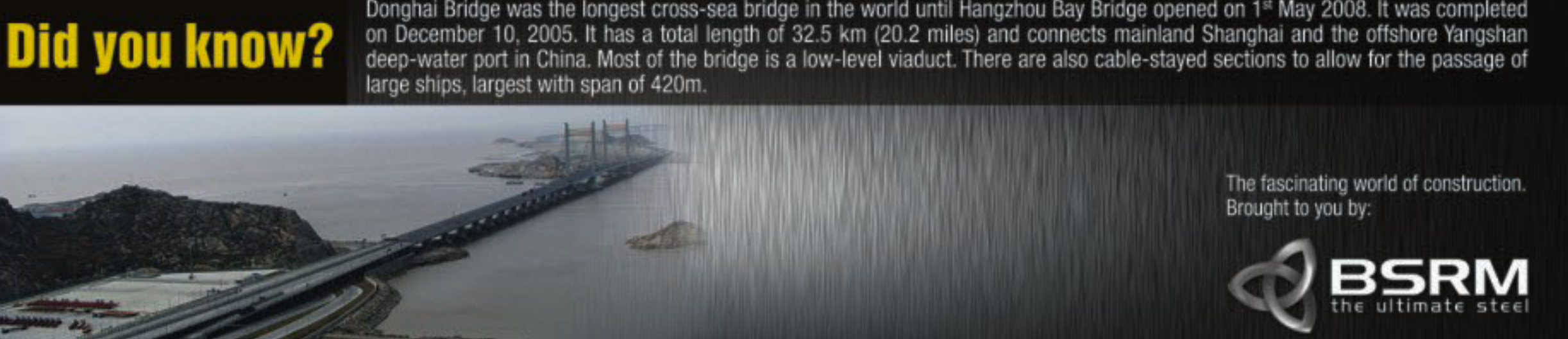


**Did you know?** Donghai Bridge was the longest cross-sea bridge in the world until Hangzhou Bay Bridge opened on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008. It was completed on December 10, 2005. It has a total length of 32.5 km (20.2 miles) and connects mainland Shanghai and the offshore Yangshan deep-water port in China. Most of the bridge is a low-level viaduct. There are also cable-stayed sections to allow for the passage of large ships, largest with span of 420m.



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# CCC ELECTION Campaign kicks off formally

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

The mayoral candidates of the two major political parties formally started their election campaign for the Chittagong City Corporation polls yesterday.

But electioneering started one day later as confusion arose among the candidates as one of the election commissioners earlier told the media that campaign could be started after allocation of election symbol on June 2.

The confusion was sorted out when the Election Commission office in Chittagong informed the candidates on Thursday that as per electoral code of conduct electioneering could be started within 21 days before the polling date.

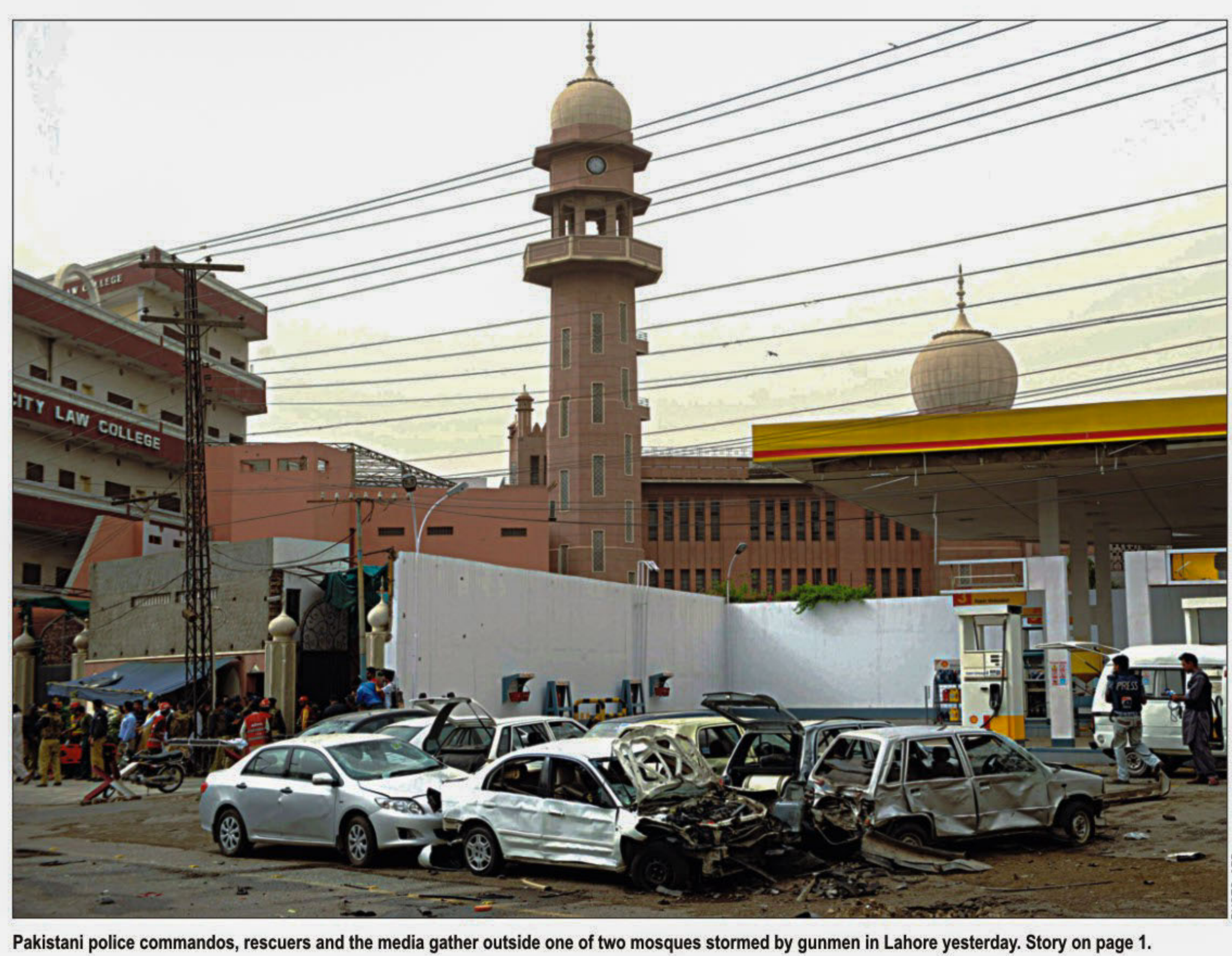
Meanwhile, Chittagong city unit BNP also chalked out elaborated plan and set strategies to ensure win for the BNP backed mayoral candidate.

Awami League-backed candidate ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury started his campaign after saying Juma prayers at Hazrat Shah Amanat shrine on Jail Road.

Earlier in the morning, Mohiuddin joined as the chief guest the installation ceremony of Chittagong Television Camera Journalist Association at Chittagong Press Club auditorium.

Addressing the ceremony, Mohiuddin said Chittagong would turn into a developed city like Singapore, if works continue in a

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Pakistani police commandos, rescuers and the media gather outside one of two mosques stormed by gunmen in Lahore yesterday. Story on page 1.

# AL men free railway land from illegal occupancy

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia**

A group of ruling party men demolished around 50 illegal establishments on a piece of railway land in Alamdanga upazila of Chuadanga Thursday afternoon.

Police described the incident as "an action against illegal occupants".

A few locals took lease on the Alamdanga railway property during the previous BNP and caretaker government, railway sources said.

The lessees built concrete and tin-shed buildings, and opened up small businesses on the land which they took for agricultural purpose, they added.

Some AL activists a few months ago petitioned the railway authorities to evict the traders from the land.

The authorities informed higher authorities about the matter.

Kiron Chandra Roy, divisional state officer of railway, Paksey, came to Alamdanga and visited the spot.

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# Threat, extortion in the name of ACC officials

**Anti-graft body receiving complaints about frauds**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The gang extorting under the name of Anti-Corruption Commission has finally got the anti-graft body on its tail, as this time it demanded money right from an acquaintance of the ACC chairman.

ACC Director (monitoring and evaluation) Major Shahriar Ahmed Amin said they receive at least one complaint every day about such fraudulence. The commission is looking into the matter very seriously.

Major Shahriar recently has been tasked with pursuing the frauds.

The ACC has sent 15 mobile phone numbers to Rab and DGFI with the request to track their users. It is checking the phones' call logs.

Complaints over the issue have been pending with the commission since 2007. But the anti-graft body earlier made no effective move.

The frauds have demanded money from individuals in Chittagong, Kushtia, Satkhira, Jessore, Magura, Habiganj and Sylhet. They identify them as assistant director, deputy director or director of the ACC using the names of its two officials -- Haji Johirul Huda and Ishtiaq Ahmed.

Targets are told over phone that allegations against them are pending with the

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# LORD'S TEST Tigers make bright start

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh fought back on the second day of the first Test against England riding on an 88-run opening stand between Tamim Iqbal and Imrul Kayes after Shahadat Hossain's five-wicket haul at Lord's in London yesterday.

The opening pair got off a confident start in reply to England's mammoth first innings total of 505 runs but an unfortunate run out put an end to Tamim's good knock.

The left-hander made 55 off 62

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# BNP'S DHAKA CITY UNIT New faces lobbying for key positions

**RAKIB HASNET SUMAN**

A number of new faces and controversial leaders are lobbying for crucial posts in the next committee for BNP Dhaka city unit.

An announcement about the new committee might come any time, said senior party leaders.

They said Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka is likely to retain his post as unit president. But there is a possibility of a surprise appointment to the post of general secretary.

Lawmaker Abul Khair Bhuiyan from Laxmipur and ward councillor Abdul Qaiyum are potential candidates for the post.

Some fresh faces and controversial leaders including Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu might be included in the new committee, they said.

Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, senior joint secretary general of BNP, however, said they have been under pressure to form the committee but

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# Bill soon to restore '72 constitution

**Says Syed Ashraf**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government would soon place a bill in parliament to restore the original constitution of 1972, said LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday.

"The constitution of 1972 can only be reinstated in the parliament, not through High Court or Supreme Court verdicts," he said while addressing an anti-militancy convention organised by Platform against Communalism and

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Vegetable vendors occupy half the width of Dhaka-Sylhet highway, at Baroicha Bazar of Narsingdi, restricting traffic on the busy road.

# 4 poachers held with deerskins

**UNB, Gopalganj**

Four poachers were arrested with 17 deerskins in their possession by Rapid Action Battalion members from Bazaar area in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as Amar Mandal, 40, Biplob Mandal, 38, Pavitra Thakur, 40, and Nishikanta Mandal, 39, of Khulna and Gopalganj districts.

Acting on a tip-off, a number

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Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-40	6-45
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

# SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES Major highways to have separate lanes

**M ABUL KALAM AZAD**

Chouhali upazila has already been approved. Earlier, a by-lane along the Dhaka-Rajshahi highway was built after the opening of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge in 1998. That had improved the vehicular movement in the area, and eventually road accidents lessened to a great extent. And that prompted the ministry to take the decision of constructing by-lanes.

Different non-motorised transports like rickshaws, vans, etc. and three-wheelers are currently plying between Pabna and Natore using the 48-kilometer by-lane, and that helps

To curb road accidents the communications ministry has planned to construct by-lanes for slow-moving vehicles along the busy highways to ensure smooth movement on the fast lane.

The first by-lane will be constructed in Sirajganj, one of the accident-prone districts of the country, said the ministry officials.

A project of around Tk 33 crore for the construction of the by-lane between Saidabad on the western part of Jamuna Bridge and Khaza Yunus Ali Medical College at Enayetpur of

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# Criminals throw acid on a family

**Mother, baby burnt**  
**BSS, Chittagong**

Three members of family, including a woman and her three-year-old child, suffered burn injuries in their sleep when miscreants threw acid on them here early hours yesterday.

The victims were identified as Farida Begum, 26, a member of Ansar at Bayezid Steel Mills, her husband Saifur Rahman, 34, and their son Sakib--all hailed from Mithapukur upazila in Rangpur district.

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