Ashraf differs

Mohiddin and Manjur (Mohammad manjur Alam), and the victory and defeat is limited to the two," he told journalists at a book launch ceremony in the capital yesterday.

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BNP-backed Manjur was elected CCC mayor, defeating AL-backed Mohiddin in the polls held on Thursday.

Syed Ashraf, also minister for local government, rural development and cooperatives, said people of only Chittagong city voted in the election, and it did not mean verdict against this government or its popularity.

He urged the BNP chief to read newspapers to know the facts. "No newspaper, Bangla or English, termed it an election between AL and BNP. And none said it is a defeat for AL," he added.

The minister also denied that the government is in an embarrassing situation after the election. The election rather gave

the AL an opportunity to revamp the party in this regard in our party's next working committee meet-

function for launch of the book-- Bangabandhu Murder Case Verdict: Stigmafree Bangalee--, Ashraf said the killers had tried to destroy the history of struggle of the Bangalees by killing

Bangabandhu along with his family members.

The main fault of the Bangalees in the eyes of these killers was to liberate Bangladesh, he said, and blamed late president Ziaur Rahman for destroying the constitution, distorting history and rehabilitating the killers.

The AL leader mentioned that court verdict in the trial of Bangabandhu murder case has already been implemented, probe into the killing of four national leaders has resumed and the process of trying war criminals is on.

"Many have suspicion about trial of war criminals. But trying them is our moral duty, and we will certainly hold the trial," the LGRD minister said.

Ashraf said AL is trying to introduce a new trend in politics to take the nation forward. "It is not easy as we are used to age-old habits, but it is necessary to bring changes."

The function was also Chittagong, Ashraf said. "We addressed by Education are going to take decisions in Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and counsel for Bangabandhu murder case Earlier, speaking at the Anisul Haq. Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University AAMS Arefin Siddique presided.

AL Publicity Secretary Nure Alam Lenin, who edited the 272page book, said he will publish another edition of the book with details.

Tension mounted among

"After the clash we held a

the students at the dormitories

and on campus after the clash in

meeting at noon and tried to

calm the students. But the

tension was prevailing till after-

noon," Prof Habibur Rahman

administration suspended

academic activities and

directed resident students to

leave the dormitories to ward of

RMG workers

Jamgara and Bipaile areas. But

the decision backfired as

workers from some of those

further untoward incidents.

In the afternoon meeting the

Buet closure

toldThe Daily Star.

the morning.

the campus following a clash

between two groups of students," Buet Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Habibur Rahman told The Daily Star. He added classes will remain

suspended until further notice. The decisions came at a meeting attended by deans and

provosts of the university held at 4:00pm with the pro-VC in the Several students said the clash between two groups --

one of the most senior and another of the junior students -occurred near Shaheed Minar on the campus over attending classes around 11:00am.

"Some juniors shut the main gate of the university and asked others not to attend the classes. But senior students did not respond to their call and asked the juniors to open the gate," said a resident student who wished not to be named fearing academic action against him.

Two groups of students later locked in a clash at the spot leaving at least five injured. The injured are Momo, Rafi and Firoz of civil engineering department, while identities of two others could not be known

immediately. A group of junior students had earlier requested the authorities to suspend classes trouble. from June 19 until the world cup

is over. The administration suspended classes from June 26 to the final match, the student

But the students who made "I pay my workers reguthe request were not satisfied with the decision. They closed the main gate yesterday and called general students not to join the classes, several students

factories joined the demonstrators. Now in their thousands, workers barricaded the

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Dhaka-Tangail highway by trees and burning tires. police managed to bring the situation under control

After efforts for hours, around noon.

However, an eerie calm was hanging over till filling of this report at 7:00pm. Additional police and members of Rapid Action Battalion were deployed to avert further

Ismail Hossain, managing director of Sharmin Group claimed that the outsiders attacked his factories without

larly. None of them can claim they have salaries outstanding with me," he said adding that he will open his factories

Aman developed Around 20,000 farmers in Sirajganj, Rangpur, Kurigram and Gaibandha may cultivate

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Now that the hybrid and submergence-resistant varieties are released, these can bring a shift in rice cultivation pattern in the country, he said.

According to official data, the country's aman output was 4.1 million tonnes and that of boro 1.7 million tonnes in1971-'72. But, from 1997-98, aman yield started declining compared to boro although the output of both is much higher now.

Aman production last year was 1.31 crore tonnes from 58.50 lakh hectares of land while that of boro was 1.9 crore tonnes from 48 lakh

The data shows low productivity of aman (June-

October season). Contacted, Additional Agriculture Secretary Anwar Faruque said, "Though the

seed board has officially allowed these varieties for production, the seeds are not yet ready for reaching farm-Production and marketing of seeds for farmers on a large

scale take at least two years. But farmers in some northern districts already have seeds of BRRI Dhan-51 and BRRI Dhan-52 as they cultivated these two varieties on a trial basis in the last few years, he

Mohammad Shamsuddoha, principal plant breeder of Supreme Seed, said the company would be able to produce next year around 100 tonnes of seeds of the new variety developed by

these varieties this season,

said Dr Bashar.

Sayeed Ali, director general of the Department of Agriculture Extension, told this correspondent, "With the new varieties, we can cut dependency on boro in northern districts, and grow more high value crops like pulses, oilseeds and fruits. This will

ing of water during boro sea-

being made to increase aman

productivity through develop-

ment of new varieties and

training of farmers. And Boro

cultivation is being expanded

in the southern coastal belt by

introducing saline-tolerant

variety-- BR-47.

son (December-May).

improve our food situation. By contrast, the use of In this connection, sources mentioned that the government policy is to maintain the ground water level that depleted seriously in the major rice-growing northern region due to excessive min-

Dulal Talukder said there was no problem with the EVM. However, in the 14 centres, To this end, efforts are

where the e-voting was held, some 127 voters pressed the final button without voting any mayoral candidates, he added.

Regarding the operation of the EVM, Jesmin Tuli said the Election Commission would decide upon using EVM in next elections.

Energy saving bulbs

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Board and West Zone Power Distribution Company Ltd distributed the bulbs to their respective consumers in other districts.

DPDC officials said they set up a total of 134 makeshift distribution centres at different schools under 13 divisions in the city to distribute a total of 847,000 units of bulbs. "We received a very good

response and most of our bulbs were smoothly distributed among our customers," a DPDC official said. Echoing the DPDC official, a

DESCO official said they had also tremendous response from the consumers to collect the energy saving bulbs.

DESCO opened a total of 91 makeshift distribution centres in selected areas of the city to distribute about 565,000 units of bulbs.

DPDC distributed the bulbs

mainly in old part of the city

while DESCO distributed the bulbs in its Mirpur and Cantonment areas. Many consumers, who are mainly tenants, alleged that their house-owners collected the bulbs on their behalf show-

from the house-owners. Officials of both DPDC and DESCO said they have received similar allegations.

ing the bill-payment copy. But

they are yet to receive the bulbs

"To address the problem, we've to find out a new mechanism so that the tenants get their bulbs and can use those," a DPDC official told UNB.

tests in the capital. Police

however freed the guilty bus

driver, Hasan, a few minutes

Willes Little Flower School,

was crushed under the wheels

of a bus in front of the school.

Locals caught the driver,

Shamsur Rahman, 28, while

Himel, 12, and Siam, 10, were

killed in a road accident at

Jurain level crossing while

Rahat, 12, and his brother

Robin, 8, in Tongi and Saiful

Islam Shaheen, and his wife

Soheli Akhter Shampa at

Driver Hasan fled to his

village home at Singra upazila

in Natore right after the

Azimpur accident, said

Mohammad Kamal of Singra

Police Station arrested Hasan

but released him a few min-

utes later taking a bribe of Tk

Lalbagh Police Station, inves-

tigation officer of a case filed

SI Ataur Rahman of

Assistant sub-inspector

Besides, two brothers --

he was trying to flee.

Moghbazar.

Lalbagh police.

Hamim Sheikh, student of

into his detention on May 30.

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As per the government decision, a family will get four energy saving bulbs free of cost. But the family has to show the paid copy of his last electricity

Outside capital Dhaka, energy saving bulbs were distributed in 27 selected districts. The districts are Khulna, Jessore, Kushtia, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Faridpur, Rajbari, Madaripur, Gopalganj Bagerhat, Dhaka, Gazipur, Tangail, Chapainababganj Sylhet, Rangpur, Chittagong, Comilla, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Mymensingh Kishoreganj, Netrakona Rajshahi and Natore.

Under the project worth Th 279.28 crore, 5.5 million CFI bulbs were distributed yesterday in the first phase.

Later, another 17.5 million CFL bulbs will also be distributed. A total of 28 million CFL bulbs will be distributed countrywide among 9 million consumers by June 30, 2011.

The government began distributing the CFL bulbs with a slogan "Elo Natun Alor Din" (New light's day arrives).

The Rural Electrification Board is implementing the project titled "Efficient Lighting Initiative for Bangladesh" to reduce the consumption of electricity.

State Minister for Power and Energy Mohammad Enamul Haque visited different bulb distribution centres in the city.

Muggers shoot

Take away Tk 72,000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot and injured a hotelier at Tikatuli in the capital early yesterday.

Shafiqul Islam, 28, owner of Orchid Restaurant at Shahjadpur, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet injuries to his back. Shafiqul said that when he

was on way to his Badda residence in an auto-rickshaw around 3:00am, a gang of around seven armed muggers intercepted the vehicle near Tikatuli Rapid Action Battalion office. Two of them got into the auto-rickshaw and asked the driver to keep running the vehicle. At Kakrail intersection the

muggers tried to snatch his bag containing Tk 72,000. One of the muggers shot in his back and took away the bag.

The muggers then left him in Badda and fled in the vehicle.

Shafiqul took the autorickshaw from Sayadabad Bus Terminal around 2:45am after he came from his village home in Comilla.

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sedative mixed water and then she took it. The children died immediately after drinking the drug and Farzana groaned for a while before dying. He then wrapped the bodies with quilts and left the house with the microbus which he claimed a reward from Farzana although the vehicle was her husband's. He then spent the night in

the capital and early next day left for one of his friend's inlaw's house at Guadana in Gopalganj, from where he was arrested on Thursday. He also said Farzana, her two

children and he had lunch at a Chinese restaurant in Dhanmondi after the children's exams were over on June 9.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman said Al Amin was trying to mislead the investigators giving contradictory information. He said they are verifying the information given by Al Amin and Farzana's domestic help Zinnath Ara.

Tannery **FROM PAGE 16**

relocated tannery site is under

The minister said an environment friendly tannery industrial area has already been set up on 199.40 acres of land in

Savar and Keranganj and one hundred and fifty four plots have been allocated. Construction of administrative building, roads, drain, police camps, fire brigade shed, pipeline of gas, water and electricity supply, boundary walls

In June last year, the High Court asked the government either to shift all tanneries from Hazaribagh to a special industrial zone in Savar or close those down by February 28 this year to checkwidespread environmental pollution.

The court observed that it is suicidal for the city residents to metres due to earth-filling have the tanneries inside the capital.

On the plea of the government and the owners of tannery industries, the court in March extended for six months the deadline for relocation of environmentally hazardous tanneries from the capital's Hazaribagh.

Sangsad TV FROM PAGE 16

broadcast different

programmes on development. Earlier, the House passed a resolution for setting up a separate television channel dedi-

cated to broadcasting the parliamentary proceedings. The information minister said the government is considering formulation of a time befitting policy to make private

radios and television channels more neutral and pro-people. He said all private radios and television channels were advised to ensure the proper use and application of Bangla language as some private radios have been using Bangla and another language, which the

government considers a threat to the use of pure Bangla. The information minister also placed in parliament a list of journalists who were killed,

tortured, injured and harassed by filing false cases against them during the last BNP-Jamaat alliance government. The list shows eight journal-

ists were killed, 31 tortured and wounded and seven journalists were harassed by filing false cases against them.

Officer cool

"None will be spared if anyone from the Election Commission and law enforcement agencies, or a civilian is injured in clashes between your [leaders] followers. Please control them, she asserted, with confidence and determination.

Political leaders, who apparently tried to intimidate her, did notsayaword.

"If it [clash] continues, I will not announce any more result. All must behave. Our task and efforts cannot be spoilt at the whim of anyone.

When she spoke, the control room was packed with journalists and leaders loyal to the mayoral candidates.

Asked where she got the courage to make such a bold statement, Tuli smiled and said, about anything.'

CCC polls due to impatience of political leaders. But the election officials solved them all with dedication, commitment and neutrality, she said at her office in the port city yesterday.

Tuli, who worked for the United Nations in Afghanistan and Kosovo, said it is tougher to hold an election in Bangladesh than in Afghanistan.

She was the first-ever female EC official to have performed the responsibility of a returning officer in a city corporation Referring to the CCC election,

message -- from the beginning -to all that the law must be obeyed. "We have proved how inde-

pendent the Election Commission is.' She said the announcement

of the results was delayed a bit as they had to complete all the procedures. "We had total control over 673 poll centres and monitored

everywhere in the electoral area during voting. "The agents of the candidates got the results just after the counting. But I had to follow some legal procedures before announcing them. It took some

backed by major parties became impatient," she said. Tuli said she had to be extremely cautious about the result sheet and checked al

The RO said they did not make any delay whatsoever in counting ballots in any of the 673 poll centres.

documents before signing them.

when asked whether the UN high official

FROM PAGE 16 on poverty alleviation in urban

This will be her first visit to the country since she was elected under-secretarygeneral

She is the first African (Tanzanian national) woman to hold the position. During her stay in Dhaka

she will go on a field trip at Korai slums in Mohakhali where UN-HABITAT, a United Nations agency for human settlements, runs a project named Safer Cities.

ject was launched in 2002. It seeks to help the urban poor, especially women, break through the poverty cycle.

tions across the country.

Tibaijuka is due to meet LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraful Islam and other government and UN high officials. She is expected to address a press conference with the LGRD minister tomorrow.

Drivers block FROM PAGE 16

Angry drivers damaged

some passenger buses during the block. Drivers alleged that the

> from Friday. But the authority denied

lected government fixed toll from the drivers. Additional RAB and police

were deployed in the area to avert any untoward situation. Vehicular movement did

not resume till 2:00pm.

mindset and actions of politicians created any obstacle to

holding the election. "I thought they [political leaders] have changed their mindset. All eyes were on this election and our every step was transparent. But attempts were made to raise meaningless

as section officer with the EC in She said all electoral issues could be settled through discussion with the commission, rather than raising allegations. A change in attitude and mindset

is a must for that. "We however have investigated all the allegations and gave

during the tenure of a political

proved that it is possible.'

civil administration, the RO said she received all necessary cooperation from the administration. Referring to the arrest and release of BNP lawmaker

not valid enough. She stayed the whole night at the control room on Thursday until an official announcement was made at 10:25am the next

Now a mother of two sons Tuli completed her master's from Dhaka University in 1979.

2 bullet-hit **FROM PAGE 16**

upazila health complex, police said.

Sources said a gang of 30 intruded into Bangladesh about two weeks.

The miners, however, declined to stop stone collection after which the Indians opened fire at them, added the sources.

found five of its members faring better in the association group, an official of the apex trade body said, asking not to be named.

Details on the candidates from the chamber group were

The biennial election to the apex chamber body was held yesterday in Dhaka in a festive mood. Businessmen cast votes to elect the leaders for the apex

trade body for 2010-12. The voting continued from 9:00am to 5:00pm without a

Official results are expected later today. Eight directors from the

chamber group and eight from the association group have already been nominated. The number of voters was

315 under the chamber group and 1,340 under the association group. This is the eighth direct election, with the first held in

In the election, four panels committee of the chamber.

with a full panel comprising 14 candidates from associations

and 14 from chambers. Abu Alam Chowdhury contested under 'Ganotantrik

Delwar Hossain, a represen-

Ganotantrik Bebosayee Oikya Parishad (Democratic Businessmen United Council) with eight candidates from the association group.

Commerce and Industry, contested with six candidates from the chamber group.

Voters expressed their satisfaction over the election environment.

Karzai sees

Afghanistan's mineral reserves, including copper, iron ore and lithium, came as pessimism grows in the United States over the nine-year conflict ahead of a planned gradual withdraw of its forces from July 2011. Some experts say the depos-

its figure is untested and warn that it could take years or decades for that money to materialise because of issues such as poor infrastructure and corruption. Karzai, who noted that these

patience was needed for development and hinted that he could favour certain investors.

donor to Afghanistan in terms of money pledged, would be a welcome investment partner. The 52-year-old president, who is serving his second term,

said he would meet Japan's top

trading house Mitsubishi

past few years," he said, adding

that Japan, the second biggest

Corporation later on Friday to discuss the issue. Afghanistan, with a nascent mining sector, will be promoting its mining wealth at a road show in London on June 25 to bolster interest in its major iron ore

deposits and other minerals. In 2007, Afghanistan awarded a giant copper contract to a Chinese consortium for a

deposit south of Kabul, but it shelved an iron ore tender in February due to low interest, market instability and corruption claims over the 2007 deal.

autopsy. Separate cases were filed with Kotwali police station. Our correspondent from

Bogra adds: At least two people were dead and five others wounded, in a head-on collision between two trucks in Ghoga bridge area under Sherpur upazila, reports our correspondent from Bogra.

Road crashes

on Dhaka-Mymensingh high-

bound bus ran over his bi-cycle

in the area at around 10:00am.

Idris died as a Mymensingh-

Police recovered the bodies

and sent them to Mymensingh

Medical College Hospital for

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The deceased were Nazrul Islam, 35, a cattle trader, and Mahfuz, 40, a truck driver.

The injured were Lal Mia, 25,

Monirul, 26, and three others unidentified. They were rushed to Sherpur

health complex. In another accident, some four people were killed and five others injured as a mirobus fell into a roadside ditch in Sadar upazila on Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway yesterday, reports UNB.

The identities of the deceased could not be known

immediately. Police said the accident happened when the Cox's Bazar bound micro-bus plunged into a roadside ditch after its driver lost control over the vehicle, leaving a man dead on the spot.

The injured were admitted

to Sadar Hospital where three of them succumbed to their inju-

A case has been filed. In another accident, an elderly man was killed and three others were injured in a road accident on Thakurgaon-Panchagarh highway in front of BDR gate under Sadar upazila yesterday, reports our corre-

spondent from Thakurgaon.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when a Panchagarhbound truck suddenly braked hard, causing the passengers to

be tossed onto the road. It left

one dead and three others

The victim was identified as

Mosharaf Hosain, 60, hailed

The injured were rushed to Thakurgaon sadar hospital.

from Tangail.

Sneijder FROM PAGE 1

and will be aggrieved not to have got a goal. "During the first half we were not only concentrating on the defence," said Japan

coach Takeshi Okada. "We expected the Netherlands to be frustrated but defence alone was not enough. So I told our players to be very courageous and aggressive when we had the

The first half was disap-

pointing as Netherlands failed

to exploit their possession and

mustered only three shots with midfielder Rafael van der Vaart's late effort the only one to test Kawashima in the Japan The Dutch came out firing

after the break and Robin Van Persie had already wasted two chances before he seized on a loose ball in the penalty area. With the Japanese defence closing him down, Van Persie

slipped the ball to Sneijder on

the edge of the box and the playmaker slammed his shot into the net off the keeper. "What you need is a bit of luck," said Sneijder. "And we ended up at 1-0 and I think, at the end of the match, we should have ended up with 2-0 or 3-0." His goal forced Japan to come even further out of their defensive shell but they lacked composure in front of

approach play.

goal despite some impressive

Cancelled votes

any election.

FROM PAGE 1 "My polling centre was for women and I think elderly women marked the election symbols incorrectly or folded the paper the wrong way lacking proper knowledge about voting," he said.

Tuli said the number of cancelled votes increased due to lack of awareness among voters. She emphasised awareness

programmes for voters before

Returning Officer Jesmin

electronic voting machine (EVM), which was introduced to the country in June 17 CCC elections, proved successful. Assistant Returning Officer

> said local sources. Shahrul, who had a lease on the river from 2007 to 2010,

Killer drivers file a complaint against ASI incident sparked angry pro-Kamal in this regard.

of taking bribes against ASI Kamal. But no action was taken against Kamal, as he was yet to receive any complaint against him. Meanwhile, Sub-inspector

Shah Alam of Tongi Police

Station said they handed over

to the owner the pick-up van

Rafiqul Islam, superinten-

dent of police in Natore, said

he heard about the allegations

that killed Rahat and his brother Robin in Tongi. They could not take action against the driver responsible for the accident as no case was filed in this connection, he

Kadamtali and Ramna police said they were yet to track down the drivers responsible for the accidents that claimed the lives of Himel and his bother Siam, and the cou-

ple, Saiful and Shampa. Police officials concerned said they wrote to the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) for details about the owners of the vehicles involved in the accidents But they had not got any reply from the BRTA.

for the accident, said he would River shown

contributed to a huge build-up of silt on the river. During the rainy season, silt deposits cause the

Mukteshwari to flood, causing

sufferings to thousands of people living in villages on the Despite this, the land ministry is considering approving a fresh lease, as the earlier one expired in April, said sources in

the district administration.

Contacted, Land Secretary Atharul Islam said he knows a process was on to lease out a stretch of the river. He however would not elaborate on the matter.

Jessore Deputy Commissioner Nurul Islam said he has joined the post only recently and does not know much about the leasing move. "I will examine everything

flowing river is being leased out," he added. In November last year, people of the affected villages requested the district administration not to allow fish farming for it damages their crops and

But instead of taking any

measures to save the river and

end public sufferings, the

authorities once again are

homesteads.

in this regard to find how a

leasing out part of it. This year, the administration has recommended three fishermen's cooperatives for lease. They are Pakdia, Sreepur and Dhakuria Matsyajibi Samity. Sadar AL Organising Secretary Shahrul Islam and

Khan are behind formation of the cooperatives. They have set up those allegedly using names of some fishermen on the understanding that one-fourth of the profits will go to the fishermen,

relatives of party leaders

Alauddin Mukul and Habib

however denies the allegation. He said he has kept himself off the cooperatives as the AL government has taken a stance

Meanwhile, Pakdia Matsyajibi Samity has already begun fish cultivation in a

against river-leasing.

portion of the river, though the ministry has not finalised the lease yet. During a recent visit, these correspondents found the river at several points shrunk to 10 metres from once 50

Bamboo-made fences were seen at no less than 20 points, blocking boat-plying and locals' access to the river. "People cannot even take a dip in the river, let alone fish-

over the years.

ing or other use," said Hemanta Hrishi of Datta Para The condition of the river is worst on 22.03 acres between Dhakuria and Brahmapur, as

a fish enclosure.

that part has been turned into

Sadar Fisheries Officer

Oliur Rahman, who did a field

study on the river, said navigability of the Mukteshwari has largely been reduced since Khata khal, a link canal to Kapathakkha, diverts much of the river water. Syeda Rizwana Hasan executive director of Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (Bela)

said, "This is illegal...leasing

out a river claiming it dead or

saying there is less water flow.

The government should rather

Fire burns FROM PAGE 16 three-storey building around

11:30pm.

1:00am today.

dredge the river to save it."

On information, six firefighting units from the headquarters and Tejgaon and Mohammadpur fire stations rushed to the spot and brought

the flames under control at

Abdul Mannan, general manger of the factory, claimed the fire has damaged garments worth Tk5 crore. The fire could not spread to two private companies' offices on the ground and 1st floors.

hotelier

"I received all-out support from the Election Commission. Everything was transparent. That is why I did not bother Problems arose during the

Tuli said she wanted to send a

all voters. My colleagues were

time. But they [candidates

She looked slightly frustrated

Funded by UNDP, the pro-

and other infrastructure have already been completed, he The project covers 11 loca-

creating a long tailback.

authority is realising extra toll the allegation of the drivers and said that they have col-

The news on the wealth of

resources must be used in an environment-friendly and accountable way to prevent corruption, also said that

"Morally, Afghanistan should give access as a priority to those countries that have helped allegations one after another," said Tuli, who started her career

feedback to the complainants." The RO said the CCC election had set an example that a free and fair election can be held

government in Bangladesh. "The Election Commission

All major problems can be solved, if all could come out of their narrow "partisan mindset" she observed. Commenting on the role of

Salauddin Quader Chowdhury before the election day, Tuli said she asked police to release him as the reason behind the arrest was

Indian Khasia tribesmen around 10:00am and asked them to stop collecting stone from the quarry. The stone collecting began there yesterday after an interruption of

FBCCI polls

not immediately available.

break at the FBCCI building. The vote count started at 8:00pm.

contested for the executive Only, Azad, managing director of Ha-Meem Group, came up

Parishad' (democratic council) with 14 candidates from the association group. tative from Bangladesh Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Merchants Association, contested under

Dewan Sultan Ahmed, a former FBCCI vice president and a representative of Laxmipur Chamber of

Afghanistan massively in the