

NEOC starts monitoring by-polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Election Observation Council (NEOC), a non-governmental organisation, has started monitoring the electoral environment at Dhaka-10 and Munshiganj-1 constituencies for by-elections on June 6.

The observers of the council started the monitoring process after the candidates filed their nomination papers in two constituencies and will continue their jobs till the elec-

tion results are published, said a press release.

The council will release a final report after the election pointing irregularities, if there is any, during the election campaign.

"This long-term observation is designed to investigate certain types of electoral irregularities that take place beyond the scrutiny of international observers, journalists and election officials," NEOC Chairman Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah said in the press release.

BY-ELECTION 3 candidates withdraw nominations

BSS, Dhaka

Two candidates withdrew their nominations from the race of by-election in Dhaka-10 constituency and one candidate from Munshiganj-1 yesterday the last date for withdrawal of candidature.

Election Commission sources said a total of 22 candidates are now contesting the by-election to Dhaka-10 seat. They are M Habibur Rahman, Ahmad Anwar-ul-Amin, Maj (ret'd) Abdul Mannan, M Azam Khan, Saiful Islam Chowdhury, Khondker M Shadat Hossain, Alhaj M Mosaddek Ali Falu, Abu Hamidur Reza Khan Bhasani, poet Jahangir Alam, SI Islam Milon, Krishak M Sadek, M Sohel Chowdhury, M Baharane Sultan Bahar, Mir Sadek Jumman, M Mahub Hossain Bhulyan, Nur Alam, Mamunur Rahman, M Delwar Hossain Minto, Mazharul Islam, Abu Saleh M Kibria, M Zakir Hossain and Advocate Habibur Rahman Shawkat.

Four candidates are contesting Munshiganj by-election. They are A K M Hafizur Rahman (Jhantu), M Jahangir Alam, M Mamun and Mahi B Chowdhury.

The by-elections will be held on June 6.

Health minister gets No- Tobacco Global Award

UNB, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain has been awarded the 'No-Tobacco Global Award' by the World Health Organisation for his contribution to anti-tobacco campaign.

The WHO announced the name of the winner at the 57th World Health Conference in Geneva on Thursday. He was awarded in recognition of his bold role in anti-tobacco activities and approving the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) as president of the 56th World Health Conference.

The 57th conference that began on May 17 will conclude today.

Resident Representative of WHO in Dhaka will formally hand over the award to the minister on May 31 on the occasion of International Anti-tobacco Day.

Bangladesh is the first country to have signed the FCTC and its cabinet has already ratified it, said a press release.

Lightning kills boy in Ctg

UNB, Chittagong

A boy was killed and three others were injured as a lightning struck them while they were playing near their homes at Moza Pukurpar at Gandamara union of Banskhal Upazila.

The dead was identified as Abdus Sabur, 15. Three others -- Khaleque, Yunus and Badiul Alam -- were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Two shops were also slightly burned by the thunderbolt.

British Council Open Day begins

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A two-day 'Open Day for All' began at the British Council Teaching Centre at Satmasjid Road in the city yesterday.

Organised by the British Council,

the event provides an opportunity for all to explore the UK educational experience and the services of the British Council such as exams, English language courses and library.

Students who want to study in

the UK can get information on different British universities.

The event is based on the theme, The Best of UK.

The Open Day programmes will remain open from 9.00am to 5.00pm today.

