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Observe BNP leaders

Khaleda greets Mohiuddin

Prime Minister Khaleda Ziayesterday 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 atmo-

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

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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, SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

WARD COMMISSIONER

Most posts go to pro-AL men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Awami League (AL)-backed and AI 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 ALsupported candidates and the SEE PAGE 15 COL 3 of Mohiuddin, mayoral candidate o

Emphatic win for Mohiuddin

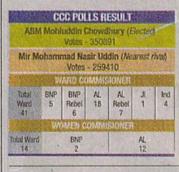
Result forces govt, opposition to rethink nat'l polls future

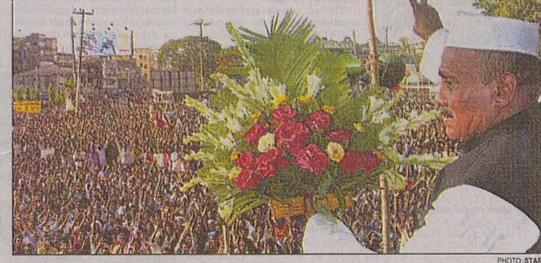
STAR REPORT

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

News analysis

EC wins kudos for tough stance

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Election Commission (EC) deserves applause for the way it conducted Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) elections, but the attitude of the local administration towards assisting the EC and ome controversial moves the administration had taken have left ome question marks.

Unwanted interference and partisan attitudes of the local administration in some cases. lowever, did not do much damage hanks to a strong watch by the EC.

An uncompromising EC has finally succeeded in presenting a free, fair and violence-free election to re-establish its independent image, having seen its image dented

Dhaka-10 by-elections marred by widespread irregularities and the

government's non-co-operation. But, for that, it had to initiate some stern actions against electoral irregularities. However, it has again failed to check unauthorised spend ing of money in the polls, as what both the main rivals have spent far exceeds the election expenses

It stuck to its guns and was uncompromising when it came to addressing election-related irregularities. It ordered the government to withdraw the Chittagong Metropolitan Police commissioner after finding him guilty of failing to discharge his duties impartially and SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

City Corporation (CCC) election debacle down to wrong choice of candidate, excessive dependency on the Jamaat-e-Islami as well as

The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist

Party (BNP) has put its Chittagong

SEE PAGE 15 COL 4 Opposition finds new strength

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

intra-party squabbles.

ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury's victory in the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) polls has given confidence to the opposition parties now agitating for reforms in the caretaker government system and Election Commission (EC).

Leaders of mainstream parties SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

Victory for people, says new mayor

Procession comes under JCD attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

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

Men, women and many children as well from all quarters of the city flowed to the afternoon victory rally

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

"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.

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Commentary

The majesty of public opinion to talk terrorism

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

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 elec-

There is also no question about the money that was spent by Mir SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Rocca flies in today

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 Ahamadiyyas and the government's steps to tackle terrorism and fundamentalism.

She may visit an Ahmadiyya

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