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## Nadal remains clay king

AP, Paris

By the fourth game, Rafael Nadal had Roger Federer kicking the clay in frustration. By the second set, the normally stoic Federer was

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## CITY BUS TERMINALS

# DCC misses out on Tk 23 lakh a month

KAILASH SARKAR

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has been losing about Tk 23 lakh a month in revenue for the last eight months, due to cancellation of two rounds of biddings for leasing out the managements of three inter-city bus terminals in the capital.

DCC already incurred a loss of about Tk 1.84 crore in the last eight months.

There are allegations that DCC

Mayor Sadeq Hossain Khoka was personally involved in cancelling the two rounds of tenders, even after final selections of lessees in both rounds, because his preferred people could not participate in the biddings due to either being in jail or for being on the lam to avoid the ongoing anti-corruption and anti-crime dragnet.

Meanwhile, DCC is gearing up to invite tenders again to lease out the three terminals' managements

while for the last eight months a transportation company Hanif Paribaban, and two other individuals, one of whose name is Shah Alam, have been managing those.

There are allegations that the temporary lessees are also close to the DCC mayor, and the basis of leasing out the managements of the terminals to them was based on nothing but nepotism, and 'personal interest' of the mayor.

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## FEUD WITH HANNAN Delwar gets Khaleda blessing

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has sided with her Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain in his feud with Brig Gen (ret'd) Hannan Shah over handling the affairs of the party, according to BNP leaders.

She also sent a message to Hannan, an adviser to her, through her lawyer, asking him to cooperate with Delwar in running the party, they said.

When Khaleda was turned in to a trial court a couple of days ago, Delwar complained to her about

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## Allies' runaway wishes to bear on Obama

AFP, Washington

The world is agog at the prospect of a Barack Obama presidency, but are expectations of a revolution in US diplomacy justified?

No US leader, including Obama if he beats Republican John McCain, can wave a magic wand to bring peace to the Middle East, or halt climate change, or force "rogue states" to renounce their nuclear schemes.

No president can ram through an

international treaty or trade agreement if Congress takes umbrage.

What a president Obama would bring, however, is a vast well of goodwill in a world thirsting to re-engage with the sole remaining superpower after eight years of President George W. Bush.

"There is an acknowledgement on both sides of the Atlantic that both the Americans and the Europeans need to manage expectations," said Derek Chollet at

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## Coarse rice prices go up in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prices of coarse varieties of rice have increased in the city markets yesterday due to BDR-run fair price outlets remaining shut for the third day that sent demand for rice high at kitchen markets.

Coarse rice is cheaper at the BDR-run outlets.

At the wholesalers, coarse rice was selling yesterday between Tk 1,080 and Tk 1,110 per maund (37.32 Kg), the range was between Tk 1,050 and Tk 1,080 two days ago.

The prices of finer varieties of rice remained stable.

In retail, prices of coarse rice ranged between Tk 32 and Tk 33 per

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## Tigers open with a loss

MOHAMMAD ISAM

Bangladesh suffered yet another huge defeat at the hands of Pakistan, this time in the Kityly Cup opener at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

While the winning margin for the visitors was 70 runs, the Tigers were well and truly beaten almost an hour before the last rites were undertaken. In the shortened 40-overs-a-side game, Pakistan were sent into bat first after a two hour delayed start and were bowled out for 233 runs in 39.3 overs, on the back of half-centuries from man-of-the-match Salman Butt (70) and prolific Mohammad Yousuf (56). The home side made a steady beginning but the middle-order

faltered once again as they were restricted to 163 for eight in 40 overs.

But for the spectators who braved the inclement weather from the afternoon till early evening, this was a pathetic batting display as Mohammad Ashraful's knock highlighted the woes.

Ashraful struggled throughout his 93-ball undefeated knock of 56 runs that included just three boundaries. It was an unusual innings for the ace Bangladesh batsman, better known for his attacking batsmanship. He swished and missed plenty of times and all three of his boundaries came from the on-side. He pulled part-time spinner Fawwad Alam through mid-wicket twice and late

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Pakistan batsman Mohammad Yousuf is about to execute a reverse sweep on way to making a fine 59 against Bangladesh in the opening match of the tri-nation Kityly Cup at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

## Pak coalition leader asks president to quit

AFP, AP, Lahore

A senior ruling coalition leader in Pakistan and an opponent of US-backed President Pervez Musharraf urged him on Sunday to step down immediately.

Shahbaz Sharif, the younger brother of former premier Nawaz Sharif, repeated his demand that Musharraf resign after being elected chief minister for the second time of the country's most populated province, Punjab.

The Sharif brothers were ousted from power by Musharraf in a bloodless 1999 coup and sent to exile in Saudi Arabia.

"Please have mercy on the people of Pakistan and go home immediately after tendering your resignation," Shahbaz said in a speech to the Punjab legislature following his election.

"The people of Pakistan have given a mandate against Musharraf and his dictatorship on February 18," he said, referring to the general elections in which his party, along with that of slain ex-premier Benazir Bhutto, trounced Musharraf's allies.

"Musharraf's dictatorship is gasping for its last breaths," he said, as some in the legislature shouted, "Go Musharraf go!"

The ruling coalition is stepping up the pressure on Musharraf to quit. They are currently considering a constitution amendment package to limit his power.

Ahsan Iqbal, a spokesman for ex-Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's party, called Musharraf "a virus in the democratic computer" and said Asif Ali Zardari's party should not hesitate to "join us for

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## Hearing on right to bail adjourned by a week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday adjourned for a week the hearing on the writ petition challenging the legality of a number of provisions that deny people's right to bail. The provisions apply to people arrested in cases filed under Emergency

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## Prayer Timing

June 9

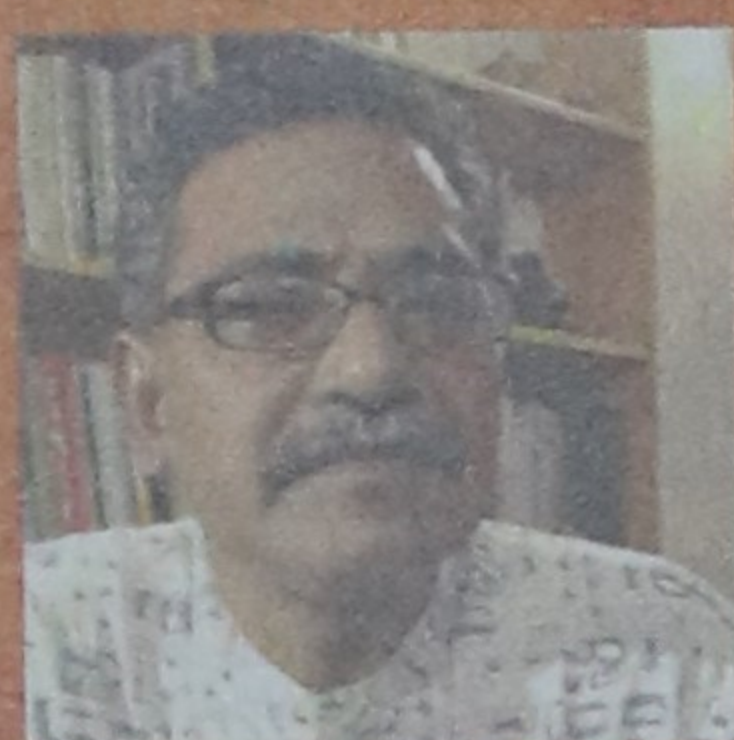
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Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
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Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



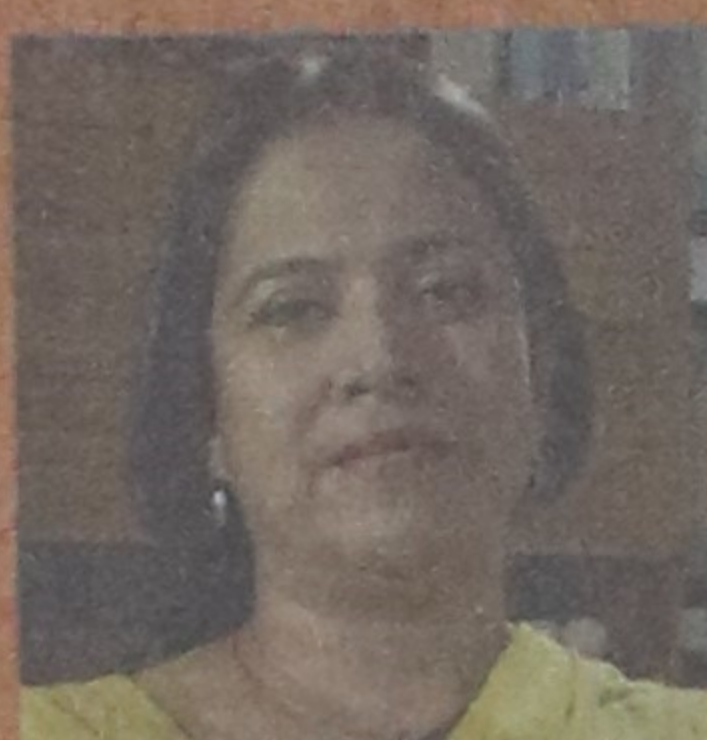
রামরু'র উদ্যোগে আজ হতে বাংলাদেশে শুরু হলো রেমিটেন্স বিষয়ে গণসচেতনতামূলক ক্যাম্পেইন

অধ্যাপক আবু মুহম্মদ



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ড. তাসনিম সিদ্দিকী



অভিবাসী শ্রমিকের প্রেরিত রেমিটেন্স গার্মেন্টস খাতের নেট আয়ের প্রায় দ্বিগুণ, বৈদেশিক সাহায্যেরও প্রায় পাঁচগুণ। উন্নত গ্রাহক সেবা প্রদান করে তাদের প্রাপ্য মর্যাদা দেই।

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