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RE-DEMARCATION  
 HC hears today  
 EC petition for  
 vacating stay  
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# Govt asks ACC for graft convict list

The High Court (HC) will hear today an application filed by the Election Commission (EC) for vacating the HC order staying the EC's re-demarcation of the parliamentary constituencies.

An HC bench of justices Syed Mahmud Hossain and Quamrul Islam Siddiqui on Sunday fixed today for hearing the EC's application.

Another HC bench of justices Mir Hasmat Ali and Shamim Hasnain yesterday fixed October 19 for the final hearing of two important writ petitions challenging the legality of the EC's re-demarcation of the parliamentary constituencies and the proclamation of the

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The government yesterday asked the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) for a list of the convicts in its cases in the wake of speculations and newspaper reports on the fate of convicted politicians regarding their participation in the upcoming national polls.

"A list of the convicts in graft cases has been asked by the government today," said ACC Director General (Admin) Col Hanif Iqbal during a routine press briefing at the ACC Headquarters yesterday.

Meanwhile, ACC yesterday approved filing of six cases against

seven people including former lawmakers Dharendra Nath Saha and Sarder Shakhawat Hossain Bakul and submission of five charge sheets against 17 people on charges of amassing wealth by illegal means, concealing information, and misappropriation of government materials meant for relief.

The National Coordination Committee (NCC) to combat corruption and serious crime during a routine coordination conference yesterday decided to ask ACC to send the list of convicts. The NCC also asked ACC to send another list of people accused in its cases, sources said.

The government requirement came following ACC Chairman Hasan Mashud Chowdhury's comment on October 12 that the government would decide whether politicians convicted in graft cases would take part in the polls or not.

Sources say the government is working to prepare a list of its own ahead of the election so that it can have all the information in hand and use it in time of need.

"The ACC, NBR and NCC have their own lists. But the government has to ask for those if any piece of information is required at any

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Students asked to skip illegal educational institutions  
 UNB, Dhaka

The government has asked the students not to get admitted to unauthorised local and foreign educational institutions known as university, college, school, outer campus, regional centre, distant-learning centre, regional resource centre, study centre, admission centre or information centre.

"The government will not be responsible if any unwanted situation arises out of fraudulence in admission and legitimacy of certificates given by the unapproved educational institutions," the education ministry said in a hand-out yesterday.

Presently, there are 51 private universities in the country and validity of provisional certificates of many of those has already expired, it said, adding that the government has taken initiative to update the university-governing rules.

"But some commercial-minded people degraded the standard of higher studies, opening outer campuses randomly even at district, upazila and union levels," it says.

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# Take industries out of Dhaka

Suggest experts to make the capital liveable

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Economic decentralisation and proper planning are now crucial to make Dhaka liveable and for the growth of business and industries, urban experts and economists said yesterday.

The concept of Clustered City Development (CCD) could help harmonise the emerging challenges of urbanisation, economic activities and investment in a planned manner, experts said at a discussion on CCD in the city.

"Industries must be taken out of Dhaka and relocated, preferably along the highways, to keep the capital city functional and liveable," noted economist and environmentalist Prof Muzaffer Ahmad said at the meet.

The discussion titled "CCD: Innovative Intervention in South Asia Study on Dhaka" was jointly organised by Asian Development Bank (ADB), Centre for Urban Studies (CUS) and Strategic

Planning and Management Services Limited (Australia).

The ADB has undertaken a study project in three south Asian capital cities including Colombo, Dhaka and New Delhi to examine ways to foster the concept of CCD as a way of achieving better economic spatial planning, development, urban management and economic governance.

"The cramped capital city can be decentralised by means of CCD, concentrating industries like readymade garments and construction materials in agglomeration," Prof Brian H Roberts, project consultant from Strategic Planning and Management Services Limited, said.

"The ADB study is for competitive business development for more investment and more jobs," he added.

Prof Nurul Islam Nazem, executive secretary of CUS, said that agglomeration of business and

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## Paul Krugman of US wins Nobel in economics

AFP, Stockholm

US economist Paul Krugman, a prolific New York Times columnist and fierce critic of Washington's economic policies, won the Nobel Economics Prize yesterday.

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**Prayer Timing**

October 14

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-45	5-50
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



PHOTO: STAR  
 Divers rescue a victim of a collision between two cargo vessels on the Buriganga yesterday. Mother of the two children, inset, died in the accident.

Captured Subrata Bain to be brought back from India  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) would take initiative to bring back derailed criminal Trimoti Subrata Bain, who was arrested in Kolkata, India.

CID chief and Additional Inspector General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary told The Daily Star last night, "We just heard about the arrest of Subrata Bain but we are yet to get any formal message from the Indian police."

"Being confirmed, we would

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# Troops attack LTTE bunkers: 32 killed

**AP, AFP, Colombo**

Sri Lankan soldiers attacked Tamil Tiger rebel bunkers along the northern front lines triggering gunbattles that killed 27 guerrillas and five soldiers, the military said yesterday.

Fighting has escalated in recent months on the Indian Ocean island with the military capturing a series of rebel bases and large chunks of territory. Officials have pledged to crush the guerrillas by the end of the year.

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HC sends back writ petition challenging Jamaat charter  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court (HC) bench yesterday sent back a writ petition that challenged the legality of the constitution of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh.

The HC bench of justices Syed Mahmud Hossain and Quamrul Islam Siddiqui said the petition involves political matters.

Barrister Tania Amir, who appeared for the petitioners, took

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## Series decider today

**BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong**

When Bangladesh take on New Zealand in the third and final one-day match of the Brac Bank series at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium today the country will reach a statistical milestone.

The game will be the hundredth one-day international on Bangladesh soil and the Tigers can sniff a chance to make a memorable one, provided that they beat the Kiwis.

With the series evenly balanced at 1-1, a win will present Bangladesh their first series triumph against a major Test nation.

Bangladesh won the first game emphatically, by seven wickets, but the tourists forced their way back in the second with a 75-run success at Dhaka's Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, where runs were hard to come by in both games.

But here the wicket promises a

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**MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE**

We are deeply mourned at the sad demise of **Alhaj Abdul Kader Mia, a renowned industrialist and the Founder Chairman of Kader Synthetic Fibres Ltd. on Sunday the 12th October, 2008 (Innah Lillahi Wa Inna Elaihi Rajeeun).** He was father of Mr. M. Sahabuddin Ahmed, the Present Chairman and Managing Director of Kader Synthetic Fibres Ltd.

We express our heartfelt condolence and sympathy to the members of bereaved family and pray to the Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul.

May Allah Rabbul Alamin grant him "Jannatul Ferdous".

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