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POLL CAMPAIGN
EC for ban on
use of national
leaders' portraits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) has made a move to impose a ban on the use of portraits or names of national leaders in election campaigns by contesting political parties and candidates.

It has also planned to ban the use of religion in election campaigns, according to sources in the EC.

The sources said the EC is taking steps to amend the code of conduct for contesting political parties and

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Saarc preliminary
meetings start
tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 27th session of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) Programming Committee begins in New Delhi tomorrow to review progress of commitments made during the previous summit held in Dhaka last year.

The committee, to be chaired by the additional secretary of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs,

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POWER CRISIS

WB sees no respite in next few yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank sees no respite from the country's power crisis in the next few years, though lenders are showing interest in financing various power projects in the country-- upto 700 MW in private sector and another 1,200 MW in public sector.

The crisis will persist because power demand continues to shoot up by 10 percent every year at a

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FIGHTING BIRD FLU
WB, UN bodies
Assure govt
of support

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank (WB) and different United Nations (UN) bodies yesterday assured the government of providing financial and technical assistances to combat the spread of Avian Influenza virus in the country.

"We will provide assistance to the government to establish a laboratory in Dhaka for identifying

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Move to get more
power to fight graft

Emergency Power Ordinance
to be amended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken a move to amend the Emergency Power Ordinance-2007 to have powers to formulate special provisions to strengthen the ongoing crackdown on the corrupt.

Once the amendment is made with retrospective effect from

January 12, any rules can be formulated on requirement of the authorities to combat corruption, sources said.

Directed by the government, the Ministry of Home Affairs has prepared a draft of the amendment and the law ministry has vetted it. The chief adviser, who is in charge

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Admin working for
acceptable polls
Says Lt Gen Moeen

UNB, Habiganj

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Moeen U Ahmed yesterday said the administration is working towards its objective of holding an acceptable national election.

"It is the representatives of the people elected through fair election free from the influence of money and muscle can provide the leadership to steer the nation toward progress," the army chief said.



Lt Gen Moeen U Ahmed

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