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## Jamaat not eligible for registration

CPB tells EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday asked the Election Commission (EC) not to register Jamaat-e-Islami as the party is not eligible for registration. "Jamaat-e-Islami is not eligible for registration because the party's constitution is in conflict with the

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## IT study to be made compulsory in SSC, HSC

UNB, Dhaka

The government will make computer and information technology a compulsory subject for the class-IX, X and higher secondary students for spreading computer education in the country. "Besides, the present textbooks

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## 57pc pass in degree exams '07

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National University (NU) yesterday published the results of its degree pass, subsidiary and certificate examinations of the year 2007.

The overall pass rate of the exams is 56.99 percent.

A total of 2.24 lakh candidates from 1,380 colleges around the country sat for the three-year degree (pass) examinations of 2007 out of which 1.84 lakh examinees passed successfully, a NU press release said yesterday.

Vice-chancellor of the university Professor Dr M. Mufakharul Islam officially announced the results at the NU conference room in Gazipur.

The highest pass rate is in the Bachelor of Science (BSc) exams with 73.30 percent of the students coming out successful. This is followed by the Bachelor of Commerce (B Com) with 63.70 percent, Bachelor of Social Science

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# Cars packed like sardines at Ctg port

*Reconditioned vehicle-laden vessel denied berthing; importers not taking delivery over a facility row with customs*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Unable to find space in Chittagong Port sheds for unloading cargo, a vessel loaded with 1,399 imported reconditioned vehicles worth over Tk 100 crore is likely to leave the port's outer anchorage soon.

If it happens, it would be the first instance in the history of the country's premier seaport that a vehicle-laden ship has to leave the port without unloading its cargo lacking permission to berth.

The roll-in-and-roll-out ship named MV Morning Bridge, a Panama flag carrier, has been waiting since September 3 at the outer anchorage to offload the

vehicles.

The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) refused to allow the ship to berth at its jetty, saying all four sheds at the port were already overloaded with imported vehicles.

"All our sheds are now virtually packed with around 4,000 imported vehicles against their total capacity of 2,800. Presently, there is not even an inch of space to provide room for new vehicles unless and until the importers concerned clear our sheds by taking delivery of the vehicles," said Captain Nazmul Alam, deputy conservator of CPA, yesterday afternoon.

Importers have not been taking

delivery of their vehicles from the port sheds for nearly a month following a dispute with the customs and National Board of Revenue (NBR) centring depreciation of vehicles. As a result, the four sheds of the port became crammed with vehicles.

On the depreciation issue, Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicle Importers and Dealers Association (Barvida) lodged a writ petition before the High Court on September 3 against the customs and the NBR.

"Hearing our appeal, the court gave its verdict in favour of us and asked the customs and the NBR to

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The sheds at Chittagong Port are packed with imported cars as importers are not taking delivery of their vehicles.

PHOTO: STAR

## LONDON CONFCE WEDNESDAY Dhaka to present climate change plan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Britain and Bangladesh will jointly hold a high-level conference on climate change on Wednesday in London to launch a possible Bangladesh-specific climate change action plan and trust fund in line with the Bali Declaration.

Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam and Environment Special Assistant Raja Devasish Roy will present a strategy and action plan, including plans to start a billion dollar multi-donor trust fund, to combat climate change.

"At the conference we hope to present a strategy and an action plan which is in the final stage at this moment," said Devasish in a statement, adding that the strategy outlines how climate change issues will be mainstreamed towards development over 10 years.

British International Development Minister Douglas Alexander and World Bank Managing Director Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala will attend the conference along with 200 other participants including speakers from vulnerable countries, donors, private sector, academia and NGOs.

The joint effort by the two countries will try to link mitigating and adapting to climate changes with meeting the Millennium Development Goals and overall development.

The government consulted selected members of the civil society, private sector and donors to draw up the strategy to identify potential physical impacts of climate change.

"The main concern raised is that the pace of climate change could

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## Ex-Barisal mayor Sarwar, wife sued for evading tax

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) yesterday filed two cases against ex-mayor of Barisal City Corporation and former whip Majibor Rahman Sarwar and his wife on charges of evading Tk 6.37 crore in income tax.

Syed Rezaul Karim, additional assistant commissioner of taxes of Barisal Tax Circle-2, filed the cases against Majibor and his wife Syeda Nasima Sarwar with the Barisal District and Sessions Judge's Court.

Judge Md Shahidullah fixed September 17 for hearing in both the cases.

The joint forces arrested Sarwar, also the district BNP president, in the capital on May 29 on graft charges.

## TAX DODGING CASES Ex-MP Pintu, wife get bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted four months' bail to former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and his wife Nasima Akhter Kalpana in two separate tax-evasion cases filed by the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

The vacation bench of justices Mirza Hussain Haider and Mamnoon Rahman also stayed the proceedings of the two cases for the same period, following writ petitions by the couple yesterday.

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## Zardari faces pressure to tackle militancy

*Swearing-in ceremony tomorrow*

AFP, AP, Islamabad

Pakistan president-elect Asif Ali Zardari faced immediate pressure yesterday to tackle an upsurge in militant violence, as the toll from a suicide blast in the country's troubled northwest reached 35.

Zardari, who won a two-thirds majority in a secret ballot among lawmakers on Saturday, will be sworn in as leader of the world's only nuclear-armed Islamic state and frontline US "war on terror" ally tomorrow.

The new president -- the widower of slain former premier Benazir Bhutto -- will take charge of a country that has been riven by Islamic militancy, with nearly 1,200 people killed in bombings and suicide attacks in the past year.

The militant threat was underscored in the northwestern city of Peshawar during voting Saturday, when a suicide car-bomber rammed a police checkpoint killing 35 people and wounding more than 80.

The unrest is seen as a backlash

by militants angry at the support given to the United States by former president Pervez Musharraf, whose August 18 resignation triggered Saturday's election.

"I will work to defeat the domestic Taliban insurgency and to ensure that Pakistani territory is not used to launch terrorist attacks on our neighbours or on NATO forces in Afghanistan," Zardari said in an editorial before his win.

Zardari is also facing pressure from the opposition to reverse

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## Urdu-speaking people 'forced' to be voters

*They allege in letter to CA*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Urdu-speaking people in the country have accused some BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami leaders of using threats and violence to force them to enrol their names in the Election Commission's voter list.

They have sent a letter to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed in this regard.

The HC ruled earlier this year that the stranded Pakistanis in the country can voluntarily enrol their names in the voters list.

But in the letter addressed to Fakhruddin on August 24, and signed by the Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) president Abdul Jabbar

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## JMB threatens bomb attacks on advisers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Banned militant outfits Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) in a letter to Rapid Action Battalion-5 (Rab) headquarters and Rajshahi Metropolitan Police threatened bomb attacks on the homes and offices of all advisers to the caretaker government.

The also threatened bomb attacks on offices of law enforcement agencies and the administration

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Sehri, Iftar timings				
Ramadan	Sep	Sehri	Iftar	
7	8		6-13	
8	9	4-21	6-12	
9	10	4-22	6-11	

Prayer Timing September 8			
	Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-21	4-27	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	4-45	5-00	
Maghrib	6-13	6-23	
Esha	7-45	8-15	

Source: Islamic Foundation

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*Michael Wischer*

Michael Wischer  
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