City Corporations

ward no 12 had surrendered before Barisal's Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court months ago, and was awarded bail. He still has four cases against him, but nonetheless campaigning for his candi-

Commissioner of ward no 22, Advocate Atique Rahaman Atiq, also an accused in Tyara Shajahan murder case, was detained, but now after being freed on bail is on a campaign trail.

Commissioner Syed Jamai Hossain Noman who had left Barisal after 1/11, recently returned to his area to campaign for re-election. He has allegations against him of making a large sum of money through unfairly allotting many shops in the multipurpose city market.

Jainal Abedin, commissioner of ward no 10, Mosharaf Ali Khan Badshah, commissioner of ward no 16, Habibur Rahaman Tipu, commissioner of ward no 6, and Jakir Hossain Jalal were also absconding after 1/11, all of whom are now back in their areas for contesting in the election.

Advocate KM Murtaza Abedin, commissioner of ward no 2, who has multiple criminal cases against him and was detained for nine months, is now back in his area being released on bail, and campaigning for re-election. SYLHET

Many of the incumbent ward commissioners of Sylhet City Corporation were involved in criminal activities over the last five years, and were on the run until recently. But most of them are now back in the city for re-election, reported our Sylhet correspon-

Abdul Quaiyum Jalali Ponkhi, commissioner of ward no 10 also vice-president of city BNP cola lected an application form for the mayoral poll

He was arrested on charges of corruption after 1/11 and after being in jail for about two months got bail from the High Court, and now he is unofficially campaigning for votes, even before being selected. Farhad Chowdhury Shamim,

commissioner of ward no 6 also a BNP leader who had been arrested by the joint forces and was released on bail after months, is also now campaigning for reelection.

District Awami Juba League General Secretary Azadur Rahman Azad also commissioner of ward no 20 was in jail in connection with a graft case after 1/11. He is also now campaigning for reelection after getting bail.

Commissioner Ashique Ahmed of ward no 25 has been on bail in a case for looting an armoured car carrying bank money, but he is currently campaigning for re-

Goods imported

FROM PAGE 16 Seong Trading was the supplier.

Sources said the goods were imported declaring capital machinery to evade tax.

According to customs officials, the invoice value of the declared goods was just over Tk 10 lakh whereas the value of the imported electrical goods is over Tk 50 lakh.

Hasina

FROM PAGE 16 Leaders of Canada chapter Awami League and Hasina's younger sister Sheikh Rehana would greet her at

the airport. Rehana went to Toronto to invite the Awami League president to the wedding of her son Rezwan Siddiqui Boby.

Commissioner of ward no 8 Jogodish Das also district Juba League chief, was in jail for months recently, and now he is

MA Sabur of Jinnahpara under Khulna Sadar collected an application form in favour of his close relative Mohammad Hossain Mukta, the incumbent commissioner of ward no 31 of Khulna City Corporation also a most wanted criminal.

Mukta, a BNP city committee member and a known notorious pirate of the Sundarbans has been absconding since launching of the Operation Clean Heart in 2002, reported our Khulna correspon-

Meanwhile, Khulna BNP and its youth front Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, called upon the local people to resist city corporation and municipality polls prior to the national

They made the call from a token hunger strike observed from 7:00am to 1:00pm yesterday in the city BNP office as part of a three-day countrywide programme of Juba Dal central committee demanding release of detained BNP chief Khaleda Zia and for sending her two sons abroad for medical treatment.

good bonding, said Shafiqul add-

Citing performance tests conducted by India's Central Road Research Institute, the roundtable doubled and the roads became more resistant to water damages when they were constructed by

fully implemented in Canada, Brazil, and the Indian cities of Bangalore, Mumbai, and Chennai. Due to widespread use of plastic

bags, bottles and containers, substantial amount of plastic waste is available in Dhaka and other cities of the country.

plastic waste a year and we can easily collect 1.5 lakh tonnes every year," the RHD executive engineer

The RHD maintains about 21,571 km of highways and regional and district roads while the LGED maintains about 78,105 km of roads in upazila- and union-

going to undertake a project to try the technology on 0.5 km of road in Jatrabari, Shafiqul told The Daily

would be settled through discusernment.

Ashraf said this proves the government has preparations to arrange any election.

too can be arranged before October," he said

The acting general secretary said they would take decisions on some crucial issues like local body elections and talks with the government at the AL Central Working

fined to discussions on health condition of Mohammad Nasim and Suranjit Sengupta.

Political transition

transition period with the caretaker government. We will continue to do so," he said, adding that the WB works with the country, not with any particular government.

Patel also talked on the impact of the rise of prices of fuel and food on poor people, issues of climate change and the conditions the WB is blamed for tagging with its loans.

He claimed that the WB now does not tag any condition while sanctioning loans to any country.

"Those days are gone. We do not do it anymore. We do not have any relationship which is driven by conditionalities," he said, adding that the WB, however, now wants designs of projects if it is related to

Patel said Bangladesh needs to address some critical issues such as keeping the reform agenda forward, increasing investment in human resources, developing infrastructure, improving agriculture productivity and tackling the impact of climate change.

He referred to food security issues and said, "The sharp rise in food prices has had serious impact on food consumption and nutrition level of poor people in Bangladesh. It is crucially important that the significant gains in poverty reduction achieved here are not eroded by high food prices."

He said the WB has created two funds to address the global food crisis and Bangladesh qualifies for the food crisis respond fund.

Replying to queries on the issues of his discussion with Moeen U Ahmed, Patel said he was presented the roadmap for the elec-

What he [Moeen] has said about staging the election in next groundwork to ensure an election,

dialogue. he said the WB does not get

the General about what the regional integration means," Patel

He said South Asia is the least integrated region in the world. But a better integration of trade will benefit the countries in the region.

Patel, who is retiring next month after spending 35 years with the WB, said this visit will be his last as the WB vice-president.

visited Bangladesh 15 times," Patel said. "And every time I come back here I am always impressed by the extraordinary resilience and spirit of the Bangladeshi people. I have also witnessed some remarkable achievements. Its decade-long rapid economic growth has led to a significant reduction in poverty rates and impressive progress toward several other MDGs. I am eagerly looking forward to Bangladesh achieving the middle income country status sooner rather than later."

Nasim's health is being evaluated at every moment, he said, adding that the patient was suffering from hypertension.

Asked about Nasim's overseas treatment, Dr Mahbub said that they were not informed about it.

Hassan said that the condition of Nasim is improving.

nise people and can speak," he told The Daily Starlast night. He, however, said that they would

have to wait over 72 hours to get a clear picture of the AL leader's condi-

tions of the medical board, the IG-Prisons said that he is not aware of any such board. "About 20 doctors have examined

Mohammad Nasim so far," he added. On October 8 last year, Nasim was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case on March 21, 2007, against the two with Dhanmondi Police Station for furnishing "false information" in their wealth statements to the commis-

He was arrested at his Dhanmondi residence by the joint forces on February 3, 2007 on charges of corruption. ALDEMAND

AL yesterday demanded that the government make necessary arrangements for Nasim to be flown It warned that the caretaker administration would be held

rates or he dies. The demand came at an emergency meeting of the Presidium at party's acting president Zillur

Acting General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam expressed concern over Nasim's condition that he said was because of the government. "The condition of Mohammad

Nasim is very critical with a part of his turn for the worse," he said.

been sentenced. He urged the government to take steps so that Nasim's wife can accompany him in this moment of crisis. SURANJIT HOSPITALISED

Chakraborty, a senior consultant Mesbah Ajad, spokesperson of Labaid Group, told The Daily Star

chest pain, nothing serious," he

Koirala

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Wednesday," Nepali Congress central member Prakash Sharan Mahat said. opposition benches if a consensus is not reached on key issues, including the army integration and power

However, Koirala's resignation will come into effect only after the Constituent Assembly elects a new President, Nepali Congress sources

Koirala, who also holds the post of advised by his lawyers not to step down until the election of president.

interim government had earlier submitted their resignation to the party Chairman Prachanda in a bid to pressurise Koirala to quit and hand over power to them, but technically they are still the part of the Cabinet.

Similarly, Koirala is expected to announce his resignation in the Constituent Assembly meeting, but mere announcement would not make it effective. Until a President is elected, his resignation cannot come into effect, political observers said.

Detained Nasim | Khaleda to endorse

She alleged that the government is out to hold a stage-managed election to install its favoured

"They have been in power for two long years, but did not do the nation any good. The economy has slumped and law and order situation worsened. People are starving as a famine-like situation prevails," she said adding that this try 20 years backwards.

Only an elected government date. can help the nation out of this difficult situation, she continued. Outlining 'achievements' of

government, she said, "People are now forced to spend whatever they had earned during our rule." Referring to her detained sons Tarique Rahman and Koko, she

ing with every passing day and the

government is responsible for

this. She demanded that the two be sent abroad for treatment immediately. said, "Prices of essentials have spiralled out of control, causing sufferings to the people. The Dhaka and Chittagong. government-sponsored syndi- KOKO IN COURT

price hike." Replying to a query, Khaleda said there is no division in her party. She thanked the grassroots leaders and workers for maintain-

those who would participate in the forthcoming polls, she said decisions on the matter would be taken later.

COURT PROCEEDINGS The defence yesterday prayed for a stay on the case proceedings, citing a petition waiting to be disposed of at higher court.

On June 15, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court

(SC) issued an order adjourning hearing on the Anti-Corruption

Commission's (ACC) petition against an earlier High Court ruling that had granted bail to Khaleda and Koko and stayed the proceedings.

The prosecution argued that the apex court did not give any specific order to halt the proceedings and so there is no bar to continuing.

Judge rejected the defence plea and set June 30 as the next hearing

Besides Khaleda, 16 accused including Koko, former LGRD minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, former health minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, former agriculture minister MK Anwar, former land minister M Shamsul Islam, Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer and former industries minister Motiur Rahman Nizami and former state minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain were produced before the court yesterday.

The ACC filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on Turning to price situation, she September 2 last year for graft in awarding Gatco the contract for container handling at depots in

cates are behind the unabated Koko was brought to the court in an ambulance from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. He entered the courtroom in a wheelchair at 10:37am and left after three minutes. He was accompanied by a physician with an oxygen cylinder on standby. He trembled all along his brief stay. DELWAR'S BRIEFING

> Khandaker Delwar Hossain, also a counsel for Khaleda, said the government has lost its neutrality by showing a discriminatory attitude towards Tarique and

He warned that the government would be held responsible if anything bad happens to them.

EC to warn candidates

aspiring candidates about the consequences of violating the code of conduct, including possible cancellations of candidacies, officials in the EC Secretariat

tion of a candidacy by violating the electoral rules," Election Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussain told The Daily Star yesterday. "We will take actions against violations of the electoral code of conduct," he asserted. Although the electoral rules

and the code of conduct stipulate that no candidate in the August 4 polls is allowed to use his or her political affiliation, since Friday's announcement of the poll schedule many grassroots level leaders of Awami League, BNP and other being selected as candidates.

political parties they are affiliated with, the parties' electoral symbols or any name of any political leader in campaigns.

And for the August 4 polls, candidates may start campaigning on ing to the rules.

Some grassroots level political leaders, who are also aspiring candidates for the August 4 polls, are reportedly even using their party offices for electoral activities, although according to the code of conduct, the polls to city corporations and municipalities are nonpartisan.

for six months or fined Tk 50,000 for violating the electoral code of conduct, and if a candidate violates the rules his or her candidacy

When, Election Commissioner illegal activities."

The restrictions came into effect automatically with the announcement of the election schedule and will continue to be in effect till the polling day is over.

The returning officers (RO) and assistant returning officers (ARO) will be asked to publicise the commission's instructions in the constituencies where the polls will be held, the EC officials said referring to the draft of the circular.

Copies of the code of conduct are already being distributed among aspiring candidates along with application forms for candidacy, the officials added.

workshops for aspiring candidates to assist them in learning the electoral laws and the code of conduct. It already organised a workshop

Hussain --- are expected to talk to

aware of the electoral rules and the code of conduct so they can abide by those during campaigns, Election Commissioner Sohul said.

Pre-poll reforms

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"Despite various calamities and crop loss, the country has attained 6.2 percent GDP in the first half of the current fiscal as well as 32 percent growth of remittance during July-April period in 2007-08," he apprised the donor agency's top executive.

The CA mentioned bumper production of paddy, wheat, potatoes and other crops by farmers overcoming the devastation done by the disasters.

He also thanked the World Bank executive for his personal contribution to providing the bank's support to Bangladesh.

The CA said, "Bangladesh has many challenges ahead, including high inflation, prices of food, climate change, power and energy." The WB vice-president appreci-

ated the caretaker government's performance as well as Bangladesh's "excellent progress and performance" on the economic front. He assured continued World Bank support.

CA's Press Secretary Syed Fahim Munaim briefed newsmen about the meeting.

Xian Zhu, ERD Secretary M Aminul Islam Bhuiyan and Secretary to CA's office Kazi Aminul Islam were also present.

Customs

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importer appealed to the customs authority for one month's time to send back the powdered milk to its Malaysian exporter, alleging violation of L/C conditions in making the shipment.

The customs allowed the importer the time, barring Mozahed Sawdagar from getting the powdered milk he had won in

Following a writ petition filed by Mozahed Sawdagar, the court on October 18, 2005 fined Abul Khaer Milk and Beverage Ltd Tk 1 lakh for delaying in sending back the cargo and ordered the customs authority to refund the deposit of Mozahed Sawdagar.

Meanwhile, the exporter concerned denied the accusation and refused to take back the cargo. As a result, the six containers lied at the Chittagong Port jetty and its date expired in 2006.

26 more killed

FROM PAGE 16 policemen who were going to bathe in a river, the military said.

Two days earlier a roadside blast killed two police in the same area. Government troops claimed last year that they had cleared the rebels from the country's entire Eastern Province, but the insurgents still operate in scattered cells there and occasionally ambush the

army and police. Fighting is now concentrated in the north. The government has vowed to crush the rebels by the end of this year.

The ministry figures raises the number of rebels killed by government troops since the beginning of the year to 4,397, while 412 soldiers have died.

The rebels have since 1972 been fighting for a separate homeland for minority Tamils from the majority Sinhalese community.

The Tamil Tigers have fought since 1983 to create an independent homeland for ethnic minority Tamils, who have been marginalised for decades by governments controlled by the majority ethnic Sinhalese.

Turbulent Jamuna

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During a visit to different affected areas including Natuarpara, Shubhogachha and Maizbari in Kazipur, The Daily Star found that many families in Shubhogachha and Maizbari are moving to safer places. The hapless were seen living under the open sky in the pouring rain.

Surman Ali, 55, of Maizbari village said he had moved his home eight times in the last 10 years. This year, he has taken shelter on a road as his dwelling was devoured by the Jamuna a few days ago.

Rokeya Khatun, 42, a widow of Natuarpara village, said she lost her hut built on the only piece of land she owns to river erosion. She has now taken shelter on the Meghai embankment with her livestock. The WDB office sources said the water level of the Jamuna is

increasing unusually due to heavy rain and the rush of water from upstream, causing massive erosion along the western bank. They said the water level of the Jamuna is still bellow the danger mark. Nizamul Huq Bhuiyan, executive engineer of WDB, told The Daily Star that they, with the help of

army personnel, started dumping

sandbags along the bank to protect areas in Kazipur and Shahzadpur upazilas. He said he asked higher authori-

However, locals claim that the embankments are built with sand away in heavy current.

Tigers see off UAE

to score 204 before being all out in

and Fawad Alam to beat an inexperienced Hong Kong by 155 runs in

Khan after they had lost their top half with 117 runs on the board.

The victory, Bangladesh's first since their 3-0 series win against Ireland in March, not only ended their long spell of defeats but also virtually assured their place in the next round of the competition even before the acid test against defending champions Sri Lanka at the same venue today.

The day however belonged to Mohammad Ashraful who hit a 126ball 109 for his second one-day hundred and added a record 141 runs for the third wicket with Rokibul Hasan (83) after Bangladesh won the toss and opted

to bat in the Group A match. Ashraful and Rokibul eclipsed the previous third wicket best of 134 between Shahriar Nafees and World Bank Country Director | Shakib Al Hasan as Bangladesh landed their second ODI highest total behind 301 against Kenya in 2006 at Bogra.

> ensured his side made full use of a placid pitch after losing opener Nazimuddin for two in the third over and he found an able ally in opener Tamim Iqbal (40) with whom he added 95 runs for the second wicket to steer Bangladesh on course for a big total. The partnership was broken

Bangladesh skipper Ashraful

when left-handed Tamim failed to heed his captain's call to avoid an unnecessary third run in the 24th over but Rokibul joined Ashraful to steady the ship Ashraful continued his different

style of batting by replacing his

usually aggressive approach with a

more conservative one on way to his second century. During his 126-ball innings the 23-year-old right-hander smashed eight boundaries to overcome a long slump in form as well as reached the three digit after a long gap as his first one-day hundred came in Bangladesh's famous win over world champions Australia at

lajuddin

FROM PAGE 16 Meanwhile, the seven-member medical board, headed by National Professor Brig Gen (retd) MA Malik, said the health condition of the presidentis stable.

Services, Maj Gen MA Moyeed Siddique, Maj Gen MA Rabbani, Brig Gen Abdul Alim, Prof AKM Mohibullah and Col SM Mamunur Rashid. Quoting the doctors, President's Press Secretary Howlader told the news agency that the president's

temperature was recorded Monday

Other members of the board are

Prof KMS Sirajul Huq, DG, Medical

night at 102-103 degrees Fahrenheit. "The temperature came down to 101 degrees today (Tuesday)," he said. Physicians confirmed the president is suffering from viral fever. He was admitted to the CMH at around

11:00pm on Monday and is now in ICU-1 of the hospital President Iajuddin Ahmed, 77, had open-heart surgery at Mount

50MW Shahjibazar in mid-June,

and the remaining 70MW in July

As of yesterday, however, Energy

Another inexperienced power

Prima could not start producing

company, GBB, and its partner

Venture Energy Resources were

awarded with a 30MW power pro-

ject in Bhola. The progress of this

The sixth bid winner Alstom did

not even try to proceed with its

contract for setting up a 20MW

power unit in Bheramara. Sources

said the PDB has already encashed

Alstom's bank guarantee submit-

April with yet another inexperi-

enced company, Green Power, for a

This plant is supposed to come into

50MW rental plant at Ashuganj.

fresh appeal along with a new

independent opinion determining

Chowdhury & Company now once

again put Summit's net value at

\$122 million on September 30 last

year. Summit noted that Hoda Vasi

was one of the four Power Cell-

recommended professional firms.

Hoda Vasi's opinion confirms

correctness of the certificate issued

adviser's special assistant in charge

of the energy ministry, Summit

now requested withdrawal of the

Power Cell's March 31 letter that

disqualified the company and its

set June 11 as the project's bid

submission date. It has now fixed

power project tenders, floated by

the Power Cell, now lack competi-

tion. Bibiyana scheme has Chevron

(Bibiyana gas field's operator) and

a consortium led by Powertek as

Both the Bibiyana and Sirajganj

The Power Cell had originally

In a letter addressed to the chief

The opinion given by Hoda Vasi

the net value of the company.

The seventh deal was signed in

plant is also frustrating.

ted against the contract.

operation in August.

Summit

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by SF Ahmed & Co.

bid partner GE of USA.

July 15 for this.

PDB to face

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and August.

Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore in FROM PAGE 16

Police Station for taking bribe from a contractor of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority.

of Agrani Bank in 20 cheques

Sigma Huda, who used to run the

this year. The coalition said Monday that it had killed about 55 insurgents in

a two-day battle in neighbouring Paktika province. Paktika borders Pakistan, where some Taliban and al-Qaeda militants are based.

three days. He said four militants were killed on Monday.

the area early Sunday. Nato troops exchanged fire with insurgents and called in air support, he said. Reports indicated "several" militants died, he said. Meanwhile, police said a female

The gunmen fired three bullets into the officer's torso as she walked home from work on

bidders, and Sirajganj scheme just Two suspects have been not immediately clear.

FROM PAGE 1 cases against him. After a year in hiding, KM Shahidullah, commissioner of

dacy in the city corporation poll.

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mixing plastic waste with bitumen. The technology was success-

"We will need I lakh tonne of

parishad levels. The Dhaka City Corporation is

sions at the dialogue with the gov-About Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman's recent statement that holding elections to all upazilas by October is possible,

Committee meeting tomorrow. Yesterday's meeting was con-

Patel said, adding that the Army chief also informed him about the Asked why he met with Moeen,

army chief to discuss climate change and regional integration. support from all of the key players these two agendas will not move forward. On advice of locals, we met on the agenda, for example, regional integration. It was suggested that it will be good to brief

"Over the last five years I have

FROM PAGE 1

Meanwhile, Inspector General of Prisons (IG-Prisons) Brig Gen Zakir

"Signs are good as he can recog-

Asked about the recommenda-

in the graft case while his wife Laila Arzumand Banu, tried in absentia, was also jailed for three years for aiding and abetting her husband in acquiring wealth through dishonest means.

sion.

to Singapore within 24 hours. responsible if his condition deterio-

Rahman's Gulshan residence. Briefing newsmen afterwards, AL

body paralysed. Though doctors have kept him under a 72-hour observation, his condition can take a Ashraf alleged that the former home minister has been detained in a 'silly case' while his wife, too, has

AL presidium member Suranjit Sengupta was admitted to the Labaid Cardiac Hospital (LCH) Monday following chest pains. He is receiving treatment under the supervision of Prof Dr Baren

that the condition of Suranjit is better at present and he is expected to leave the hospital within a day or two. "He [Suranjit] was suffering from

Nepali Congress will sit in the sharing, he said.

the head of the state, has been The seven Maoist Ministers in the

NCC legally FROM PAGE 1 He said the purpose of the NCC is to help the ACC. "We hand over cases to the Anti-Corruption Commission after studying them. The commission then files cases after weighing up the allegations,"

he added.

uon suspects.

Replying to a question, he said: "We have not compromised in any case. Allegations against individuals were brought on the basis on evidence. The NCC handled 488 cases

since its formation and 65 of those

have so far been disposed of.

Matin said the NCC would no

more publish any lists of corrup-

FROM PAGE 16 January 11, 2007, Moeen said, "The situation was deteriorating very rapidly. The world saw people dying in Dhaka streets. Was this the way forward?"

Asked if the growing outrage

protests, Moeen said, "Did they want to make trouble? Let them." The army chief favours building of effective leadership in Bangladesh and educating its vast illiterate masses "so that they don't keep on cutting off their own feet." Gen Moeen said, "You can judge

the people of a nation by their type

of leaders they select."

might also be cancelled.

Sohul Hussain's attention was drawn to the ongoing practice, he said offices of political parties are for their organisational use, adding, "Use of party offices and party names for electoral purposes is illegal...none should get involved in

The EC instructions are coming almost a week into the announcement of the election schedule.

The EC has also been arranging

in Sylhet City Corporation on June Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda and two other election commissioners ---Muhammed Sohul Hussain and Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat

They will also talk to the aspiring "We are trying to make them

back information about property

amassing illegal wealth. MILON CASE Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Rabbani passed the order allowing interrogation of detained Milon at jail gate following a petition by ACC Assistant

tioned about his wealth, the IO added. Milon was arrested in August last year for allegedly violating

clearing him of the charges. Milon was re-arrested from the In the case statement, the comjail gate on charges of violating EPR after his release in those cases.

ties to provide funding to implement projects to stop the erosion. He mentioned that they have built about 17 km of flood-control embankments on the western bank of the Jamuna which should save many areas from flooding this year.

Cardiffin 2005. On the other hand Rokibul made

his second successive 80-plus score to help his side put a formidable score on the board. The righthander hit nine boundaries during an 83-run knock which came from only 63 deliveries. UAE captain Saqib Ali used as

> many as eight bowlers in an effort to dislodge the Ashraful-Hasan stand. Once Ashraful and Rokibul were dismissed within two runs of each

other, Bangladesh had a minor slump, losing Alok Kapali (one) and Mashrafe Mortaza (three) in quick succession but Dollar Mahmud's cameo 20 off nine balls that included the only six in the

Paceman Zahid Shah was the pick of

Man-of-the-match: Mohammad Ashraful.

Hong Kong 133 all out in 37.2 overs (Tabarak 24, Zain Abbas 26; Sohail

BNP, allies

FROM PAGE 16 Mohammad Mojahid have been repeatedly demanding withdrawal of the election schedule for local bodies announced by the Election Commission.

hoped that top leaders of the alliance would consider the 'demand 'of grassroots level leaders. Seeking anonymity, he also said

But the meeting might be held after the ALCWC meeting, sources Delwar to party leaders Delwar yesterday reiterated his

Four-party leaders will sit soon to

decide on participation in local body

ment," he said at a meeting with Sreepur Thana BNP at his NAM Meanwhile, Jativatabadi Juba Dal leaders and workers yesterday observed a 2-hour token hunger

Khaleda and overseas treatment of her two detained sons. They also demanded release of

ACC to freeze

The ACC filed the case against the couple on June 18 with Motifheel

in exchange for a work order for the maintenance of the Jamuna Bridge. Huda was communications minister at that time. As per his demand, the owner of the firm provided Huda with Tk 6 lakh, depositing the amount to the account of weekly Khoborer Antorale at the Amin court (Motijheel) branch

between September 30, 2004 and October 18, 2006, the case statement The firm was given the work

Nato raids FROM PAGE 16 insurgency-related violence so far

Monday in Guzara district of Herat province, police spokesman Raouf Ahmadi said.

arrested, Ahmadi said. The motive

campaigning for re-election. KHULNA

Plastic mix

was told that the life of roads was

He hoped that the differences

"If so, the parliamentary polls

December is a commitment that he is going to fulfil. He also basically explained all of the necessary

involved in politics and he met the "Without endorsement and

among political parties and their cadres may spill on to the streets in the form of mass people-power

candidates in different positions.

government has pushed the coun-

the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance said their condition is deteriorat-

ing unity in the face of all odds. Asked if her party would expel

"Nobody should risk cancella-

political parties have been running unofficial campaigns using the names of their parties and their political portfolios, even before The rules stipulate that candidates in local government elections are not allowed to use the names of

July 14, a day after the deadline for withdrawing candidacies, accord-

A person might be imprisoned

worth about Tk 1.67 crore and concealed information on around Tk91 lakh in his wealth statements. Nasrin was accused in the case for aiding and abetting his hus-

The case was filed on December

10 last year with Gulshan Police

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of

band in the offence.

FOYSAL CASE

Morshed Khan,

the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after receipt of reports on the arrest warrants. The same court had issued the arrest warrants on June 18 against Foysal and wife Shyama in the case for amassing Tk 7.10 crore illegal wealth and concealing wealth

On June 16, ACC Assistant

Director Mohammad Talebur

Rahman, also the IO of the case,

submitted the charge sheet against

the couple to the CMM Court,

showing 34 people as prosecution

information to the ACC.

Gulshan Police Station.

witnesses.

The IO prayed for issuance of arrest warrants against them and an order to attach their properties, as they remain absconding. The case was filed against them on December 10 last year with

plainant said that Foysal had held

aspiring candidates in Barisal City Corporation on June 26. candidates in Khulna and Rajshahi city corporations this month.

worth Tk 6.94 crore in his wealth statement and had accumulated Tk 7.10 crore wealth beyond his known sources of income.

Foysal's wife was accused in the

case for aiding her husband in

Director Rafigul Islam, the IO of the graft case. In the petition, the IO said that he had found involvement of the accused in acquiring wealth beyond his known sources of income. So, he needs to be ques-

Emergency Power Rules (EPR) and later he was shown arrested in different cases filed for creating panic on the Dhaka University campus on August 21, 22, and 23 last year. However, the police later submitted final reports of the cases

> and will not help improve the situation since they usually wash

45.4 overs. While Bangladesh ambled in Lahore, host Pakistan needed an Asia Cup-record 100-run eighthwicket stand between Sohail Tanvir

Karachi. UAE delayed the inevitable mainly because of a fighting 78 by middle-order batsman Khurram

Bangladesh innings ensured 300 the UAE bowlers with 3-49. BRIEFSCORES:

BangladeshvUAE Bangladesh 300-8 in 50 overs Zahid-49)

(Ashraful 109, Rokibul 83, Tamim 40; UAE 204 all out in 45.4 overs (Khurram 78, Arshad 41; Razzak 3-20, Kapali 2-27, Mahmudullah 2-38) Result: Bangladesh won by 96 runs.

Pakistan v Hong Kong Pakistan 288-9 in 50 overs (Younis 67, Sohail 59, Fawad 63; Nadeem 4-

Result: Pakistan won by 155 runs. Man-of-the-match: Sohail Tanvir.

But a BNP leader last night told The Daily Star, "We cannot sit idle if

Awami League participates in elec-

tion. So, we have to find out a new

strategy to join the election." He

many of the party leaders have already collected nomination forms and registered their names as candidates for elections to city corporations and municipalities. The party must consider their sentiment, he

added.

earlier stance on local body polls, saying BNP will not participate in 'elections under a blueprint'. "Those who will take part in local body polls will be branded by the people as lackeys of the govern-

strike on the ground floor of NAM Building-5 to press for release of

Jubo Dal General Secretary Moazzem Hossain Alal.

The case mentioned that Nazmul Huda demanded a bribe from the owner of a bridge maintenance firm

weekly, withdrew the money from the account, the complainant said.

On Tuesday, officials also reported clashes in the remote northeastern border province of Nuristan. Ghulam Farooq, the deputy provincial police chief, said foreign and Afghan troops had been battling rebels in the mountains north of the main town of Kamdesh for

Perry, the coalition spokesman,

reported four separate clashes in

officer was shot dead by two assailants on a motorcycle in western Afghanistan.

has Powertek as bidder. Summit is trying to qualify in both these bids.