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EVM REVIEW

BNP asked to send its experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday invited the BNP to send its technical experts to the commission for examining the electronic voting machine (EVM).

The commission sent a letter to the main opposition party to that end in response to a letter from the party.

The EC in its letter also proposed that the party sit with the commission to

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Repatriation after verification

Myanmar president assures PM over Rohingya refugees

AGENCIES

Myanmar has agreed to take back Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh after verification by its authorities.

Myanmar President U Thein Sein gave the assurance to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during official talks at the President's Office in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Some 28,000 Myanmar refugees have been staying in camps in Cox's Bazar for a



long period of time.

During the official talks, Hasina said the presence of the refugees has been creating social, financial and environmental challenges to Bangladesh.

The Myanmar president assured the Bangladesh premier of Myanmar's readiness for an early resumption of the repatriation process of the already cleared list of refugees under the aegis of the UNHCR.

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PM arrives in Bali

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono yesterday laid emphasis on strengthening relations between the two countries through implementing all agreements signed so far.

Both the countries also agreed to cooperate with each other in the areas of achieving food security, trade, power sector, communication and counterterrorism through information sharing and training.

The two countries

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At least 7 fired on BDR chief

Ninth witness details how army officials shot dead by mutineers inside Darbar Hall

SHARIFUL ISLAM

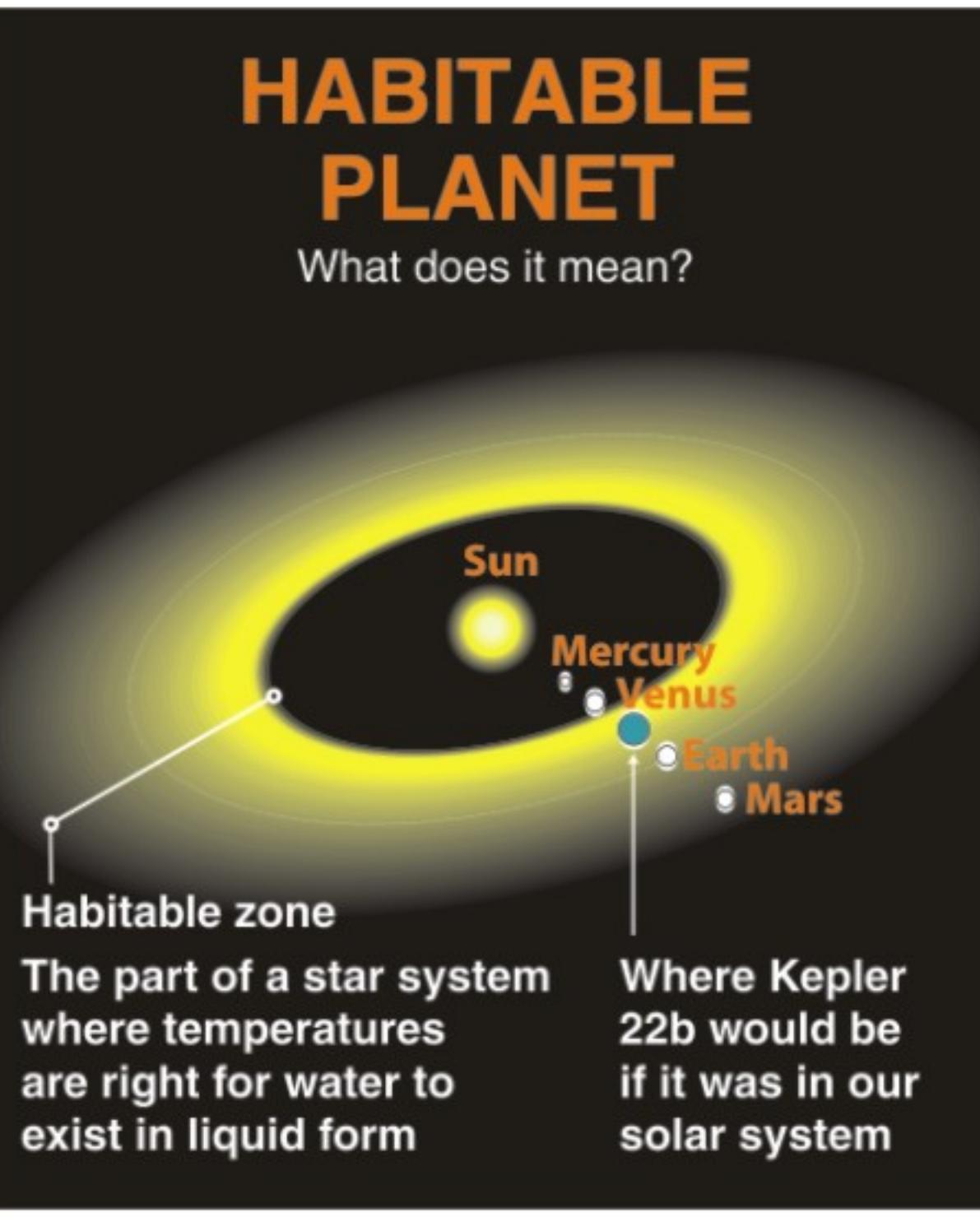
An officer of erstwhile BDR yesterday gave a Dhaka court an account of how BDR rebels shot their chief and 11 other senior officers during the 2009 BDR mutiny at the Pilkhana headquarters.

Their bodies were recovered later from a mass grave in the headquarters premises.

This is for the first time that any BDR officer has described how the then BDR director general Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed came under fire at the Darbar Hall on the



Lt Col Maksudul Haque
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Nasa confirms 'super-Earth' that could hold life

AFP, Washington

In another step toward finding Earth-like planets that may hold life, Nasa said Monday the Kepler space telescope has confirmed its first-ever planet in a habitable zone outside our solar system.

French astronomers earlier this year confirmed the first rocky exoplanet to meet key requirements for sustaining life. But Kepler-22b, initially glimpsed in 2009, is the

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Mr. Rubel Aziz

Director, Partex Group and President, Gulshan Club on being elected as the

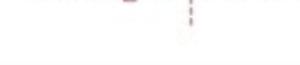


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UNAUTHORISED HOUSING PROJECTS Ban slapped on advertisement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday banned advertisement of unauthorised housing projects in print and electronic media.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Salim also directed the government to take immediate legal actions against the publicity, earth filling and other activities of the projects.

The directives came in response to a petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, and Paribesh Banchao Andolan on June 16 this year.

The Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab) was then holding a fair in the capital promoting a good number of projects that were earlier declared illegal by the court.

The petition said a number of housing companies that were sponsoring the fair have unauthorised projects.

Newspapers and television channels now have to check the approval document of each housing project before running its advertisement, said executive director of Bela Syeda Rizwana Hasan.

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দেশের রঙানী বাণিজ্য উন্নয়নের অবদানের জন্য স্থানীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনার নিকট হতে ২০১০-২০১০ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ৩০ নভেম্বর, ২০১১ইং তারিখে জাতীয় রঙানী ট্রফি (রোপ্য) ধ্রুণ করছেন চেয়ারম্যান, বে ফ্লেং লিঃ এবং ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, বে ট্যানারীজ লিঃ জনাব শামসুর রহমান। এই সাফল্য প্রাপ্তিতে বে ট্যানারীজ লিঃ এর সকল কর্মকর্তা কর্মচারীবৃন্দকে আমাদের পক্ষ থেকে জানাই প্রাণ্ডালা অভিনন্দন।

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the latest cabinet reshuffle will make it more efficient and effective?

Yes (20.9%)

No (76.3%)

No Comments (2.8%)

TOTAL VOTES: 616

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that the reshuffle in the cabinet proved that the allegation of corruption against ministers was correct?

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PRAYER TIMING December 8

Azam Jamaat

Fajr 5-05 5-40

Zohr 12-45 1-15

Asr 3-45 4-00

Magrib 5-21 5-24

Esha 7-00 7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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