

Ensure free, fair election with participation of all
European Commission urges govt

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The European Commission (EC) has termed the state of emergency in Bangladesh a problematic point and urged the government to improve certain things to guarantee freedom of the voters and free and fair election with participation of all.

come to Dhaka in June, held wide range of discussions with major stakeholders and submitted its report to EC External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

emergency, Frowein said, "The state of emergency is a problematic point. Some people say it has to be lifted and some say it has to be relaxed."

send its election observation mission to a country under the emergency but the Bangladesh situation is unique. "Our main challenge is to ensure each voter to cast his/her vote freely without any impediment."



Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda speaks at a discussion on "Amendment of RPO and Elections" at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Make no politics with Tarique's illness
Appeal counsels

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Counsels of BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman yesterday urged the politicians not to make politics with his illness.

Advocate Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, Advocate Sanaullah Miah and Advocate AHM Mizanur Rahman were present on the occasion.



Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon speaks at an opinion exchange meeting at WVA auditorium in the city yesterday.

'Construct underpass at Shahbagh crossing'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) unit of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) yesterday staged a demonstration on the campus demanding construction of an underpass at Shahbagh intersection in the city.

The leaders and activists of the front have been demonstrating on the campus from the early weeks of August demanding implementation of their seven-point demands that include keeping the university library open round the clock and resolving crisis in transport pool of the university.

CITY CORPORATION, MUNICIPAL POLLS
Women's participation reduces
Says study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 70 women candidates or 19 percent female candidates have reduced their participation in city corporation and municipal elections on August 4 this year, a study of an NGO revealed yesterday.

The total number of women candidates both in general and reserved seats in four city corporations and one municipal election was 297 in 2002-'03 while the number was 227 this year, it added.

showed that women candidates had increased in number in general seats which were 17 while their numbers had reduced in reserved seats which were 87.

Twelve successful candidates in the four city corporations and one municipal elections, political leaders, civil society members and media personalities shared their experience in the programme.

the political parties to eliminate these weaknesses." Former adviser to a caretaker government Sultana Kamal said, "We will have to look at ourselves first and we have the responsibilities to make the politicians accountable to us for their any activities."

River policeman gets 7 yrs RI

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court yesterday sentenced Golam Azam, a river police constable under Goalando Police Station in Rajbari district, to seven years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) for trying to bribe a former deputy inspector general (DIG) of police.

Canada monitoring preparations for polls

Says Canadian FM in a letter

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Canada continues to monitor preparations for Bangladesh's parliamentary elections and has shown interest in supporting the electoral process.

new Canadian Foreign Minister David L Emerson said in a letter to Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury.

Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Report National Level Sharing. A photograph of a woman speaking at a podium during a conference.

Advocate Sultana Kamal addresses a programme at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Ordns banning teachers from local govt polls challenged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition was filed yesterday with the High Court (HC) challenging the legality of three ordinances issued by the government prohibiting the teachers from contesting the local government elections.

The petitioner stated that Section 9(2) of the City Corporation Election Ordinances 2008, Section 19(2) of the Poursabha Election Ordinance 2008 and Section 16(2) of the Upazila Parishad Ordinance 2008 have restricted the teachers of the institutions financially assisted by the government to contest the polls.

provisions of the ordinances are implemented, the teachers, a main source of honest and qualified people, cannot contest the elections," the petitioner said.

East Delta University Admissions - Fall 2008. A list of programs and admission details for the university.

IFIC BANK DEPOSIT SCHEMES. A list of various deposit schemes offered by the bank, including FDR, Double Return, and Pension Saving Schemes.

Star FASHION Eid 2008. A large advertisement for a fashion show featuring models in traditional attire.

UNBEATABLE PRICE FROM Hasee. An advertisement for a laptop computer with a 15% discount, listing specifications like Intel Core 2 Duo and 14.1" WXGA LCD.