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POLL CODE VIOLATION
Mohiuddin cautioned
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, also aspirant for the post in June 17 CCC poll, was warned not to violate electoral code of conduct. Mohiuddin on Friday inaugurated a hospital -- Memon Matrisadan O Shishu Hospital Unit-2-- constructed with the CCC fund. Speaking at a programme organised on the day of inauguration, he narrated various

Muggers loot Tk 11 lakh
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers took away Tk 11.3 lakh from two employees of a rice trading company in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday afternoon, said the owner of the company. A gang of six muggers riding two motorbikes snatched the money from Khalilur Rahman, manager of Dada Rice Agency, and driver Abdul Latif, when they were on way to Tajmahal Road branch of National Bank

Prayer Timing
May 17

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-36	6-40
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

SSC RESULTS

Hard luck awaits good scorers

WASIM BIN HABIB

Several students who obtained the highest grade point in the Secondary School Certificate and equivalent examinations would be denied enrolment at preferred colleges as seats in reputed institutions are less than the number of GPA-5 scorers. Overall there will not be much seat crisis but there must be huge pressure on the well-reputed colleges, predict academics and teachers. They suggest appointing efficient teachers to the colleges of rural areas to avoid pressure on good colleges. This year a whopping 62,134 students got GPA-5 (grade point average) and over

3 lakh students scored in between GPA 4 and 5 under eight general education boards. However, the country's renowned colleges can have an intake of less than 40,000 students. The rest of the students will have to go for second or third choice colleges. The prestigious colleges are mostly located in urban areas. Since there is a trend of rushing towards Dhaka and other metropolises for reputable colleges, those institutions will face a huge pressure, while seats in rural colleges are likely to remain unfilled. Sources say there are over 3,000 government and non-government interme-

diated colleges across the country where over 5 lakh students can be accommodated. But the colleges in the rural areas usually take students as per their demand, the sources add. But in Dhaka, the number of colleges stands at 135 with 39,000 seats, say officials at the education ministry. "Good students usually try to gain admission to the few renowned colleges in the capital which resulted in pressure on those institutions," Father Benjamin De Costa, principal of Notre Dame College, told The Daily Star. Apart from increasing the number of standard colleges, efficient teachers will

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BIMAN'S PURCHASE IN 18 YRS JS probe finds Tk 700cr graft

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary sub-committee has found corruption involving Tk 700 crore in purchase and maintenance of aircraft and equipment of Biman Bangladesh Airlines in the last 18 years. Former president HM Ershad, ex-premier and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, her two brothers and sons, among others, were involved in the corruption, said the five-member probe body, headed by lawmaker Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal, yesterday. The committee also mentioned corruption in Biman's other sectors that include ticketing, money recovery, signing contracts and hajj operations. It alleged that Biman's top management and chairman of Biman Board of Directors did not cooperate with the probe body fearing revelation of more irregularities and corruption. The parliamentary committee on civil aviation and tourism ministry formed the sub-committee about six months ago to probe the irregularities and corruption in the national flag carrier. The committee decided to summon the chairman of Biman Board Air Marshal (ret) Jamal Uddin Ahmed and its other

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Mockbul lands in prison

HC bail comes late in the day
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday granted bail to former Awami League lawmaker Alhaj Mockbul Hossain in a corruption case just three and a half hours after the trial court sent him to jail in the same case.

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Thai protesters call for UN-led talks 33 dead in escalating violence

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's "Red Shirt" protesters appealed in vain yesterday for UN-mediated talks with the government after three days of violent street battles in the capital left 33 people dead and 230 wounded. Loud explosions and volleys of gunshots rang out into the night near the rally site and three commercial buildings were gutted by fire. A top protest leader urged the revered king to intervene in the crisis, which has turned areas of the city of 12 million people into no-go zones as troops use live ammunition against demonstrators, some of them armed.

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MAN-OF-THE-TOURNAMENT: England superstar Kevin Pietersen is in full flow during his knock of 47 in the ICC World Twenty20 final against Australia at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown yesterday.

England's cup of glory

AFP, Bridgetown

South African-born batsmen Craig Kieswetter and Kevin Pietersen starred as England won their first major one-day title in a seven-wicket victory over Australia in Sunday's World Twenty20 final. England, chasing 148 to win, after reducing a previously unbeaten Australian side at this tournament to eight for three, saw Kieswetter (63) and Pietersen (47) put on 101 for the second wicket at the Kensington Oval. They eventually won with three overs to spare when captain Paul Collingwood struck Shane Watson for a boundary as his side finished on 151 for three. It was the first time England had won a major international

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The Daily Star - RANGS TOSHIBA

WORLD CUP QUIZ 2010

The call of the wild is getting ever louder! The World Cup 2010, to be held in South Africa, is just around the corner. The Daily Star in partnership with RANGS TOSHIBA is back to answer that call with a quiz competition. Six rounds worth of scratch-your-head questions will be coming your way starting May 19. And as always, there will be opportunities for you to win fabulous prizes.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

For each round a set of questions will be published in the Sport Section of The Daily Star for the duration of the round. Participants in all five preliminary rounds will automatically qualify for the bumper round that will offer even more attractive prizes than the first five rounds. All you have to do is to choose the correct answers, cut out the entry form and mail or hand-deliver it to The Daily Star, 19 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, on or before the dates mentioned in the below chart for each round. You may send as many entries as you like (photocopies of the quiz coupon will not be accepted). Don't forget, the envelopes must be marked "STAR WORLD CUP QUIZ".

FIXTURE OF THE ROUNDS

ROUND	STARTS	ENDS	ANSWERS MUST REACH BY 12PM	LUCKY DRAW	VENUE
First Round	19 May	27 May	29 May	2 June	Barisal
Second Round	28 May	5 June	7 June	11 June	Chittagong
Third Round	6 June	14 June	15 June	16 June	Rajshahi
Fourth Round	15 June	23 June	25 June	27 June	Khulna
Fifth Round	24 June	2 July	4 July	6 July	Sylhet
Bumper Round	3 July	11 July	13 July	16 July	Dhaka

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NEW MPO LISTING Ministry passes it on to adviser

WASIM BIN HABIB

The process of Monthly Pay Order (MPO) listing of non-government secondary and higher secondary educational institutions took a new turn as the education ministry yesterday handed over all documents relating to the listing process to prime minister's Education Adviser Dr Alauddin Ahmed. The ministry has sent all the papers including the MPO policy, directives of the PM and finance ministry, proceedings of inter-ministerial meeting and other meetings to the adviser's office to complete the roll.

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1 lakh women to get job abroad

BSS, Dhaka

Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the government is planning to send one lakh women workers abroad within next one year after giving them necessary training. "We will open separate wings in our some foreign missions to look after the issues of women workers so that they can get prompt help if necessary," he said while talking to the officers of Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) here. Outlining the growing demand for women workers in the Middle Eastern countries, the minister said they are looking back towards Bangladeshi workers for their utmost sincerity. At the first stage, BMET would impart training to 1,500

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OnlinePoll

Do you think the police should continue with requisition of private transport?

Yes (57.5%) No (41.4%)
No Comments (1.1%)

Total votes: 818
TODAY'S POLL

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