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Acute water crisis has gripped many areas of Chittagong city. The above pictures were taken from Lalkhan area yesterday. The other worst-hit areas are Halishar, Patenga, Mansurabad and Anderkilla. Chittagong WASA supplies only one-third of the total requirement of about 100 m gallons a day for the 3m people of the port city.

## Taliban in Kunduz likely to surrender tomorrow

AP, Bangi (Afghanistan)

After the heaviest fighting in 10 days, anti-Taliban forces kept Kunduz tightly encircled yesterday while commanders from both sides discussed the final details of a surrender by the Islamic militia.

The Taliban representatives to the talks, including Deputy Defence Minister Mullah Fazil Muslimyar, took word of the surrender deal back to their fighters in Kunduz and returned yesterday to the talks in Mazar-e-Sharif, the other major city in northern Afghanistan, to finalise details, a northern alliance commander said.

Gen Rashid Dostum, who commands the ethnic Uzbek forces in the alliance, told The Associated Press that he would meet again with the Taliban commanders today and expected them to surrender tomorrow.

"Tomorrow (Saturday) we will have another meeting to work out the details of the handover," he said. "On Sunday the Taliban should surrender to us and hand over the prisoners."

Fighting that raged on Thursday after a 10-day lull all but stopped yesterday, apparently as word of the impending Taliban surrender of their last northern stronghold filtered back to the front line.

The front lines remained unchanged yesterday, and only the crackle of small arms rang out in the no-man's land between Taliban and alliance positions. Tanks that had advanced closer to Kunduz pulled back, and some alliance troops marched back to their bases.

A Taliban spokesman in Kunduz told the Afghan Islamic Press that dozens of people were killed in US bombing in the area yesterday. The report by the private Pakistan-based news agency could not be confirmed.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said Thursday that US aircraft were targeting Taliban military forces, tunnels and caves, especially in the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar in the south and the Jalalabad area in the east.

An alliance commander said the Taliban and the alliance were finalising the logistics of a surrender in Kunduz at yesterday's talks. Alliance spokesman Ashraf Nadeem said the deal called for 5,000 alliance fighters to enter

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## Thousands to lose eligibility for govt jobs due to age bar

Suspension of recruitment thru' BCS exams frustrates unemployed youths

ABUL KALAM AZAD

Thousands of educated unemployed youths looking for government cadre service jobs have become frustrated due to suspension of recruitment since October 31.

If the suspension remains in

force, many of the youths will lose eligibility for government jobs due to age bar. The age limit for government job is 30 years.

Sources said the new government took the decision to stop the recruitment process through the three BCS examinations (21, 22, and 23) held during the tenure of the

past government.

The Ministry of Establishment in an order on October 30 stopped direct appointment against vacant posts and recruitment through the Public Service Commission (PSC).

The sources said this has created a jam in BCS examinations as the PSC has stopped the processes in the three ongoing BCS examinations and publication of results. PSC sources said some 25,000 youths who appeared at the three BCS examinations will be affected by the decision.

The sources said final results of the 21st BCS examination have been prepared. These were due to be published this month. Several thousand youths appeared at written, viva voce and psychological tests under the 21st BCS examination in the last three years for 1000 vacant posts. But their fate has become uncertain now.

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## Shahriar charged with anti-state activities, sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After about 20 hours of confinement, police yesterday officially confirmed that Shahriar Kabir, a writer, columnist and acting president of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, was arrested under Section 54 of the CrPC on charges of involvement in anti-state activities and he was sent to Dhaka

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## VC, pro-VCs & treasurer of BSMMU removed



'PG Hospital Outpatient Department' was written at an entrance to BSMMU on Thursday although the previous status of the hospital is yet to be restored.

UNB, Dhaka

The vice-chancellor, two pro-VCs and treasurer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) have been removed in the wake of a turmoil triggered by employees' strike.

An official announcement yesterday said Prof M A Hadi,

former teacher of Surgery Department of Dhaka Medical College and chairman of the Standing Recognition Committee of Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council, was appointed vice-chancellor of the medical varsity.

Prof Mohammad Tahir, Head of Medicine Department of BSMMU,

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## Zimbabwe win first ODI

Selectors retain same side for second match

SPORTS REPORTER

Craig Wishart struck an unbeaten half-century as Zimbabwe romped to a five-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the first of the three-match Coca-Cola one-day series at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

The 27-year-old hammered a composed 79 under pressure to make sure the visitors overhauled an unimpressive home side total of 156 with more than seven overs to spare and five wickets in hand.

The giant right-hander finished the chase in style, hitting paceman Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza Kowshik out of the ground off the second ball of the 43rd over.

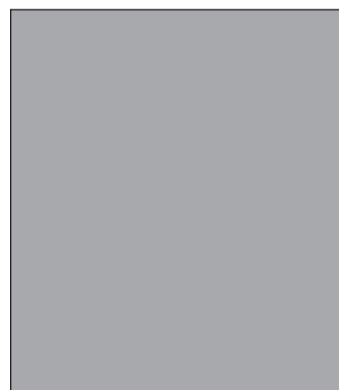
Wishart shrugged off the loss of three early wickets to reconstruct the Zimbabwe innings in company of his captain Stuart Carlisle.

Carlisle was run out four short of his fifty.

The tourists were 20-3 after Kowshik sent back both Flower brothers -- Grant (0) and Andy (6) -- and opener Gripper was run out cheaply.

But the fourth wicket pair of

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Sehri, Iftar timing			
Ramadan	Nov	Sehri	Iftar
8	24	-	5-14
9	25	4-57	5-14
10	26	4-57	5-14