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EC objects to Mohiuddin's fresh uplift plans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday said Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury's taking up new development programmes after the publication of mayoral election schedule is tantamount to violating electoral code of conduct.

The EC in a press release yesterday described 'such activities by the CCC' as a potential obstacle to

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Industrial growth falls short of target

UNB, Dhaka

Growth in the country's industrial sector goes a bit slow and fails to catch up with the projected rate of 10 percent in the current fiscal year.

According to an estimate made by the industries ministry, the sector may attain an 8 percent growth in the 2004-2005 fiscal, 2 percent below the mark, as last monsoon's devastating floods wreaked havoc on many industrial units besides ravaging the farm sector.

However, the industrial growth could rise slightly above last year's attained growth of 7.41 percent.

Industries Minister Maulana Matur Rahman Mizami released the estimation at a press conference at Shilpa Bhaban at Motijheel in the capital yesterday, as the ministry gave an overall picture of the sector and explained latest government policy.

He gave a brief account of the performance of different corporations and industrial units as well as subordinate bodies of his ministry.

The minister said the government itself will not set up any new industry in public sector, rather the government will play a facilitating role in helping private investors set up new industries in the country.

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MAMTAZ UDDIN KILLING AL leader, 12 BNP men charged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court yesterday framed charges against an Awami League (AL) leader and 12 BNP workers in the murder case of Natore AL leader Mamta Uddin Ahmed.

The Speedy Trial Tribunal of Rajshahi division named as accused in the murder case AL leader of Lalpur upazila Anisur Rahman, BNP activists Babar Ali Babu, Arif, Shukur

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Dead chickens catch DCC napping

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) authorities are yet to take effective measures to maintain food quality in the city restaurants.

Growing public concerns about quality of restaurant food followed Monday's arrest of a man with 53 dead chickens in Mirpur. The arrestee, Azad, later under police interrogation admitted that he and many others like him regularly supply dead chickens to different restaurants in Mirpur and Pallabi.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday placed Azad on a two-day remand. Mirpur police however petitioned for seven days' remand to find out his associates and the involved restaurant owners.

Quality Analyst of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Golam Sarwar said that they do not examine restaurant foods, as the existing laws do not provide a benchmark to measure the quality of the restaurant foods.

"Our inspectors basically check the environment of kitchens and smell the meals to check that they haven't gone rotten," said Sarwar. He also mentioned that they have not carried out any such drive in last two weeks.

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Dead man walking! Angry relatives ransack hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A patient declared dead by doctors at Kushtia General Hospital yesterday started movement as his relatives were giving him a funeral bath at his Majampur house in the district town, locals said.

The man was brought back

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Offloading of Rupali Bank shares starts next month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Privatisation Commission by next month will invite expressions of interest from the private sector to buy shares of the state-owned Rupali Bank.

Parties interested in bidding for the bank's shares must fulfil certain criteria including those related to financial strength and previous business experience.

"The commission would offload between 51 and 75 percent shares of the bank," Privatisation Commission Chairman Enam Ahmed Chowdhury told reporters yesterday following a meeting of the working group on Nationalised Commercial Banks Reform.

"We hope to complete the offloading procedure within a few months. The controlling stake of the

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HABIGANJ CARNAGE FBI, govt to make jt probe statement

UNB, Dhaka

The FBI special agent investigating the January 27 grenade attack at Baider Bazar and a home ministry official concerned will make a joint statement on the outcome of the investigations.

The US investigator and home ministry officials at a meeting yesterday reached an agreement to this effect, sources said.

Trung Vu, the Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent, after an

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Rights group worried over Rab armoured vehicles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ain o Salih Kendra (ASK), a leading human rights organisation, yesterday expressed its concern over procurement of armoured cars for the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

ASK issued a statement after The Daily Star yesterday published the news headlined "Armoured cars for Rab".

The human rights organisation

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Police delay filing of sedition case against Al Hiqma chief

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Despite a home ministry order, police here have been delaying filing a fresh sedition case against Shahadat-e-Al Hiqma Chief Sayed Kawsar Hussain Siddiki Raja, paving the way for him to receive bail from court.

A metropolitan magistrate yesterday granted police 15 days for the seventh time since Kawsar's arrest in November last year, following a police plea to file the sedition case.

Lawyers lamented the decision, saying it will facilitate bail as arrestees like Kawsar, who was arrested under Section 54 of the CrPc, cannot be kept behind bars more than three months without any charges.

Detective police explained in their petition that they needed to

Qatar emir due April 13

UNB, Dhaka

Emir of Qatar Shaikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani will pay an official visit to Bangladesh on April 13 at the invitation of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

The monarch of the Gulf country

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Moderate tremor in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong city experienced a moderate tremor of 5.0 magnitude at 10:15pm on Monday when a major earthquake measuring 8.2 on the Richter scale rocked the Sumatra in Indonesia.

However, no casualty was reported from anywhere of the city and the district.

The epicenter of the Chittagong tremor that lasted 44 seconds was some 428km off the seismic observatory at Ambagan in the port city, sources said.

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Maghrib	6-20	6-25
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

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