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UNION PARISHAD POLLS EC against redrawing of ward boundaries

Decides to ask govt for amendment to act, avoid delay in holding polls in May-July

SHAKHAWAT LITON
The Election Commission has decided to ask the government to amend the union parishad act to avert possible 'social disorder' due to redemarcation of the parishad wards maintaining no more than 10 percent population disparity among them, before their upcoming elections. Moreover, if the redemarcation begins

now, it will delay the commission's current plan for holding the long overdue polls to the union parishads between May and July this year, the EC apprehended in a letter to be sent to the LGRD ministry today or tomorrow, according to commission officials. The commission rather wants to maintain the existing delimitation of the wards for the upcoming union parishad elections.

The Local Government (Union Parishad) Act 2009 stipulates that the wards of union parishads should be redemarcated maintaining no more than 10 percent population disparity among the wards of a union parishad. Each union parishad has nine wards. Reviewing the current boundaries of the wards, the EC in the letter says

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DU probing assault on college girl

Report likely today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Dhaka University authorities yesterday formed an investigation committee to probe an attack on a female student allegedly by activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League of DU unit on Sunday. DU proctor Dr KM Saiful Islam said, "A one-member investigation committee formed with assistant proctor M Amzad Ali is expected to submit its report by tomorrow [today]." Witnesses said an altercation between the BCL activists

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Govt moves to use climate fund rightly

Okays an act to ensure transparency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government will promulgate an act to use climate change fund judiciously and transparently so that benefits reach the affected people properly. The cabinet yesterday approved the draft Climate Change Trust Fund Act, 2010. The draft will soon be finalised and sent to the law ministry for vetting. Earlier on August 24, the cabinet approved Climate Change Trust Fund, which was supposed to be registered under the Bengal Trust Act 1882. "The law ministry suggested us to make a law in this regard since general people are the beneficiaries," Environment and Forest Secretary Mihir Kanti Barua told The Daily Star yesterday. He said the act is needed to bring the entire process--from generating fund to approval of projects and use of the fund through a trustee board--under a strong legal coverage. He said 66 percent of the fund would be spent on six designated areas marked under Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan while 34 percent would be in bank for crisis situation. The prime minister told the meeting that apart from assistance from international agencies and countries, Bangladesh has taken various steps on its own to face the adverse impacts

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Land officer assaulted

BCL men are furious about refusal to build house on govt land

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur
Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday seriously injured the assistant commissioner (land) of Kachua upazila in Chandpur hitting him on the head with an iron rod as he obstructed them to build a brick house on government land. AC (Land) Md Mostafizur Rahman is now undergoing treatment at Kachua Hospital. The BCL workers also ransacked files and papers including a computer during the attack yesterday evening at his room in the office of the Kachua upazila

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AC (Land) Mostafizur Rahman; he received serious head injuries in a Chhatra League attack at Kachua in Chandpur yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Mugging spree in city

1 killed, 2 shot at

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A man was stabbed to death and two people were shot in the capital yesterday in separate mugging incidents. A mugger killed a cutting master of a garment factory, identified as Mizanul Haque Mizan, 37, at Cantonment area after snatching his mobile phone and money. Rehana Begum, a neighbor of the victim, said that passersby brought the injured Mizanul to his home in a CNG and she then rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He died around noon yesterday. Mizanul told her that he was stabbed when he refused to hand over his mobile

phone. She also said that Mizanul had returned to Dhaka from his village home in Bogra around 2:15am. As he was looking for a bus in Cantonment to travel to his Manda residence, three muggers severely stabbed him in the chest, back and abdomen. Mizanul had travelled to Bogra to attend a family programme but he returned alone as his wife and children were staying on at their village residence. The dead body has not been sent to the morgue because the incident occurred in the border jurisdiction of Cantonment and Kafrul police stations and neither are claiming responsibility to investigate.

Therefore an autopsy has not yet been conducted. And in a separate incident, two persons were shot by muggers at Jhigatola under Hazaribag thana in the city yesterday. The persons shot inside the hotel around 12pm were identified as Giasuddin, 40, a cashier of the sanitary shop Satata Shambhar at Paribagh and Mohammad Bahar, 23, a staff of hotel New Gausia at Jhigatola. The owner of the store, Mohammad Sumon, said that Giasuddin, accompanied by Rubel, a shop assistant, went to Sonali Bank Hazaribag branch and withdrew Tk 60,000.

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RESHUFFLE IN ADMIN 4 secretaries transferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government yesterday made further reshuffle at the top level of the civil administration. Four secretaries were transferred and an additional secretary of a division was promoted to the rank of acting secretary, said separate gazette notifications of the establishment ministry. Former law secretary Kazi Habibul Awal has been made secretary to the Parliament Secretariat to replace Asfaq Hamid, who was transferred

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OnlinePoll ✓
Do you support Bangladesh Rifles' initiative to shut down the BDR shops?
 Yes (61.46%)
 No (33.56%)
 No Comments (4.98%)
Total votes: 1326
TODAY'S POLL
 The government has rejected BDR's proposal for powers to conduct mobile courts and try cross-border offenders. Do you support the rejection?
 Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing
February 23

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-20	5-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-03	6-07
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

RU INCIDENT Jamaat leader remanded again

4 more Shibir cadres held at RU

A RU CORRESPONDENT
Police arrested four more cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir, an associated organisation of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, at Rajshahi University yesterday. The arrestees are Rahat, a sixth semester student of management department, Riad Ibne Ahad, Arifuzzaman and Monjurul Islam, third year students of law and justice department of the university. Sources said BCL activists beat up Rahat in front of the management department in Rabintra Arts building suspecting him a Shibir cadre and handed him over to police around 12:30pm. Later, police picked up Riad, Arifuzzaman and Monjurul while they were taking the university exam. Following the arrests, the RU Institute of Business Administration (IBA) suspended all academic activities till February 25 while departments of Marketing and Management postponed all scheduled exams indefinitely. Officer-in-Charge of Motihar Police Station Tofazzel Hossain said the arrests were made on suspicion of their involvement in six cases filed in connection with the recent RU violence. "We will take further action after interrogating them," the OC said. In another incident, Motihar police yesterday recovered 21 'jihadi' books from Rahamatunnessa Hall, a female dormitory of


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Down in dumps

JASIM MAJUMDER, Bagaihat, Rangamati
Tears were flooding the eyes of the three, who lost their mother Buddha Bati Chakma in a shooting allegedly by security personnel in Bagaichhari upazila Saturday morning. Sumita Chakma, 19, her brother Jewel Chakma, 15, and their younger sister Rupna Chakma, 10, passed the last three days with their relatives in Bongaltali, some 15 kilometres away from their burned down house, without any help from the government. They are passing the nights without warm clothes and the days in a single dress as everything they had was reduced to ashes in an arson attack allegedly by Bangalee settlers. The helpless and shell-shocked father Uttom Chakma has yet to recover from the loss and doesn't want to speak to anyone.

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Congratulations for Selection as CIP
We, the Employees & Officers of the Following Organization would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the respected Managing Director of AJI-GROUP **Mr. M. A. Jalil Ananta, who has been selected by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as a CIP on industrial category** for the Performance year 2009. We are feeling too much proud to have the news of his great achievement. We all hope and pray for his long life, continuous success and valuable contributions to the national economy.



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