

Did you know? Aswan Dam refers to two dams in Egypt. Today the name refers to the High Dam, which is the newer of the two. The former cataract and the Old Aswan Dam is about 1,000 kilometres (620 m) (686 kilometres (426 mi)) up-river and south-southeast of Cairo. The new Aswan High Dam is further 4 kilometres (2.5 m) upriver from the older dam.



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Campaign time over in rainy Ctg

Rivals Mohiuddin, Manjur blame each other for 'threatening minority voters'

SHARIFUL ISLAM, RAKIB HASNET SUMAN and NUR UDDIN ALAMGIR, from Ctg

The three-week-long electoral campaigns of the candidates for Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) elections ended Tuesday midnight, 32 hours before the polls scheduled for June 17.

Despite heavy pouring for the few days, seven mayor-aspirants, 253 councillor candidates and 59 women councillor contestants conducted their last moment campaign yesterday.

The central leaders of ruling Awami League (AL) and main opposition BNP helping in their candidates' campaigns left the city as per the electoral code of conduct.

The Election Commission (EC) has

deployed six companies of the Army along with the police, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and border guards in the city corporation areas to maintain law and order. It has also deployed two additional law enforcers to each 451 sensitive voting centres out of a total of 673 centres and will install 41 video cameras today for constant vigilance during the polls.

The last few days' heavy downpour might make holding of the elections difficult in the low-lying areas, as a number of centres in the low areas were seen under knee-deep water yesterday.

The local election office found 20 polling centres inundated by rainwater. The silver lining is that it was dry yesterday although the

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Heavy downpour yesterday submerges Bakalia Govt Laboratory High School in Chittagong but locals make a day out of it catching fish in the school playground.

Magistrate withdrawn after BNP objection

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An executive magistrate was withdrawn yesterday after the chief election agent of BNP-backed mayoral candidate brought allegation against him of favouring the Awami League-backed candidate ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

"I have just received a fax message from the Election Commission (EC) Secretariat, requesting me to withdraw magistrate Salehin Tanvir Gazi and I have withdrawn him accordingly," Chittagong Deputy Commissioner Faiz Ahmed told The Daily Star at 6:00pm.

Amir Khasru Mahmud SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

PAY HIKE DEMAND 25hurt as RMG workers agitate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 25 people, including 10 policemen, were injured as several hundred workers from three garment factories clashed with police while agitating for a pay hike in the city's Tejgaon yesterday.

Police and witnesses said around 1,300 workers of Shomahar Sweaters Ltd, which remained closed from June 10 for workers' unrest over pay hike, gathered in front of the factory at 9:30am to join their work following an announcement of its reopening.

The workers and employees started staging angry demonstrations seeing a fresh notice on the board mentioning that the factory has been shut down again for an indefinite period and 47 workers have been suspended for creating an anarchy.

At one stage, workers from neighbouring factories--Focus Sweaters and Waga Fashions--joined the agitation.

Witnesses said when the workers of the three factories tried

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'UTTARA CONSPIRACY' CASE SC not interested

UNB, Dhaka

Eleven serving and two retired bureaucrats keep on enjoying High Court bail in a sedition case known as Uttara Conspiracy, as the Appellate Division yesterday turned a deaf ear to a government plea.

Vacation chamber judge SK Sinha did not entertain the petition moved by the

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Prayer Timing		
June 16		
	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

NIMTOLI BLAZE Probe blames it on chemical

Suggests shifting all shops, depots from old city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A government probe committee yesterday identified a chemical godown behind the June 3 Nimtoli inferno and suggested banning storage and sell of all flammable substances in residential area to avoid such fire.

The five-member probe body headed by additional home secretary Iqbal Khan Chowdhury placed a 17-point recommendation, including immediate shifting of all chemical godowns and shops from the densely populated Old Dhaka.

"The fire broke out from the chemical godown due to excessive heat from the kitchen where foods were being cooked for the bridal party," Home Minister Sahara Khatun said while

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SC order stalls Amar Dosh publication

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for four weeks the HC stay order on the government action to cancel the declaration of publication of the daily Amar Dosh.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division Justice SK Sinha passed the SC order after hearing a petition moved by Attorney General Mahbubey Alam seeking stay on the HC stay order.

He also directed the government to file a regular leave to appeal petition against the HC order with the SC within this period.

On June 10, HC stayed the

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Election with a difference

Students of 94 primary schools vote to choose leaders for their councils

WASIM BIN HABIB

It was quite an uncommon scene. Primary school students for the first time in the country stood for elections yesterday.

Kids themselves performed the tasks of polling agents, presiding officers, voters and candidates. They carried out all the duties and voters elected representatives to form student councils, literally in a free and fair election.

In 94 government primary schools of 20 upazilas, the elections were arranged in efforts to inculcate democratic norms in children and develop their leadership qualities.

Some 658 students were elected representatives to the councils. Teachers and members of school management committees

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Yes (8.13%)
No (90.88%)
No Comments (1.00%)

Total votes: 603

TODAY'S POLL

Do you support the government plan to launch student councils in public primary schools to create democratic culture among the children?

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