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Outburst over Press Club polls results

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-Awami League Sarwar-Saiful panel yesterday rejected the results of Jatiya Press Club election and staged a rowdy demonstration.

They also filed a general diary with the Shahbagh Police Station, accusing the

Robber beaten to death

STAR REPORT

A robber was killed and four others were injured in a mob beating in Belabo upazila of Narsingdi while a person was stabbed to death by robbers at Khatrapara village in Savar on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

Faruk Ahmed, officer-in-charge of

Books to reach all within week
Says education minister, opens distribution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Distribution of free textbooks among primary and secondary grade students started yesterday amid festivity across the country on the very first day of the new academic session.

This year the government would distribute about 23.22 crore textbooks among some 3.22 crore primary and secondary level students. The distribution would continue for seven days, officials say.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the free textbooks distribution programme centrally at Mohammadpur Model School and College in the capital at 10:00am.

The government with the distribution has also introduced a day -- the Textbook Festival Day -- which would be observed every year from now on.

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Students of Mohammadpur Model School and College in the capital show the brand new textbooks they received for free yesterday. The day was designated as Textbook Festival Day and with it began the distribution of 23.22 crore free books among the students.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

SC launches digital case registration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday launched electronic registration (e-Registration) system to preserve case information as part of its digitalised case management.

From now on, information of cases pending with the Appellate and High Court division of the SC will be recorded in electronic register and also in writing, which is expected to reduce litigants' sufferings to a large extent, said

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Licensed yet illegal

Non-operating pharmaceuticals active in raw material import, black market

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

Licensed but not-in-operation pharmaceutical companies are importing raw materials for drugs and selling those on the black market, finds a parliamentary sub-committee

probe. Out of 247 licensed pharma companies, 192 are in operation. According to the probe findings, illegal import and black marketeering continue unabated because of slack monitoring by the

authorities concerned. The Daily Star learned about the probe outcomes from sources close to the experts' team commissioned by the sub-committee to unearth irregularities in drug manufacturing

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SHOOTOUT, CUSTODY
2010 witnesses
133 deaths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 133 persons were killed in 'shootouts' with the law enforcers and in their custody, while another 128 died of mob beatings in the country last year, said a human rights organisation Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK).

It was disclosed in ASK's Human Rights Report 2010, released at a function at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity office yesterday.

Among the victims, 62 people were killed in 'crossfire' with the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), 17 perished in gunfights with police, seven with joint team of Rab and police, three with the joint forces, one with the BDR, three

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Vessel sinks at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A lighter vessel carrying around 1200 tonnes of cement clinkers worth Tk 42 lakh sank yesterday morning near the outer anchorage of Chittagong Port.

The vessel MV Manik Mia-2 capsized at Area-B of the outer anchorage at about 6.30am after

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PRAYER TIMING January 2		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:30	6:05
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:00	4:15
Maghrib	5:30	5:35
Esha	7:00	7:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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BNP RALLY AT RAJSHAHI
50 hurt as cops obstruct

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

BNP activists clashed with police yesterday as law enforcers charged a roadside BNP rally at Moni Chattar in Rajshahi.

At least 50 people including BNP joint secretary Ruhul Kabir Rizvi and Rajshahi district BNP president Nadim Mostafa

were injured in the clash. A car, 15 motorbikes and some roadside shops were damaged during the clash, said witnesses.

Hundreds of BNP and Chhatra Dal activists led by Rizvi and Mostafa brought out a procession from the city's Shah

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Yes (84.3%)
No (15.2%)
No Comments (0.6%)
TOTAL VOTES : 343

TODAY'S POLL
Do you think BNP should back pro-jamaat candidates in the municipality polls scheduled for January 12?

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