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Muggers shoot 2, loot money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot two employees of a car showroom in broad daylight and made way with Tk 11 lakh at Bijoynagar in the capital.

Bless Car Corner employees Kamal Khan, 35, and Momin Pathan, 22, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds to their legs.

They said eight armed criminals on four motorbikes

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CARETAKER GOVT'S TENURE 90 DAYS

JS special body readies proposal

Constitution amendment move hailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary special committee on constitution amendment yesterday agreed to propose limiting the caretaker government's tenure to a maximum of 90 days.

The committee at a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban discussed in detail the caretaker government system, and felt that it should not continue for an indefinite period.

But it did not want to take any stance against the caretaker system in view of the current political situation, several mem-

bers of the House body told journalists later.

In its report to be placed in parliament, the committee however might recommend that the system should not continue after two or three more parliamentary elections. It will however not recommend any constitutional amendment in this regard.

"The provisions of the caretaker government system will remain as they are, except that concerning its tenure. We will

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A footbridge is there, but it could not stop jaywalking. A large number of pedestrians cross the busy Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Tk 1,200cr needed for e-voting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission Secretariat estimates that Tk 1,200 crore will be required to hold the next parliamentary elections under electronic voting system.

EC Secretary Muhammad Sadiq yesterday said this at a

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Japan on 'maximum alert'

Radioactive water halts repair work at Fukushima plant; plutonium found in soil sample

AFP, Sendai

Japan said yesterday it is on "maximum alert" over a crippled nuclear plant where highly radioactive water has halted repair work and plutonium has been found in the soil.

The earthquake and tsunami that ravaged Japan's northeast coast and left about 28,000 dead or missing also knocked out reactor cooling systems at the Fukushima plant, which has leaked radiation into the air and sea.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan conceded the situation at the coastal atomic power station remained "unpredictable" and pledged his government would "tackle the problem while in a state of maximum alert".

In a stop-gap measure to contain the crisis at the plant, crews have poured thousands of tons of water onto reactors where fuel rods are thought to have partially melted, and topped up pools for spent fuel rods.

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Challenge bigger than 1/11 ahead

PM tells AL presidium

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said a challenge even tougher than the political changeover of 1/11 awaits her government and party.

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Gaddafi troops reverse Libyan rebel charge

REUTERS, Tripoli

Muammar Gaddafi's better armed and organised troops reversed the westward charge of Libyan rebels as world powers met in London yesterday to plot the country's future without the "brother leader."

British Prime Minister David Cameron, opening the London conference, accused government troops of

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YUNUS' APPEAL SC hearing adjourned till Apr 4

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday adjourned till April 4 the hearing on the appeals filed against the High Court verdict that upheld a Bangladesh Bank order removing Muhammad Yunus from the office of Grameen

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An elderly woman of Kanadia union parishad in Patuakhali casts her vote at Ayla Government Primary School centre yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

UP polls largely peaceful

16 injured in stray clashes

STAR REPORT

Voting in 190 union parishads (UPs) of Barisal, Khulna and Chittagong divisions yesterday ended fairly peacefully amid strict enforcement of election code of conduct, including spot punishment to the lawbreakers.

However, in two incidents of post-election violence, at least 16 people were injured, two by bullets, after police opened fire following an attempt to snatch a ballot box at Sholok union under Uzirpur upazila and clashes between supporters of rival chairman candidates at Baishari union under Banaripara upazila of Barisal district.

In Bhola, voting was cancelled at a polling centre in the district's sadar upazila after supporters of rival member candidates clashed over an attempt to snatch a ballot box around 9:00am.

Police fired five blank shots and charged batons to disperse the clashing groups, reports our Barisal correspondent.

Six people were sentenced to two year's imprisonment each for trying to snatch a ballot box from Mohammad Hossain Registered Primary School in Bheduria union.

RICKSHAW MOVEMENT DMP now denies making roads offlimits

KAILASH SARKAR

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday denied imposing any ban on rickshaw movement on some city roads, a day after the rickshaw pullers went on a rampage protesting against such a ban.

DMP officials in a meeting with leaders of different associations of rickshaw owners and pullers said they had "temporarily" restricted rickshaws on some roads as part of their experiment to bring mobility in traffic movement.

"We didn't make any more roads off-limits to rickshaws. We put in place a strategy to divert

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the caretaker government system needs to be modified?

Yes (49.4%)
No (49.2%)
No Comments (1.4%)

TOTAL VOTES : 545

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think restricting rickshaws in city streets is unjustified?

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PRAYER TIMING March 30

Asan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-45	5-20
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 4-45	5-00
Maghrib 6-20	6-25
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