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EC rule barring Ctg mayor from polls stayed
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed until December 3 the operation of the Election Commission's (EC) decision banning Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury from contesting the parliamentary polls.
It also issued a rule on the EC to explain why the provisions of the Representation of People Order (RPO) 2008
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Indian home minister, security adviser quit

Manmohan unveils measures to strengthen national security after Mumbai attacks

STAR REPORT

Indian Home Minister Shivraj Patil resigned yesterday facing severe criticism for handling of internal security during the terror attacks on Mumbai.
Meanwhile, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at an all-party meeting in New Delhi unveiled a set of measures to strengthen the country's anti-terror apparatus to combat terrorism, reports our correspondent Pallab Bhattacharya from New Delhi.
Manmohan said the government has finalised a set of legal measures, which include setting up of a Federal Investigation Agency.
He said measures have been initiated to beef up maritime and air security. "This will involve the navy, coast guard and coastal police as well as the air force and the civil aviation ministry,"

the Indian prime minister said.
The National Security Guard (NSG), the major anti-terrorism force of India, will be given additional facilities, he said, adding that steps have been initiated to establish four more NSG hubs across the country.
Patil, 74, taking "moral responsibility" for the incident sent his resignation to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh a day after Indian commandos ended a 60-hour rampage by terrorists in Mumbai.
The attacks left about 200 people dead.
The national security adviser MK Narayanan also tendered resignation yesterday. But the government is yet to accept his resignation, adds our correspondent from New Delhi.
Political sources said Patil has been of the
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ANFREL to bring 70 poll observers
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) Foundation, an international election observation mission, will engage about 70 international observers in 35 districts across the country to monitor the upcoming parliamentary
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Cry for Eid tickets

KAILASH SARKAR

Homebound people have been facing numerous difficulties in collecting bus, launch and train tickets ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha.
Sources said launch cabins are all but booked and advance tickets of luxury buses are being sold at double the rate while railway authorities are facing trouble in tackling the huge crowd of people.
Hundreds of people are thronging bus and launch terminals every day to collect advance ticket, which could ensure their Eid celebration with near and dear ones. Around two million people are expected to leave the capital ahead of the festival.
They complained that tickets are being sold at higher prices in presence of the members of different law enforcement and
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Advisers okay merger of BSB, BSRS
UNB, Dhaka

The Council of Advisers yesterday approved a proposal for forming Bangladesh Development Bank Ltd (BDBL), a public limited company, through the merger of Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) and Bangladesh Shilpa Rin
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Prayer Timing
December 1

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



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