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E-voting on trial-basis in CCC polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday decided to introduce electronic voting system on a limited scale in the Chittagong City Corporation election scheduled for June 17.

The system will be introduced in ward-21 with 14 polling stations in Jamalkhan of the city corporation, said Election Commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) Sakhawat Hossain.

The EC made the decision after experts from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) agreed to provide technical assistance for smooth operation of e-voting machines, said an EC official, wishing anonymity.

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Rift in big parties over CCC ticket

AL's Mohiuddin may face Manzurul of BNP

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN and HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The Awami League and the BNP have finalised the mayoral candidates they are going to back in the June 17 Chittagong City Corporation election, intensifying intra-party feud in the port city.

Incumbent CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury will as usual run with the Awami League backing while his once close aide Councillor M Manzurul Alam will stand against him with the opposition camp's support.

Even though nothing has been officially said about Mohiuddin and Manzurul getting the blessings of the parties, it is certain that they would get them.

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POLL VIOLENCE EC plans to use video cameras

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission plans to use video cameras to record video footages of irregularities and violence in the June 17 Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) polls to ensure fair battle of ballots.

In addition to the EC's plans for ensuring peaceful atmosphere in the election by deploying army, Bangladesh Rifles, Rapid Action Battalion and police, the video cameras will be put to use in the polling stations vulnerable on ground of security.

"It's almost certain that video cameras will be used in the election. We will later

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ESCAP MEET IN SEOUL Hasina for quick disbursement of climate funds

UNB, South Korea

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for establishing the Multi-Donor Trust Fund at the earliest and quick disbursement of the fund among the least developed countries (LDCs) to enable them to face the impact of climate change.

"Though our greenhouse gas emission is negligible, we're amongst the worst victims," she said delivering the keynote speech at the 66th Ministerial Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Escap) at the Songdo Convencia Convention Centre yesterday morning.

This year's theme of the session is "Addressing Challenges in the

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Seoul to legalise Bangladeshi expatriates

BSS, Seoul

The South Korean government will take effective steps to legalise all Bangladeshi expatriates living there and will take their maximum care.

The assurance came when Choi Kyung-Hwan, Minister of Knowledge Economy of the Korean government, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel suite here yesterday.

Appreciating the Bangladeshi expatriates living in South Korea, the minister said they are industrious and honest, the PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad quoted the Korean minister assaying.

In reply, the PM thanked the minister for his assurance

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2 brothers killed in road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two brothers were killed and 10 others were injured when a lorry lost control and rammed a rickshaw before ploughing into a market at Jurain level crossing last night.

The deceased were Himel, 12, and his brother Siam, 10, who were going to Keraniganj on a rickshaw.

Sub-Inspector of Kadamtoli Police Station Kamrul Islam told The Daily Star the lorry heading for Postagola lost control while overtaking a bus and hit the rickshaw around 9:30pm.

The two died on the spot and the injured people including the rickshaw puller were admitted at a nearby hospital.

Police seized the lorry but the driver and helper managed to

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Labourers employed by BSTI gathering calcium carbide tainted mangoes at Karwan Bazar wholesale market in the capital yesterday. A joint team of BSTI and Rab seized 9.4 tons of such mangoes from the market earlier in the day. Story on page 2. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

40 killed as Indian Maoists blow up bus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

More than 50 people including special police officers were travelling by the bus in Maoist-hit Dantewada district of the state, said U K Bansal, special secretary (Internal Security) at the Indian home ministry.

The police officers were recruited from the civilian population to help regular security forces in anti-Maoist operations.

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PM's adviser starts reviewing MPO

Says more institutions may get govt pay order, mulls proportionate distribution

HASAN JAHID TUSHER and WASIM BIN HABIB

The office of the prime minister's education adviser is considering proportionate distribution of the monthly pay order (MPO) facilities to the non-government educational institutions across the country.

Adviser Alauddin Ahmed yesterday started reviewing the newly announced MPO list after the education ministry on Sunday conferred full responsibility of finalising it on him.

The ministry made the move amidst demands from several ministers and lawmakers who raised objections that the list was not done judiciously.

Alauddin, also political adviser to the premier, took the responsibility to remove grievances among the government and the Awami League rank and file.

He has already scrutinised the grading system on which the MPO facilities were given to 1,022 new educational institutions, say government sources.

"We are reviewing the list and hope the number of institutions will increase. The list will be finalised in a consultation with the prime minister upon her return," Alauddin told The Daily Star yesterday.

He added they will consider not only eligibility of getting MPO facilities but also examine as to whether there is any demand from the local people for the institution or whether there is any need for the institution to be brought under the MPO anymore in the area.

He expressed the hope a balanced list will be prepared to mitigate the grievances of people and meet the local needs for

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