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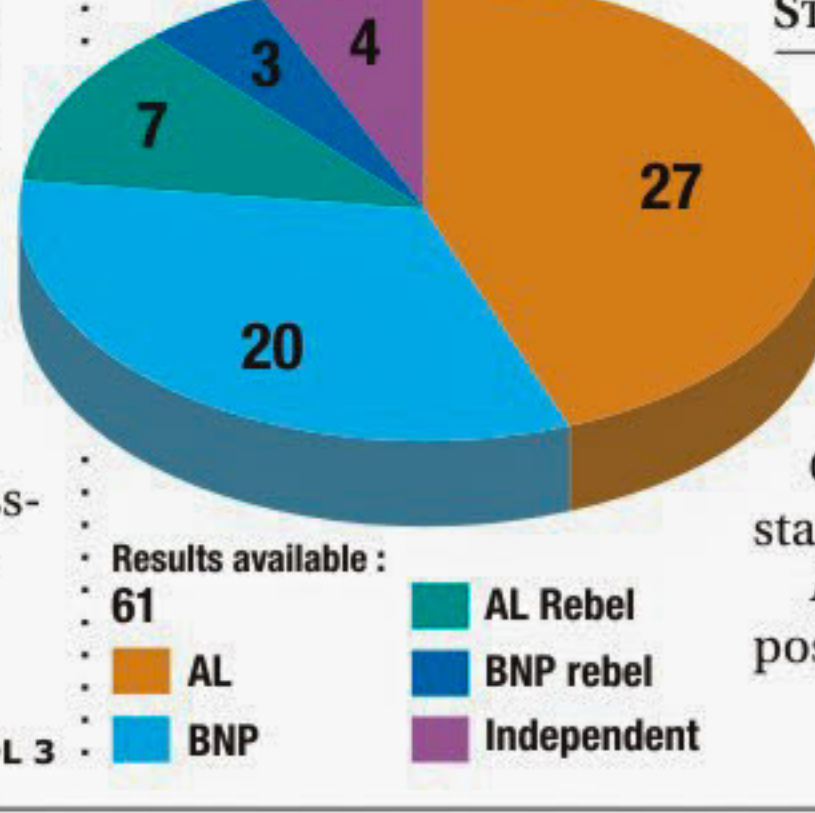
Although Awami League won the majority of the mayoral posts in Dhaka division, it lost a host of municipalities, some in the constituencies of the party bigwigs, due to rebel candidates. Seven rebel candidates of ruling Awami League came out successful when many of them caused defeat for the party-backed

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## MUNICIPAL POLLS IN DHAKA

# AL-blessed aspirants take the lead

### Voting in Ctg, Sylhet divisions today



STAR REPORT

Ruling Awami League-backed candidates took the lead in yesterday's municipality polls in Dhaka division, by winning seven more mayoral posts than their BNP-picked archrivals.

Elections were held to all 63 municipalities of the division. But the result of Kaliakoir municipality in Gazipur was not decided as voting to eight polling stations there was suspended.

AL-backed candidates bagged 27 out of 63 mayoral posts while BNP's favourites got 20. Rebels affiliated with

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PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

This recent photo shows a pond at Kamrangirchar is being filled up by a madrasa authority with silts from the Buriganga River. An HC directive came yesterday against earth filling and illegal housing in and around Dhaka.

## GIRL KILLED BY BSF Govt finally protests

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has finally lodged protest with India 10 days after Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a teenage girl on Phulbari border in Kurigram district. Felani was killed on January 7 when she was returning home from

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## Free world of carbon

### Urges PM at energy summit; meets Zardari on the sidelines

UNB, Abu Dhabi

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon all to work together to achieve a carbon-free world.

"We all have to work together for carbon-free nations, following the path of Abu Dhabi, to achieve a carbon-free world," she said.

The PM was addressing the inaugural



session of the 4th World Future Energy Summit (WFES) at Abu Dhabi Exhibition Centre.

"Our aim is to be finally free of green house gas in the near future. I know it will take time," Hasina said.

She also expressed determination of her government to continue its efforts to keep green house

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## ILLEGAL HOUSING PROJECTS IN DHAKA

# Govt told to act tough

### HC directs it to stop advertisement, earth-filling, sale of plots

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The High Court yesterday directed the government and other authorities concerned to stop advertisement, earth-filling and sale of plots by unapproved and unauthorised housing projects in and around Dhaka.

The HC bench of Justice AHM

Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain passed the order following a petition filed by Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (Bela).

The HC bench asked the government to remove immediately all signboards, billboards and other advertising means containing names or other description of unap-

proved and unauthorised projects. The court also directed the authorities concerned to ensure that plots of such housing projects are not sold or money is not collected through project offices or other means.

The bench also directed the government to prevent earth-filling in

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