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NARAYANGANJ CITY POLLS

Ivy's challenge is to get party support

RAKIB AHAMMED,
back from Narayanganj

Selina Hayat Ivy, a mayoral hopeful in the Narayanganj City Corporation polls, is popular among voters, but getting party support seems to be a tough challenge for her.

The maiden election to the newly formed city corporation is due on October 30.

Many voters favour Ivy, a vice-president of Narayanganj town unit of Awami League, for her efforts in solving a number of key problems of the area during her 2003-2011 tenure as a mayor of Narayanganj municipality.

Although the AL high command is yet



Selina Hayat Ivy

to pick its candidate, insiders say most of the local leaders have sided with Shamim Osman, another intending candidate from AL.

Some said they do not openly support Ivy "for fear of Shamim Osman".

A former AL lawmaker, Shamim used to be considered a godfather of local criminals during the 1996-2001 tenure of the AL government. He returned to Narayanganj in April 2009 after eight years. Sources said he went to India and then to Canada after AL's poll debacle in 2001 national election. However, Ivy is "confident" that she has

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Spotted flapshell turtles like this are sold for their meat at a weekly turtle market in the capital's Tanti Bazar. They are an endangered species due to such trade, said SMA Rashid, chief executive of the Centre for Advanced Research in Natural Resources and Management. Right, three other vulnerable species of turtles are also sold at this market, violating the wildlife act. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Workaholic Manmohan

AFP, New Delhi

India's workaholic Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has not taken a holiday since he took the top job in 2004, according to a new in-depth profile published this week.

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IRREGULAR WORKERS Oman may deport 500 Bangladeshis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 500 Bangladeshi workers arrested on Wednesday night in Oman might be deported home soon for their irregular status, Bangladesh embassy officials said yesterday.

They are among over 1,300 expatriate workers arrested in different parts of the Gulf state.

The crackdown on illegal workers might be part of Oman's move to discipline the sector, an embassy official told The Daily Star, requesting anonymity.

"We had no official communication with the authorities yet as it has been the weekend. We can learn details after the offices resume operation on Saturday [today]," he said.

Like in some other Middle Eastern states, the recent

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Mob beating killed 105 in 9 months

Finds rights body survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights watchdog Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) yesterday said 105 people were killed in mob beatings in the last nine months and such incidents continue to happen due to people's lack of confidence in law and order.

According to a ASK report prepared on the

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WikiLeaks Trial of war criminals would be symbolic

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Syed Ashraf told US envoy in 2009

STAR REPORT

LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam had said the trials for war crimes in 1971 would be "symbolic" and involve only a handful of people, according to a leaked US diplomatic dispatch.

Ashraf, also the ruling Awami League general secretary, told this to the then US ambassador James F Moriarty on June 18, 2009.

"He [Ashraf] predicted the process of gathering evidence and taking the cases to trial would be a 'long process' that likely would take more than five years. Those convicted would likely receive lenient sentences," Moriarty wrote in the cable.

Acknowledging the trials could strain national unity, Ashraf said they were necessary to bring closure to a topic that continued to bitterly divide the country, reads

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Cop hurt in gunfight with criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons including a police officer were injured in a 'gunfight' between a police patrol and a gang of 'armed snatchers' in city's Gulshan area yesterday.

Police arrested injured snatcher Billal Hossain, 25, his accomplices Ruhul Amin, 20, and Tuhin Sheikh, 22, while another mugger Nurul Islam managed to escape with a firearm.

Sub-inspector Nazmul

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Police foil JnU students' human chain

Pick up 29

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday detained at least 29 people from the venue of a human chain formed to demand that the government continue to finance Jagannath University.

Later, 10 of the detainees were released as police got to know that they were passers-by or onlookers.

Over a hundred students of the university formed a human chain in front of the city's National Museum at Shahbagh around 2:30pm.

The students were detained for not taking any permission from the authorities concerned

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Already narrowed by street vendors' carts, this pavement on North-South Road in Old Dhaka lies strewn with garbage, making it unpleasant for the pedestrians to walk to or past the footbridge ahead. Things get even worse in the evening when customers and vendors crowd the pavement.

PHOTO: STAR

Top Qaeda leader killed in Yemen

AFP, Sanaa

US-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaqi, a prominent al-Qaeda chief described by US officials as "the most significant risk" to the United States, was killed yesterday in what analysts called a "significant blow."

A senior US official confirmed Awlaqi's death after an announcement by the Yemeni defence ministry.

"I can confirm... he's dead," the senior administration official said, without providing further details.

In Sanaa, the defence ministry said Awlaqi was killed yesterday morning but did not elaborate on the circumstances of his death.

Tribal sources told AFP that Awlaqi, who was on a US wanted list, was killed in an air strike on two vehicles in Marib province, an al-Qaeda stronghold in eastern Yemen, early in the day.

Several other suspected al-Qaeda operatives were also reported killed.

One tribal source said that the plane that launched the air strike was likely to have been American.

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Anwar al-Awlaqi

The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it will be wise for ruling Awami League to go for general elections under the present government if BNP boycotts it?

Yes (12.5%)
No (86.3%)
No Comments (1.2%)

TOTAL VOTES: 729

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with BNP chief Khaleda Zia that the ruling Awami League is involved in anti-liberation activities in every step?

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