

WC Quiz ends

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amidst cheers from a lively audience. The second prize, a Toshiba 10 CFT fridge, went to Pijush Dutta, a 26-year-old serviceman from Ambarkhana, Sylhet. A student from Azimpur, Dhaka, Arif Hossain won the third prize, a Toshiba semi-automatic washing machine. Nazmul Haque from the Computer System Department of Janata Bank, Dhaka Head Office, and Jashim, a resident of Golapbagh, Dhaka, got one Toshiba microwave oven each as the fourth prize winners. Five Canon cameras were up for grabs as fifth prize. Romena Afsana of Fakirpool, Ashif Mohammad Joly, Kamrul Islam of IDB Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka, Iqbal Sayed of West Dhanmondi and Taulid of Ahsanullah Hall, BUET got one each. Apart from the draw, prizes of the previous five rounds were also distributed among the winners by distinguished guests. Wahidur Rahman, an engineer of Water Development Board (WDB) was the luckiest of all. The bearded Star reader bagged three prizes in all including the first prize, a 21" Toshiba flat screen colour television, of the fifth round. He also won a 8.5 CFT Toshiba fridge, the second prize of the third round World Cup quiz and a rice cooker, the 4th prize of the second round. But that was not the end for his family as his son also won an electric iron in the raffle draw yesterday. Fifteen special prizes, five Toshiba rice cookers and ten Toshiba electric irons, were also given to the

winners from audience through raffle. Chaired by The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam, the draw was conducted by Sports Reporter Hasan Masood.

In his welcome speech, Mahfuz Anam thanked all for braving the inclement weather to make the draw ceremony a huge success. He assured all that The Daily Star would do everything possible to promote football in Bangladesh.

He also thanked the Rangs Industries Limited for coming forward to sponsor the six-round quiz competition that generated tremendous interests among the games-loving people of the country.

The Dhaka mayor lauded the role of The Daily Star for taking initiatives to promote football in the country. "This is actually a role that the government should play. As a member of the government I would like to thank The Daily Star for playing that role," he said.

Sadek, a veteran sports organiser, assured the audience that he would try his best to utilise all the open spaces in the capital for community and sporting activities instead of building shops and markets.

Rumea Hossain, Managing Director of sponsor Rangs Industries Limited, said that his company is willing to be a partner of The Daily Star in future for the cause of sports.

Pictures, list of winners and correct answers of the Bumper Round draw on Page 15.

Top criminal held with arms at Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police arrested a top criminal with arms and ammunition here on Thursday.

Hamidul Islam of Milpara area in the town is accused in ten criminal cases recorded with Kushtia sadar police station. Police said, Hamidul and his accomplices attacked Milpara police post last year to snatch some of his cadres from custody.

Police recovered a foreign made pistol and two bullets from his possession.

Feni Jubo Dal leader arrested in criminal cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Police arrested a Jubo Dal leader from Takiya Bazar under Sonagazi upazila yesterday.

Habibullah Parvez, joint convener of Sonagazi upazila unit of Jubo Dal, was arrested at about 11 am.

Police said he was wanted in ten criminal cases including murder.

Protesting the arrest, JCD and Jubo Dal activists put up a barricade on Feni-Sonagazi road at Bakhtar-Musha point, disrupting traffic for four hours. They also damaged five passenger buses and some rich-shaws passing through the roads. JCD and Jubo Dal called a two-day hartal at Sonagazi upazila headquarters from today demanding release of Parvez.



PHOTO: STAR

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Anwarullah Chowdhury plants a sapling in front of Shahidullah Hall yesterday as part of the drive to plant 10,000 trees on the campus. The university launched the drive after the felling of trees to set up an institute for Persian language on the campus led students to protest.

Forward Block President passes away

PTI, New Delhi

Dev Dutt Shastri, President of All India Forward Block passed away yesterday.

Shastri, 84, a close associate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died at his residence, the party said in a press release.

Born on December 21, 1918, Shastri joined India's freedom movement in early thirties and was jailed several times.

Shastri's passing away was a big loss to the Left and democratic movement in the country, the party said.

Demolition drive

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president of Sylhet city Awami League is indifferent about the demolition drive since its beginning because a huge number "illegal" structures were constructed in different areas of the town in the last five years.

His alleged indifference has also raised questions among the people though he claimed that he was never involved in any illegal allotment of public land to any individual.

There are illegal structures including markets all along the banks of the canal, choking it at many points, and in many areas of the city. Though some kutcha structures have been demolished, most of the big and pucca structures are untouched, sources alleged.

WC: Third place

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famous in the world," Hiddink said. "It will be a 50-50 game because they (Turkey) have the same style, they like to attack as well, they have technically skilled players." Hiddink is expected to start Ahn Jung-hwan ahead of veteran striker Hwang Sun-hong who is nursing an injured thigh.

Ahn has scored twice in the finals including heading home a golden goal to dispatch three-time champions Italy.

A shuffle in defence is also possible if Choi Jin-cheul cannot shake off an ankle injury from Tuesday's 1-0 loss to Germany, with versatile midfielder Song Chong-gug a possible replacement.

Turkey striker Ilhan Mansiz said the two sides know each other well after sharing to a scoreless draw in March.

"It will be a fun match. We drew with them in a one-off (friendly) game so we know their strengths and weaknesses," he said.

Coach Senol Gunes will be looking to Ilhan to lead the attack as veteran Hakan Sukur has lacked form in these finals and Hasan Sas will sit out having received a yellow card in the 89th minute of Turkey's 1-0 loss to Brazil on Wednesday.

Like Hiddink for South Korea, Gunes has created the most successful Turkey side in history while championing young talent such as 21-year-old midfielder Emre Belozoglu.

Both coaches are expected to consider younger players on Saturday as Hiddink did against Germany, when he gave starts on the front line to 20-year-old Lee Chun-soo and 21-year-old Cha Du-ri.

Gunes and Turkey's young players after the World Cup will aim at ensuring qualification for their third successive European Championship, set for 2004 in Portugal.

It will be Hiddink's swansong as his contract ends with Saturday's match.

PROBABLE TEAMS
South Korea (Formation 3-4-3; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Lee Woon-jae; 4-Choi Jin-cheul; 20-Hong Myung-bo, 7-Kim Tae-yong; 21-Park Ji-sung, 22-Song Chong-gug, 6-Yoo Sang-chul,

10-Lee Young-pyo; 16-Cha Doo-ri, 19-Ahn Jung-hwan, 14-Lee Chun-soo
Turkey (Formation 4-4-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Rustu Recber; 4-Fatih Akyel, 5-Alpay Ozalan, 2-Emre Asik, 22-Umit Davala; 10-Yildirim Basturk, 8-Tugay Kerimoglu, 21-Emre Belozoglu, 9-Hakan Sukur; 17-Ilhan Mansiz, 6-Arif Erdem
Referee: Saad Mane (Kuwait)

Budget

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development programme.

Lawmakers from both the Treasury and the Opposition benches, including the AL ones for a brief period, took part in the budget discussion since its beginning on June 9.

The AL lawmakers boycotted the general discussion on budget that concluded on Thursday, being "deprived of time to speak". They will not attend the House during the passage of the budget.

Jessore jail

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south-western region of the country. Security has been tightened in and around the jail, apprehending that they might try to escape taking advantage of the present situation, the jailor said.

Ashuliya

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carried out without proper permission of Rajuk.

The entire area of Ashuliya, about 20 kilometres northwest of the capital, is defined in the Dhaka Master Plan as a flood-flow zone and vital retention point for floodwater.

BELA fears that if the area is filled up, the floodwater will rush towards Dhaka, leading to erosion on the banks of the Turag, the Buriganga and the Shitalakhya. The massive filling-up may result in an ecological catastrophe, it said.

BELA urged the authorities concerned to take effective measures to remove the dumped earth by seven days of the issuance of the notice, otherwise it will take legal

Listed criminal Nesar held in Chittagong

BSS, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested a listed criminal from Badamtali under Dabalmoring police station, a CMP press release said.

The arrested criminal was identified as Nesar Ahmad, 34, son of late Nurul Haque of Dabalmoring area.

At least nine cases and seven general dairy (GD) have been pending against him with different police stations under CMP.

DCC Mayor launches anti-mosquito drive

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday inaugurated a mosquito eradication drive by removing hyacinths from a jheel (water body) in the city's Bashabo area.

Addressing a function arranged on the occasion, the mayor blamed the immediate-past Awami League government for shattering the economy. "The DCC now is burdened with a loan of about Tk 500 crore," he said.

The mayor assured that all possible measures would be taken to ensure civic amenities of city dwellers. He sought cooperation of all in this regard.

Later, the mayor planted a sapling in the area. Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, also local MP, was present.

Election to CCCI tomorrow

BSS, Ctg

Election to the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) will be held tomorrow.

The CCCI election was due five years back but could not be held due to a case in the High Court.

The high court recently ordered the Director, Trade Organization (DTO) of Commerce Ministry, to hold the election within September next.

29 sued

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Three BNP activists were also arrested as suspects. They are Ruhul Khan, 40, Mannan Howlader, 42, and Tozammel Hossain, 38.

The arrested persons have been taken on a five-day remand.

"We are trying our utmost to reveal the real motive behind the murder and nab persons involved", said OC Hashem Khan.

A mother

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kidnapped. Her cries brought the hospital staff as well as law-enforcers running to the spot and nurse Taherunnessa was called.

The nurse produced the document on which Asma had left her thumb imprint as proof of the transaction. Asma, who admitted receiving Tk 1000 in exchange for her son, returned Tk 700 as she had spent the rest.

The baby was later handed over to her mother.

Proposed changes in Pak Constitution

APP, Islamabad

The important proposed amendments to the Constitution made public on Wednesday include:

- The term of National and Provincial Assemblies will be four years instead of five years;

- Voters age limit will be eighteen years;

- Candidates contesting elections must be graduate and against the technocrat seats they should be holder of a degree with sixteen years of education, and 20 years experience;

- A draft amendment in article 58 adds a provision that where the President is advised by the Prime Minister to dissolve the National Assembly, the President may within forty-eight hours relieve the Prime Minister under article 91 clause five or require the Assembly to pass a resolution within seven days to endorse the Prime Minister's advice of dissolution. This is being done as a safeguard against dissolution of assembly when it is considering a vote of no confidence against the Prime Minister.

- To ensure balance of power between the President and the Prime Minister an amendment in article 58(2) is proposed to be reintroduced to empower the President to dissolve the Assembly in his discretion, where in his opinion government of the federation cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and an appeal to the electorate is necessary;

- The President will be empowered to relieve the Prime Minister and the Cabinet and appoint another member of the National Assembly if in his opinion the Prime Minister and the cabinet are responsible for serious abuse of authority or failure to check corruption or compromise on national security interests or violation of the constitution;

- A new clause is being added in article 58 providing that if National Assembly is dissolved or on completion its term, the President shall appoint a caretaker cabinet;

- An amendment in Article 01 proposes that the President shall invite the member of the National Assembly to be the Prime Minister who commands the confidence of the majority of the members of the National Assembly, as ascertained in a session of the Assembly summoned for the purpose.

- There shall be a National Security Council to serve as Consultation forum on strategic matters pertaining to sovereignty, integrity and security of the state, structures, systems and state of federal democracy and governance, removal of federal or provincial cabinets, dissolution of national or provincial assemblies or proclamation of emergency;

- The President shall be the Chairman of the Council while Prime Minister and Chief Minister of provinces; Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and three services chiefs will be its members;

- The Senate will have 100 members. Fourteen members will be elected from each province, eight from FATA, two on general seats and one woman and one technocrat from Federal Capital, four women from each province and four technocrats and ulema from each province.

- Constitutional protection is also proposed to be given to the already announced decisions like increase in the membership of National and Provincial Assemblies, and introduction of joint electorate system.

- A person convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction on a charge of corrupt practices, moral turpitude or misuse of power under any law shall not be eligible to contest elections. A person or his dependants, defaulting a loan of two million rupees or more for more than one from the due date or have got their loans written off shall also be ineligible.

Meanwhile, proposals for Economic and Governance Structures and Systems are in the process of preparation and will be made available for public comment at a later date.

Arafat's Hebron HQ

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Hebron.

The army has denied that negotiations were underway between Israel and the Palestinians, despite claims to that effect by Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe and former Palestinian cabinet minister Talal Sadr.

Natshe told AFP Thursday that the Palestinians asked the Israelis to allow Red Cross officials inside the building and that "the Israelis turned down the request."

According to Sadr, the negotiations began shortly after midnight Wednesday but were interrupted Thursday evening. They involved three other Palestinians, including Hebron police chief Abdel Fatah al-Juwaid.

Hebron is one of seven of the eight main West Bank towns seized by the army since last week, in retaliation for three attacks on Israeli civilians that killed 31 people. All of them are under curfew.

Raed Amer, the head of a prisoners' rights association linked to the Palestinian Authority, was among those seized in Azmout, witnesses said, adding that arrest operations were still underway by mid-morning.

Soldiers entered the village early Friday spilling out of around 20 jeeps while tanks surrounded the community and a helicopter gunship provided air cover, firing in the vicinity, they said.

Israeli troops arrested six other Palestinians overnight in the West Bank, the army said.

Reuters adds: The Israeli soldier shakes his head as he studies a journalist's credentials at this army checkpoint blocking the main road between Jerusalem and the West Bank city of Ramallah.

"No passage for journalists," he says, handing back the press card from inside his sentry box next to the huge concrete blocks and barbed wire that block the road.

An officer puts a call through to the local commander, but the reply is negative. "Try again tomorrow," he says.

The Committee to Protect Journalists, a reporters' rights group based in New York, said earlier this year the West Bank had become the worst place for journalists to work -- despite violence in Afghanistan, Kashmir and other dangerous

sought to impose restrictions on coverage.

It has become even harder since Israeli troops entered seven Palestinian-ruled cities in the West Bank and sealed them off after two suicide bombings in Jerusalem last week.

Ramallah, Bethlehem, Nablus, Hebron, Jenin, Qalqilya and Tulkarim have all been declared "closed military zones" and placed under curfew.

Foreign journalists have been barred entry and local Palestinian correspondents take a risk if they leave their homes to report on the situation during the curfews, which are lifted for only a few hours each day.

Although some journalists have managed to enter the cities via back roads, fields, hills and gullies, and some of those who were already inside the cities have managed to send out pictures, coverage has been severely restricted.

Israel says it has limited journalists' access purely for security and safety reasons, and denies trying to hide anything.

"Israel, like any democratic state at conflict, sometimes limits particular freedoms for the defence of its population. Freedom can be restored, people's lives cannot," said Daniel Seaman, Director of Israel's Government Press Office.

Journalists have at times been in the firing line.

Reuters cameraman Mazen Dana's camera was pierced by a bullet as he filmed in Hebron on Tuesday, although he could not say who fired it. Israeli troops shot at an armoured car carrying two Reuters journalists in Ramallah on Monday when they approached them during the night.

"Israel has no deliberate policy of shooting at journalists," Seaman said. "This is a situation where the press should not be there."

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areas.

One foreign journalist has been killed during the conflict, several have been wounded and many have had narrow escapes.

Journalists have also felt pressure in other ways, and both sides monitor media coverage closely.

The Israeli authorities have accredited few Palestinian journalists this year, and say they will not issue any more press cards to Palestinians while the violence continues.

Most of the money for smuggled goods is reportedly paid off through 'hundi'. In some cases, particularly those involving illegal trade of arms and narcotics, smugglers pay the price of the merchandise in gold. And for this reason, shops of gold ornaments have mushroomed in the still underdeveloped areas of Natore, Dinajpur and Chapainawabganj districts.

The 'hundi' syndicates have accounts with different government and non-government banks both in the country and India for running

Tarique: Hartal

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uncertainty. "People want guarantee of life. They have rejected the past government and voted the four-party alliance to power, as the past government failed to ensure security in the last five years," Tarique added.

In his ten-minute address, Tarique said that over the last 30 years the country has given people a lot and the time has come to do something for the nation. "We should all be determined to work for the country so that we can create a beautiful environment for the generations to come."

He called upon all to extend cooperation so that the BNP-led coalition government can fulfil people's expectations by implementing its pledges.

"This country is ours and it is our duty to build it up. Let's take firm determination to create a prosperous nation."

People from all strata of society greeted him, lining up all the way from the Buriganga Bridge-2 to Hazratpur.

Tarique was accompanied by BNP leaders Khairul Kabir Khokon, Nadim Mostafa, Mofiqul Hakin Tripi and JCD leaders Raskibul Islam Bakul Azizul Bari Helal, Manir Hossain, Shafiq Bari Babu and Selimuzzaman Selim.

Besides, party activists and a large number of schoolboys and girls lined up on both sides of the road with posters, banners and feestoons, braving heavy showers to

welcome Tarique and sprinkling petals on his motorcade.

Amid cheers and slogans, Tarique arrived at the newly constructed Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman College at about 6.00pm to inaugurate the institution. State Minister for Health Amanullah Aman, founder of the college, welcomed him.

Aman and Principal of the college Md Motiur Rahman addressed the function, among others.

Two cops hurt in bomb attack in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Constables Mohammad Sarwar and Mohammad Shahiduzzaman of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) were severely injured in bomb attack at about 10 pm on Thursday at Dilkhola road under Khulna Thana.

A bomb was hurled at the policemen by one of the three alleged criminals, said OC of Khulna Thana Md Tozammel Hossain.

The incident occurred when constables Sarwar and Shahiduzzaman raided a house to arrest alleged criminals Mahbub, Selim and Ali.

They managed to escape hurling bomb at the cops, OC further said.

The hundi route

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The Anti-smuggling Task force for Rajshahi region in a meeting at the deputy commissioner's conference room here recently expressed deep concern over the illegal 'hundi' business and recommended tough action against those involved in it.

"Even two years ago, the 'hundi' business was a very secret affair. But now the illegal trade has become widespread in the region. Agents of the 'hundi' traders now do not hesitate to frequently cross the border," said a member of the task force while talking to The Daily Star.

During the last one year, there had been many incidents of robbing agents of the 'hundi' at the frontier areas in Lalpur of Natore, Godagari of Rajshahi, Shibganj and Bholahat of Chapainawabganj; Porsha, Patnitala, Shapahar and Dhampurhat of Naogaon; Panchbibi of Joypurhat, and Kushmandi, Khanpur, Ramsagar of Dinajpur districts. Armed clashes and murders also occurred during such incidents of snatching away 'hundi', said a source.

Mysteriously, neither a single case nor even a general diary was recorded in these connections; rather the rift among rival groups has steadily intensified. "And this proves that the money was being illegally transferred," the source pointed out.

'Hundi' agents are mostly active at Godagari and Motihar in Rajshahi, Shibganj and Bholahat in Chapainawabganj, and Khanpur, Mohonpur, Armtali, Ambari, Hili and Birol in Dinajpur districts as communication through these areas are easier.

Almost all the money for smuggled goods is reportedly paid off through 'hundi'. In some cases, particularly those involving illegal trade of arms and narcotics, smugglers pay the price of the merchandise in gold. And for this reason, shops of gold ornaments have mushroomed in the still underdeveloped areas of Natore, Dinajpur and Chapainawabganj districts.

The 'hundi' syndicates have accounts with different government and non-government banks both in the country and India for running

their business smoothly.

The Bangladesh Bank after conducting a primary investigation in different banks recently has found that 37 businessmen and their organisations in Rajshahi region are involved in the 'hundi' business. Of the 37 businessmen, 21 are from Godagari upazila in Rajshahi and 16 from Chapainawabganj districts.

The list of the 37 businessmen, among many others across the country, has been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, National Board of Revenue and to the Bureau of Anti-corruption for further investigation.

Afghan blast

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have been caused by a rocket attack mounted by a former Taliban commander.

But a senior Afghan consular official in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan's southwest border province of Baluchistan, told AFP the blast appeared accidental.

"It was either due to negligence or mishandling of the ordnance inside the dump," he said.

However authorities would probe the possibility of sabotage by some anti-government elements working at the depot, he said.

Border officials said at least 16 injured have been admitted to Chaman's state-run Civil Hospital, where a state of emergency has been declared.

Arrangements were being made to shift seriously wounded patients to Quetta, hospital workers said.

As the closest major town to the Pakistan border, Spin Boldak is also a thriving trade centre.

It is home to Afghanistan's automobile market, run by Pakistani and Afghan businessmen. Showrooms in Spin Boldak market display the latest model Japanese cars, imported into Afghanistan free of duty.

The vehicles are often smuggled into Pakistan where the prices are more than double because of the customs duty and local taxes imposed by Islamabad.

Magurchhara blowout

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Till date, the government did not counter Scott Barber's claims nor made any public statement on its position in this regard.

Justifying the fears that the claim process might be shelved, one source last month told The Daily Star that after a long delay when Petrobangla was given the Magurchhara Blowout Probe Committee report, 1997 at the end of Awami League rule last year, it proceeded methodically and there was no reason to withhold the process.

Though Petrobangla could simply file a compensation claim with Unocal, it involved the energy ministry by seeking its green signal, considering that there might be diplomatic and political pressure on the issue in future, the source said. Even though the ministry had approved it once earlier this year, Petrobangla board sent the file back to the ministry clearly pointing out the amount of claim and the gas reserve damage assessment.

In the