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Voter listing
in Dhaka city
starts Nov 20

UNB, Dhaka

Voter listing in the capital, the most arduous job for the Election Commission in the nationwide task, will start on November 20.

The enumerators will collect data through door-to-door visit until November 28, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda told Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) ward commissioners at a meeting at Nagar Bhaban yesterday.

The technical part-data entry and taking photograph as well as

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Citizens can
send opinions
to CA's office

Email address, web
page opened

UNB, Dhaka

An email address (feedback@pmo.gov.bd) and a web page (www.cao.gov.bd/feedback/documents.php) have been opened at the Chief Adviser's Office so all can directly communicate with the head of the caretaker government.

"Any citizen of the country or anyone else can send his/her

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NON-GOVT SCHOOLS, COLLEGES

Governing bodies bogged down by huge workload

SURAJIT DEBNATH

schools, colleges and madrasas. The problem is likely to worsen, as the tenure of the caretaker government is set to continue for about one more year. Against this backdrop, instances of irregularities allegedly committed by government officials heading the bodies find it hard to cope with the mammoth task alongside their regular duties.

On an average, a government official who is entitled to head such a committee is now chairman of 30-40 managing or governing bodies during the caretaker government since November last year.

These officials now bear the burden of overseeing the financial, development and administrative activities of the non-government

Following a government circu-

lar issued on November 13 last year, the deputy commissioners (DC), ADCs, additional district magistrates (ADM), upazila nirbahi officers (UNO) and other thana and district level field officials have been given the responsibility to head these bodies.

The circular asked the authorities concerned to remove all "politically nominated" people from the governing or managing or ad hoc committees.

Previously, political leaders, especially legislators of the constituencies concerned, used to head these committees.

The government officers were

given the charge for three months

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Pak militants behead 6 security officers

Seven civilians also slain

AFF, Islamabad

Militants seized and beheaded 13 civilians and security officers in northwest Pakistan after government troops launched an assault on a radical cleric's hideout, officials said yesterday.

The beheadings took place late Friday in the scenic Swat valley in North West Frontier Province where soldiers clashed with fighters loyal to the cleric, who has been driving a fierce campaign to introduce pro-Taliban laws.

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Body of boy kidnapped 10 days ago found

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

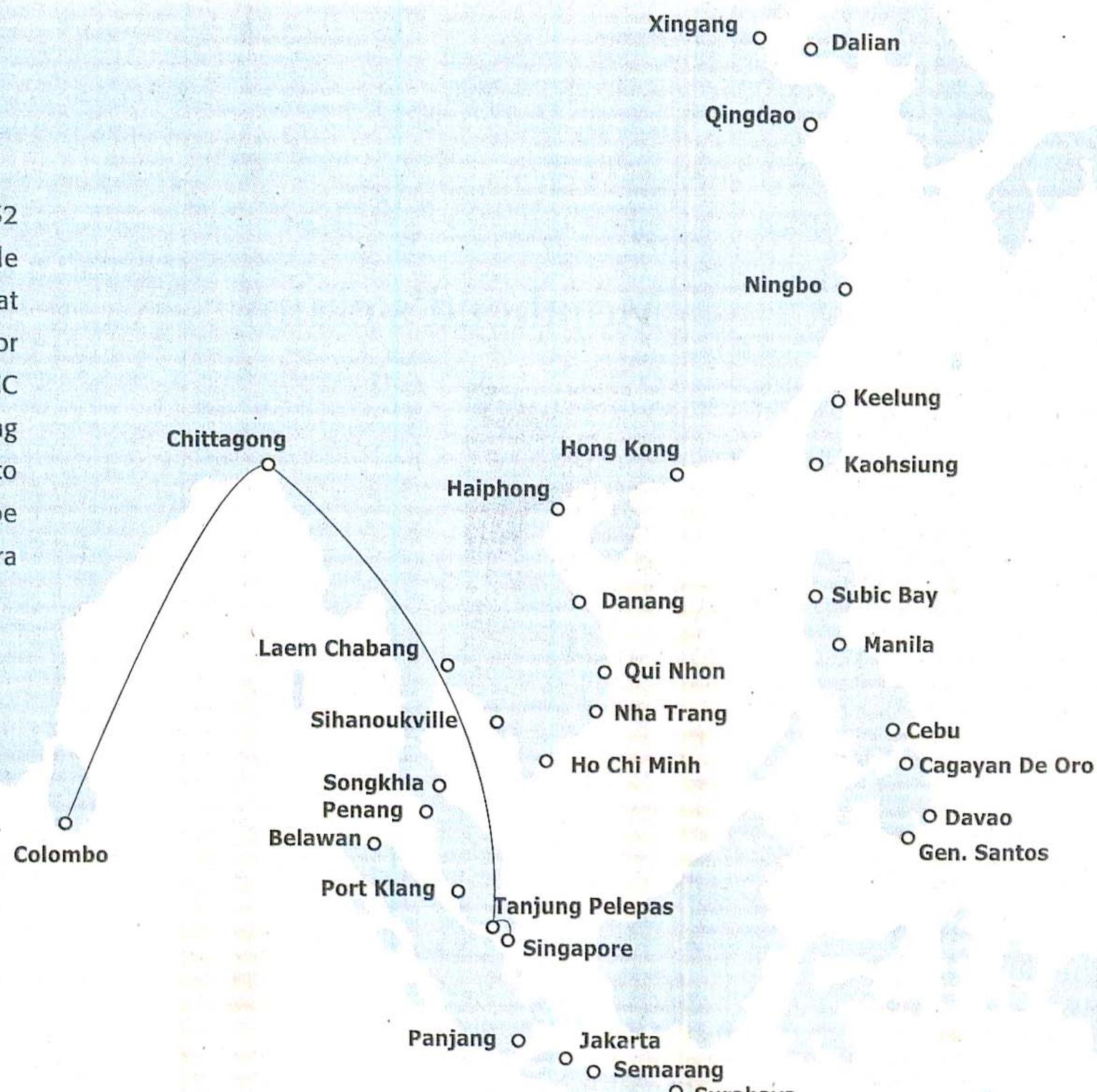
Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday recovered the body of a schoolboy, who was killed by kidnappers 10 days ago, from an under-construction building at Tongi.

The victim, Inzamam-ul-Huq, 14, was a student of class six at Srishhti Central School and College at Uttara in the capital.

Family sources said Inzamam was abducted on October 17 from near his residence at Auspara in Tongi. Kidnappers demanded Tk 10 lakh ransom next day over mobile phone.

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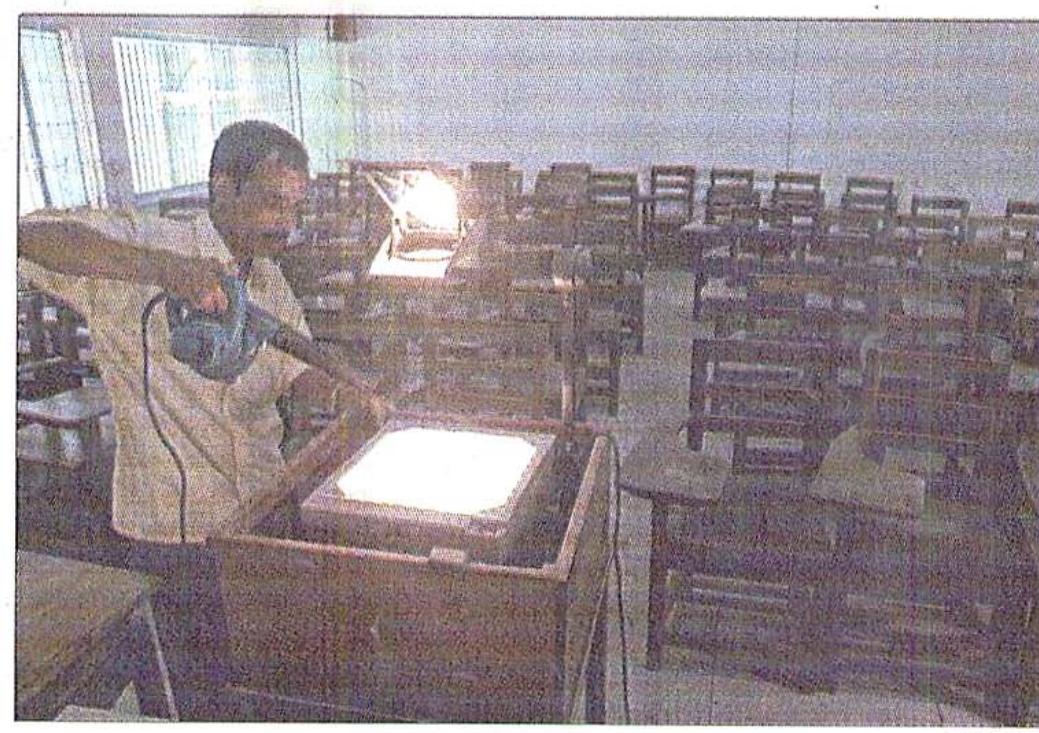
Assailants gunned down a businessman inside his residence cum office at Jigatala in the city last night.

The dead, Habibur Rahman Mollah alias Shahajada, 32, was a garment accessories supplier.

At around 7:15pm, a gang of four criminals knocked on the door of Shahajada's office set up in his residence on Mouli Salek Garden Road at Jigatala under Dharmundi Police Station. As soon as Shahajada opened the door, the criminals sprayed bullets on him.

Shahajada's business partner Amir Khosr Babu said he was in another room of the house during the firing. As he rushed toward the entrance of the house upon hearing the gunshots, he saw three or four unknown youths fleeing the scene.

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An employee cleaning up a classroom at Dhaka University yesterday as it resumes academic activities today. The university was closed on August 22 following campus violence.

PHOTO: STAR

Maoist rebels kill 18 in Indian attack

AFP, New Delhi

At least 18 people, including a former minister's son, were killed overnight when Maoist rebels opened fire on a group of football spectators in eastern India, a police official said yesterday.

Between 30 and 40 heavily armed rebels stormed a village around midnight and opened fire on about 150 people gathered there after a match to watch a local cultural performance, police said.

"Seventeen persons have been killed in the attack," district police superintendent Arun Kumar Singh

told AFP in Jharkhand state.

One man died later of a bullet wound, taking the toll to 18, police said, adding that a three-year-old was among the three remaining wounded.

Intensive combing operations are going on," Singh said, adding that the border with Bihar, the state to the north, had been sealed to prevent rebels from fleeing there.

The night's entertainment was organised by the brother of the former chief minister Babu Lal Marandi, whose son Anup Marandi was in Chilkharivillage for the match.

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