential candidates Latifur Rahman and Yousuf Abdullah Harun.

Country's 56 chambers have been classified into two categories considering their numbers of members. Of the total, 15 are considered as class 'A' chambers and rests as 'B'. Chambers under category A has 6 votes each while B has 4 votes in the FBCCI polls.

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