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E-voting on trial-basis in CCC polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday decided to introon a limited scale in the Chittagong City Corporation: RAKIB HASNET SUMAN and 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 (retd) Sakhawat Hossain. The EC made the decision: after experts from Bangladesh provide technical assistance him with the opposition camp's support. official, wishing anonymity.

Rift in big parties over CCC ticket

duce electronic voting system AL's Mohiuddin may face Manzurul of BNP

: 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

Incumbent CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury will as usual run with the Awami University of Engineering and : League backing while his once close aide Technology (Buet) agreed to : Councillor M Manzurul Alam will stand against

for smooth operation of e-: Even though nothing has been officially said voting machines, said an EC: about Mohiuddin and Manzurul getting the blessings of the parties, it is certain that they SEE PAGE 15 COL 6 would get them.

Internal conflicts flared up in both the par-: ties over the "nominations" for the CCC polls. A : June 17 Chittagong City large section of the ruling party leaders does: Corporation (CCC) polls to not want Mohiuddin to be the mayoral candi- ensure fair battle of ballots. date with Awami League backing while a strong: faction of Chittagong BNP want party Vice- : plans for ensuring peaceful president Abdullah Al Noman to be their candi: atmosphere in the election by date; not M Manzurul Alam, who took part in : deploying army, Bangladesh the December 2008 parliamentary elections as: Rifles, Rapid Action Battalion an independent candidate against Noman.

League leaders want the party backing to go to : stations vulnerable on ground either Mahtab Uddin Chowdhury, AJM Nasir or : of security. Rezaul Karim Chowdhury claiming: Mohiuddin, who is close to his 70's, is physi- video cameras will be used in cally unfit to be in office for five years.

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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

In addition to the EC's and police, the video cameras A large number of Chittagong Awami : will be put to use in the polling

> "It's almost certain that 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: Abul Kalam Azad quoted the Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Escap) at the Songdo: Korean minister as saying. Convensia Convention Centre yesterday morning.

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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.

Bangladeshi expatriates living in South Korea, the minister said they are industrious and : honest, the PM's Press Secretary

This year's theme of the session is "Addressing Challenges in the : the minister for his assurance SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

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 bother 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 SEE PAGE 15 COL 7



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

Real potato chips বিদেশী চিপস্রে তুলনায় দামে সাশ্রয়ী, কিন্তু পরিমানে বেশী। বা স্টার্চ থেকে নয়; এবার বাংলাদেশে আসল আলুর স্লাইস থেকে তৈরি হলো আপনার জন্য গানে চিপস্।

এতে কৃত্রিম কোন কিছুই মেশানো হয়নি। স্বয়ংক্রীয় ও সম্পূর্ন স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত প্রক্রিয়ায় তৈরি সানে চিপস্ এর প্রতিটি চিপস্টেই থাকে ১০০% পুষ্টি গুন।

ছয়টি ফ্লেভারের আসল আলুর র্রানে চিপস্রে প্রতিটি চিপসেই আসল প্রেজার ।

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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 vesterday. 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 SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

40 killed as Indian Maoists blow up bus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi,

Maoist rebels yesterday blew up a bus in the central Indian state of Chhattisgarh killing at least 40 people in the second major attack in a month.

Some Indian TV channels put the death toll at as high as 50. However, SR Kalluri, deputy inspector general of Dantewada district, said 40 people were killed in the attack.

More than 50 people including special police officers were travelling by the bus in Maoist-hit Dantewada district of the state, said UK 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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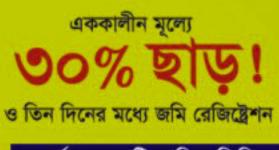
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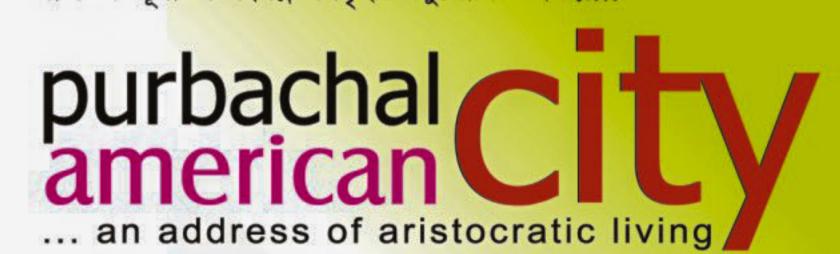
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