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## Zillur on appointment of CEC Opposition should not be allowed to create issue

MYMENSINGH, May 23: LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman today said the opposition parties should not be allowed to create an "artificial issue" over the appointment of the new Chief Election Commissioner, reports UNB.

He said the government has wholeheartedly tried to appoint the CEC on the basis of consensus. He blamed BNP Chief Khaleeda Zia for foiling the effort by taking a stance against the Constitution.

The minister was addressing the inaugural function of a new water pump and water supply infrastructure here today. He also attended the foundation laying ceremony of the Poura Bhaban and addressed a gathering at the municipal auditorium.

Zillur said priority will be given to overall rural development, including rural infrastructure development and poverty alleviation programmes, in the next annual budget.

"The main objective of the new budget will be to strengthen the rural economy," Zillur said.

He later inaugurated the construction work of a 750-seat Mymensingh Town Hall being built at a cost of Tk 2.3 crore.

State Minister for Civil Aviation Syed Ashrafur Islam, State Minister for Health Dr M Amanullah, M Shamsul Haq MP, Moslemuddin MP, Jahannara Khan MP, Abdus Sattar MP, district AL president principal Mattur Rahman, general secretary Nazimuddin and chairman of Mymensingh Paurasava Mahmud Al Noor were present on the occasion.

## Contempt case Home secy, IG of police appear in High Court

Home Secretary, IG of Police and others appeared in the High Court yesterday in a contempt of court case for failing to comply with its order to hand over the house now being used as Dhanmondi police station to its owner, reports UNB.

The High Court in its order on August 10, 1999 directed the government to hand over the house within 90 days.

The Court of Settlement had earlier declared Mohammad Ayub as owner of the house. Later he sold it to Dhaka Land Private Ltd. But the possession of the house was not given. The denial was challenged in the High Court that directed the authority to hand over the possession of the house.

The High Court issued the contempt rule upon former and present home secretaries, IG of Police, present and former DMP Commissioners and Officer-in-Charge of Dhanmondi police station.

They all appeared in the High Court.

The counsel for them submitted that a leave petition has been filed before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the judgement of the High Court passed on August 10, 1999.

## Workshop on ombudsman institution

A regional workshop on 'Establishment of Ombudsman Institution in Bangladesh,' jointly organised by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and the Royal Danish Embassy, will be held at Rajshahi on May 27 and at Chittagong on June 3, says a press release.

The Ombudsman Act, 1980, the preliminary draft Rules of Procedure of Investigation and Employees Rules of Ombudsman office will be discussed in the day-long workshop.

## DU Business Studies Dean election today

Dean election to the Dhaka University Business Studies Faculty will be held today, reports UNB.

This will be the first ever by-election in any post of the university, to be held at the Senate Hall of the administrative building from 10 am to 1 pm.

Dr Khairul Hossain of Finance and Banking Department and Provost of Hajj Mohsin Hall is vying from pro-Awami Blue Panel while Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad will compete from BNP-Jamaat supported White Panel.

## Cultural evenings at Alliance Francaise

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a series of cultural evenings from June 2 to 30 to promote new artists, says a press release.

On June 2, Ilma will present Tagore songs and Kanak will render folk songs.

On June 16, Kohli Islam will perform vocal classical recital while Liza will sing folk songs.

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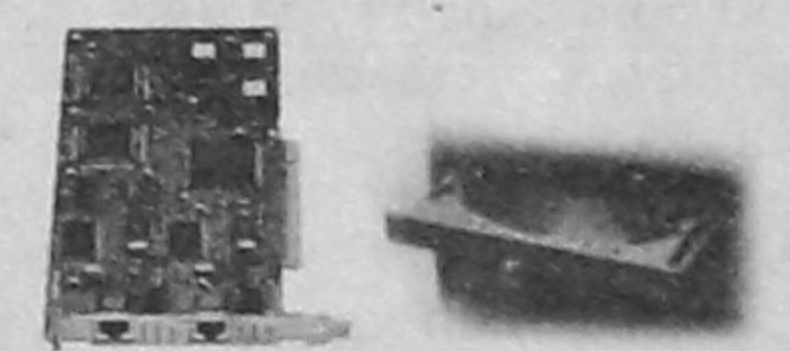
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