

## Khaleda greets Mohiuddin

UNB, Dhaka  
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday congratulated ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury on his reelection as mayor of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC).  
In a message, she appreciated the people of Chittagong for extending all-out cooperation in holding the election in a free and peaceful atmosphere.  
She thanked all concerned, including the Election Commission, administration, BDR, police and other law-enforcement agencies, for their help to conduct the election smoothly.

## Hasina hails Ctg people for verdict

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said people have rejected the ruling alliance by giving their verdict in the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) mayoral polls.  
In a message, she congratulated ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury on his reelection as the CCC mayor and mentioned that people gave their verdict against price spirals.

## WARD COMMISSIONER Most posts go to pro-AL men

Awami League (AL)-backed and AL rebel candidates won 25 posts of ward commissioner out of 41 in Monday's Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) polls.  
Unofficial poll results announced here yesterday afternoon showed AL-supported candidates and the

# Emphatic win for Mohiuddin

## Result forces govt, opposition to rethink nat'l polls future

### STAR REPORT

The emphatic victory for ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury over the ruling coalition challenger Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin in the CCC polls leads both the government and the opposition to rethink their political future ahead of the parliamentary polls in early 2007.  
After the overnight drama over slow pace of results announcement,

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CCC POLLS RESULT						
ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury (Elected)						
Votes - 350691						
Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin (Nearest rival)						
Votes - 259410						
WARD COMMISSIONER						
Total Ward	BNP	BNP Rebel	AL	AL Rebel	Ji	Ind
41	5	6	18	7	1	4
WOMEN COMMISSIONER						
Total Ward	BNP	AL				
14	2	12				



Three times elect CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury greets his supporters at Laldighi Maidan yesterday.

## Victory for people, says new mayor

### Procession comes under JCD attack

The port city wore a festive look yesterday as tens of thousands took to the streets celebrating the record third consecutive election of ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury as their city father.  
Men, women and many children as well from all quarters of the city flowed to the afternoon victory rally of Mohiuddin, mayoral candidate of

the opposition-backed Nagorik Committee, at the city's historic Laldighi Maidan. Most of them reached the venue in small processions and many others by buses and trucks.  
"All roads lead to Laldighi Maidan this afternoon," a jubilant fan of Mohiuddin exclaimed as hired musical bands accompanied many of the processions heading for the Maidan.

## Commentary

# The majesty of public opinion

## Ruling alliance's combined might flounders in face of popularity

### MAHFUZ ANAM

There is no question that the ruling party had put its full might, except for dragging the party chief and prime minister, Khaleda Zia herself, to win the Chittagong mayoral election. Most of the nine ministers of the area, several others from the neighbouring constituencies,

almost all party leaders including Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Senior Joint Secretary Tarique Rahman could not sway the public to vote a majority for Mir Nasir.  
Tarique's appeal on behalf of "Zia family" and invoking the memory of his father's assassination (President Ziaur Rahman was killed in

Chittagong Circuit House in an abortive coup in 1981) did not seem to arouse the type of sympathetic public reaction as was expected by those who advised him to bring the memory of his father into the election campaign.  
There is also no question about the money that was spent by Mir

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## Rocca flies in today to talk terrorism

### May visit Ahmadiyya mosque

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Christina B Rocca will arrive in Dhaka today on a two-day official visit to discuss a number of issues, including the persecution of the Ahmadiyyas and the government's steps to tackle terrorism and fundamentalism.  
She may visit an Ahmadiyya mosque in Dhaka.



Christina B Rocca

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