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## ICC PRESIDENCY PCB's choice Kamal, who's BCB's?

SPORTS REPORTER

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has formally endorsed a Bangladesh candidate for the next ICC presidency (after a two-year vice-president's role). A joint statement was made by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and PCB confirming the good news through a press meet yesterday and a subsequent press release.

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## BSF kills 4

Killings in 3 districts follow fresh Indian assurance of no-firing at border talks

STAR REPORT

Though the Indian authorities had repeatedly assured Bangladesh of showing restraint and stopping border killings, its border guards killed four Bangladeshis in the last two days in the border areas of Dinajpur, Kurigram and Meherpur districts.

The killings took place on the heels of a four-day deputy director general-level conference between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and India's Border Security Force (BSF) in Shillong, which ended on Thursday.

The victims are Motiar Rahman, 20, of Dakkhin Daudpur village, and Tajul Islam, 26, of Ronggaon village in Birampur upazila of Dinajpur, Alamgir Hossain, 25, of

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## BLACK MONEY IN POLLS CAMPAIGN

# EC gives up on state-funding

Reluctance of AL, BNP leads it to take the decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) has decided not to proceed with the proposal for providing political parties with state fund for electoral campaigns in the parliamentary polls.

It is mainly due to the ruling and the opposition parties' indifference to the move, said sources in the EC.

Late in May this year, the EC had sent all

38 registered political parties a draft law and some proposals for electoral reforms. It also invited them to dialogues for their opinions.

The main opposition BNP and its political ally Jamaat-e-Islami refrained from giving any opinion on the proposals for electoral reforms by boycotting the talks that continued from June to August this year.

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## Politics to get more troubled

Experts critical of govt's appointing administrators to zila parishads

RASHIDUL HASAN

The appointment of party leaders as zila parishad (district council) administrators will fuel political confrontation, say experts and eminent citizens.

Talking to The Daily Star, they also have said such appointment is nothing but a government move to organise the ruling party in districts.

Akbar Ali Khan, former adviser to a caretaker government, yesterday said the appointment of partymen as district council administrators would face legal

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## Muggers kill 2 SUST students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Bodies of two students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) were found in a Sylhet canal yesterday morning, 12 hours after a gang of muggers allegedly attacked their boat.

Local fishermen found the bodies of Khairul Kabir and Dipankar Ghosh Anik, both second year students of chemical engineering and polymer science department, floating in Chenger Khal (canal) at Putimara, some 4km off the campus, police said.

Anik hailed from Senpara, Rangpur while Khairul from Bashabo in Dhaka. Their bodies were handed over to families after autopsy at MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

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Dipankar Ghosh Khairul Kabir

## RMG SOURCING McKinsey sees Bangladesh as next hotspot

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The story of Bangladesh has just begun. With garment buyers moving out of China, the sourcing caravan is moving on to the next hotspot: Bangladesh. McKinsey & Company, a trusted consultant for many of the world's influential businesses and institutions, has done a case study that reviews Bangladesh's garment growth

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

# Retirement age may rise by 2 years

Cabinet sits tomorrow to consider proposal

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

A proposal for extending retirement age of public servants by two years may be placed before the cabinet for approval tomorrow.

If the proposal gets through, the new retirement age of 59 may take effect from January 1 next year.

The proposal had got the nod at a recent meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, an official of

the Cabinet Division told The Daily Star yesterday wishing anonymity.

The Division had not yet received any document on the proposal but the public administration ministry may send it to the Division today or tomorrow. In that case, the proposal may be placed in the cabinet meeting as a supplementary agenda, said the official.

Public Service Retirement Age Act 1974 has to be amended for raising the age

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