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State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanok inaugurates modern waste collection system in the city's Mohammadpur yesterday. Dhaka City Corporation and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) jointly organised the event.

## PM to launch campaign for Sundarbans today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the official campaign today for encouraging people to vote for Sundarbans at the final round of selecting seven natural wonders in the world.

She will launch the programme at the Prime Minister's Office at 11am.

The Sundarbans is now one of the nature finalists among the 28 World Heritage Sites. Of the sites, the New 7 Wonders of the Nature will be elected in 2011, said a press release of the environment and forest ministry.

The Unesco made the Sundarbans, the most densely populous tiger habitat, as World Natural Heritage in 1999 where thousands of tourists visit every year.

People from different countries have been giving vote in favour of their natural sites to be selected as one of the seven natural wonders.

All are requested to vote for the Sundarbans, the biggest mangrove forest in the world, for enlisting it as one of the new seven wonders of nature. The voting will continue till 2011.

For giving vote for the mangrove forest, log on [www.vote7.com/nsw/nature](http://www.vote7.com/nsw/nature) or call +44 20 334 709 01 number, which is already made economic ISD and eventually it will be made toll-free number to facilitate the voters.

Individuals, organisations and the government have taken different initiatives, including formation of a campaign cell at the environment and forest ministry, to get vote for the Sundarbans. The ministry has sent letters to different ministries, district administrations and media offices to make the campaign a success, it said.

The government will also set up mobile voting booths in the capital and at other metropolises.

Two programmes also have been arranged in Dhaka and Kolkata where many celebrities are expected to attend for the campaign.

The ministry has also requested to the post and telecommunications ministry to arrange free voting for the Sundarbans.

Over half a million people depend for their livelihoods by collecting honey, woods, foders, fish and crabs from the Sundarbans.

## Pro-AL panel wins DU dean election

DU CORRESPONDENT

The pro-Awami League teachers' blue panel won the dean's election of Dhaka University against BNP-Jamaat backed-teachers' white panel yesterday.

The blue panel candidates survived the polls in six faculties out of 10, losing the rest to white panel.

The winning party candidates are -- Dr Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, science faculty; Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed, social sciences; Dr Shahid Akter Hussain biology; Prof Mohammad Motub Ali, fine arts; Dr Nasrin Ahmed, earth and environment sciences; and Dr Al Mustafa, engineering and technology.

From the white panel, Prof Sadrul Amin made the victory in arts faculty while Dr Taslima Monsur, Dr Jamal Uddin Ahmed and Dr Habibur Rahman won in the faculties of law, business studies and pharmacy.

Blue Panel Convener Prof Anwar Hossain said they won the poll as consciousness has grown among the teachers, also terming it the victory for pro-liberation forces at the university.

Congratulating the winners, White Panel Convener Prof Sadrul Amin said they defeated, because the present administration has politically recruited a good number of teachers in one year. He said the election was fair.

The voting started at 10:00am at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban on the campus, which ended at 2:00pm without any pause.

Election Commissioner Prof Mijanur Rahman, DU treasurer, said teachers voted simultaneously, and no complaint was received from any of the parties. He said 1,135 teachers voted to elect the new deans, and votes of 21 were cancelled as they failed to vote properly.

In the polls, left-leaning teachers participated under the umbrella of blue-panel.

## Motahar CG of Defence Finance

UNB, Dhaka

Mohammad Motahar Hossain recently joined as Contoller General of Defence Finance (CGDF).

Motahar was working as Economic Minister at Bangladesh Mission in Geneva, Switzerland, before his joining as CGDF, said an ISPR press release.

A member of BCS: Audit & Accounts services of 1979 batch, Motahar held different important positions of civil and defence department, including C&AG office and audit department, the release added.

## Workers Party Rajshahi office vandalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A group of youths attacked the office of Workers Party of Bangladesh in Rajshahi city, damaging all furniture and electronic equipment last night.

Police and witnesses said around 40 people vandalised the office at a two-

storied building around 7:15pm.

Some of the attackers pelted with bricks on newsmen who were videotaping moments of the rampage. However, none was injured.

Sub-inspector Shahidul Islam of Boalia Police Station said the vandals were chanting slogans in favour of WP's student wing, Bangladesh Chhatra

Moitree.

According to the party insiders, a rivalry between some Moitree and WP leaders might have surfaced from the visit of WP President Rashed Khan Menon, MP to Rajshahi yesterday.

Menon yesterday attended a farmers' rally at Charghat in Rajshahi, demanding dredging of the river Boral.



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