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CCC ELECTION Campaign on in full swing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

With less than one week remaining for the City Corporation polls, Chittagong has turned into a city of festival, as supporters of different candidates are now busy round the clock in carrying out mass campaign.

Alongside the supporters, central leaders of different political parties were also busy in conducting election campaign for different candidates.

Awami League senior leaders Suranjit Sengupta and Amir Hossain Amu yesterday conducted election campaign at Dewanjeepukurpar, Jamalkhan, Rajapukurlane and Hajarilane areas in the morning in support of the party-backed mayoral candidate ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

Both of them met Hindu community leader Advocate Rana Das Gupta and veteran revolutionary Binod Bihari Chowdhury at their respective residences and sought support for Mohiuddin in the June 17 polls.

Popular folk singer Momtaj and cultural personality Tarana Halim, who arrived here from Dhaka Thursday afternoon, conducted election campaign in favour of Mohiuddin at several areas of the port city.

Mohiuddin accused Manjur
AL-backed mayoral candidate Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday questioned the eligibility of his main opposition BNP-backed candidate M Manjur, alleging that Manjur was once fined for pilfering gas in one of his factories at Sitakunda.

Addressing a press conference at the main office of Nagorik Committee yesterday afternoon, Mohiuddin said Manjur was fined over Tk 19 lakh by the Bakharabad Gas Systems Limited on

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People stand in queue to try out the new electronic voting system at Jamalkhan in Chittagong as the Election Commission starts a two-day trial before introducing the system at the CCC polls.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

CCC ward witnesses test run of e-voting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The dry run e-voting started at Jamalkhan (ward-21) in Chittagong yesterday to make voters acquainted with the electronic voting system.

Election Commission is going to introduce the system for the first time in Chittagong City Corporation election scheduled for June 17. Voters of only Jamalkhan ward will cast their vote under the system in the CCC poll.

However, presence of voters was very thin on the first day of the two-day mock voting at eight polling centres of the ward.

At Dr Khastagir Girls' High School, Public Administration Centre and National Primary School polling centres locals were seen trying out the system with great interest.

Ashim Biswas, a voter of Dewanjeepukurpar who came with his mother at Khastagir School centre, hailed the Election Commission for

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'Suicide' in Rab custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man reportedly committed suicide in custody at Rab-1 headquarters in the city's Uttara yesterday afternoon.

Mohammad Biplob, 35, used to impersonate a member of Detective Branch (DB) of police and deceive people, Rab members said.

Biplob hanged himself around 1:30pm from the ventilator of the room where he was kept, said Rab-1 Director Lt Col Rashidul Alam.

He was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

The post-mortem report of DMCH morgue confirmed that it was a case of suicide.

Rashidul said a youth

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MCCI slates share tax on institutions

Seeks measures to contain inflation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A leading chamber has slammed the government proposal to impose tax on the income of institutional investors in the stock market.

The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) expressed dissatisfaction with the idea to slap tax on the income of sponsor shareholders or directors of listed companies, and on the premium value of shares.

A proposal has been made in the proposed budget to impose for the first time a 10 percent tax on a company that profits from share trade.

A 5 percent tax on the income of sponsor shareholders or directors of listed companies has also been proposed. The government also considers imposing a 3 percent tax on the premium value of shares.

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CCC VOTER LIST SQ Chy sued for making false allegation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A case was filed against BNP standing committee member Salauddin Quader Chowdhury Thursday night on charge of making "false allegation" regarding voter list of the Chittagong City Corporation election.

District Election Officer Farhad Hossain, also assistant returning officer for CCC polls, filed the case with the Kotwali Police Station around 11:40pm.

As per the deposition of the case, SQ Chowdhury in a statement to the media on Wednesday said there were no photographs of 55,000 voters in the compact discs (CDs)

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Bank borrowing to make industrial funding costlier

Foreign entrepreneurs fear

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry has feared a costlier funding for trade, commerce and industries, as the proposed budget is heavily dependent on bank borrowings.

In a reaction yesterday to the Tk 1321.70 billion new budget placed in parliament Thursday, the trade body for foreign entrepreneurs said the government's bank borrowing on a large scale is likely to tighten the liquidity situation and cause upward trend in deposit rates with consequent effects on lending rates, according to a Fici press release.

It, however, lauded the initiatives for reforms in procedures of VAT price declaration and issuing tax card for top ranking taxpayers.

The chamber also expressed its concern over the proposal of imposing supplementary duty on locally manufactured construction materials like paints, mosaics, tiles, particleboard and fittings. It opposed imposition of any taxes on the gains by different institutions in the capital market, and also on share premium.

Enhancing discretionary authority of the VAT officials is also a matter of concern, the chamber further said.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry pointed out that the 2010-11 budget did not earmark any fund to improve the capital city's transportation and traffic system, though traffic congestion is a serious concern for the private sector.

Praising the initiatives to construct a 32-kilometre elevated expressway from Uttara to Jatrabari besides a few flyovers and

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Child labour unabated

EMRAN HOSSAIN and FARHANA URMEE

Zakir held the transparent plastic bottle up against the light of the sun to see for sure if there were anything inside. He turned it upside down and let the last drops of baby-pink colour liquid inside the bottle drop on his hand. It felt oily to him and he rubbed it on his naked body.

Seven-year-old Zakir found the bottle when he was sorting plastic bottles from a pile of garbage at Nurbagh in Kamrangirchar yesterday afternoon.

Zakir works at a shop that scavenges for plastic bottles from garbage and other plastic products for recycling.

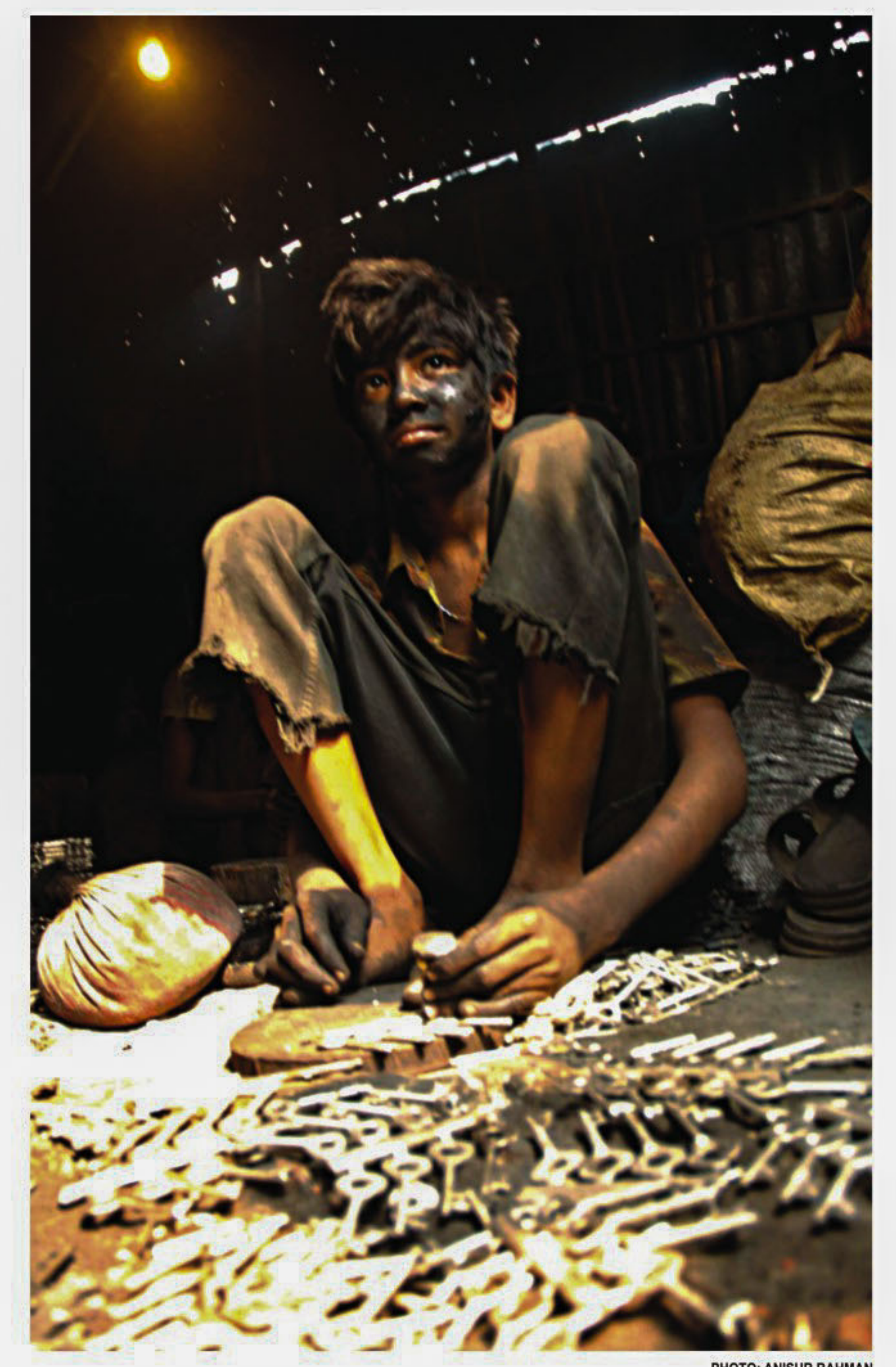
He continued his work sitting on the garbage pile that smelt damp and horrible. Under the scorching heat, he often wiped sweat off of his face with his hand already smeared with unknown substances from the garbage.

Two other children were also working with Zakir on the polluted Buriganga. Hundred others were found engaged in different types of labour even on Friday, the weekend.

"I work seven days a week. And on Friday, I work and play simultaneously," said 10-year-old Shohag, who works with Zakir, just before diving into the pitch-black water of the Buriganga.

After a while, Shohag resumed work, still wet. There are at least 200 garbage-recycling shops in Kamrangirchar that employ at least 50 children. Children work at least 10 hours for Tk

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Thirteen-year-old Nabiullah is not alone. Many children like him work in and around the city in hazardous conditions. The photo was taken at Sutrapur.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Tree felling triggers protest at JU

UNB, JU

Authorities of Jahangirnagar University (JU) stopped the felling of trees in the campus in face of teachers' protest on Thursday.

Sources said the authorities started cutting down 32 trees from the campus during the summer vacation of the university.

Protesting the tree felling, JU teachers under the banner "Conscious Teachers of JU", observed a sit-in programme at the main entrance of Amar Ekushey Sculpture intersection.

Terming such tree felling as illegal, the teachers

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Criminal killed in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

An unidentified criminal was killed in mob beating at Sailya-Gobindapur village under Sauria upazila of the district early Friday.

Assistant Police Superintendent (ASP) of Manikganj Sadar Circle Joyntul Abedin said a gang of six sneaked into the house of Dulal Mia at around 2:30am.

They attacked Dulal and his wife Sajeda Begum with sharp weapons, leaving them severely injured.

The police officer said, hearing the screams, the neighbours rushed to the spot and caught one of the criminals.

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OnlinePoll ✓

What is your impression about the proposed national budget for 2010-2011?

- Inspiring (54.1%)
- Not inspiring (40.0%)
- No comments (5.9%)

Total votes: 752

TODAY'S POLL

Do you support the limited scope of money whitening proposed in the national budget?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing

June 12

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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