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# Reduce ticket price



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Bangladesh Premier League brings great news for Bangladesh cricket, as a big number of overseas players are going to take part in this mega event. This foreign players' list also includes some retired legends like Muttiah Muralidharan, Sanath Jayasuriya, Hershell Gibbs and so on. Therefore, it is a great opportunity for the Bangladeshi cricket fans to witness these veterans performing live.

But it is a matter of disappointment for us that the ticket price is extremely high. The lowest ticket price is Tk.500/- (general gallery), while the lowest price of ticket was Tk. 200/- in the World Cup 2011. According to newspaper reports, BCB officials have said that the tickets are pricey because a lot of Bollywood actors-actresses will be present at the event and musical shows will be held during the matches.

It is important to mention that no Indian players will take part in this event. So, why should we pay extra money to watch those Indian movie stars? We would love to watch cricket in the stadium, but not the Bollywood stars. Moreover, Indian BSF is killing and torturing Bangladeshis almost every day. So why should we invite Indian movie stars to our country?

We would like to request BCB to focus on our cricket. And please reduce the ticket price and allow us to enjoy cricket.

**Kh. Nabil Abrar**  
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## We need patriotic leaders

The people of this land once fought for protecting the dignity of their mother tongue. Millions of people sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country. Every year various natural calamities hit the country, but Bangladesh moves ahead overcoming these disasters. It is true that we have many problems but all the problems can be solved if we do our duties sincerely.

Also, we have a rich culture and proud of our history of struggles. It would not be difficult for us to prosper, if we are sincere. The most important thing is, we need patriotic leaders who will lead the country in the right direction. We need leaders with honesty, sincerity, truthfulness, and sense of dignity. If they follow the right path of democracy and act for the interest of the country, it would not take much time to reach our goal.

**Abul Kalam Azad**

# Using alternative fuels for power plants

Without uninterrupted supply of electricity, we cannot even think of running our modern life and continue the overall economic development activities of the country smoothly. Earth's fossil fuels used in electricity generation are getting rapidly exhausted. Advanced countries of the world are doing extensive research to evolve alternatives to fossil fuel (coal, fuel oil, natural gas, etc.) for generating electricity and running vehicles, aeroplanes, etc. Fossil fuels have other disadvantages because burning of these hydrocarbons produces huge amount of Carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that allows radiative forcing and contributes to global warming.

As an alternative means, some advanced countries have made significant progress in developing crops for bio fuel. In some countries bio fuel are being used mixing with fossil oil (petroleum). Recently an Emirate's Boeing has made a successful flight with biofuel.

In the case of Bangladesh, the state of electricity is rather alarming; a number of gas driven electricity generators are being closed down because of shortage of natural gas supply. To maintain its development and modernization efforts active, Bangladesh needs to find alternative fuels to generate electrical power. Bio fuel may be an effective alternative. In this field instead of involving in basic research, Bangladesh should import technology from abroad and conduct research for their adaptation through necessary modifications.

In Bangladesh, there is ample scope for producing electricity through setting up of biogas plants and their proper maintenance. Biogas can be produced not only from cow dung, but also from poultry droppings. In my opinion, we should put more emphasis on organic agriculture which is not only environment-friendly but its products are also healthy and harmless for the humans. In this respect, I think, the government may modify its "One goat, one farm" program to "Two cows, one farm" program so that raw materials for producing biogas plant can be made available in these farms.

Further, I think, the Rural Electrification Board may be given the task of setting up biogas electricity generation plants in the rural areas on cooperative basis for reducing the use of fossil fuel electricity.

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## Caretaker government a must

A government's duty is to look after the welfare of the country and its people. But our government not only failed in this respect, but also created new problems. Realising that people are not happy with its performance, the ruling party has become desperate and are doing things which are more harmful for them and the people.

Five people were killed when police fired on the opposition's mass procession. We condemn this killing; the situation did not call for such a drastic action.

The opposition's main demand is to restore the caretaker government system, which we think is rightful demand. In the past, Awami League did not want election to be held under BNP government, so they demanded a caretaker government and BNP yielded to its demand. Now, how could Awami League expect that BNP would take part in the election without a CTG?

There is still time. If they agree to reintroduce CTG and work for the welfare of the country, they have nothing to fear. But if they overlook people's demand and contrive stratagems to remain in power, people will never forgive them. We hope the ruling party would be wise enough to heed people's demand.

**Nur Jahan, Chittagong**

## Govt's lack of will to perform

It is very easy to point fingers and start blaming the present government for their failures. But it is still very clear in my memory how the previous government failed and were voted out of power by the people.

I would like to highlight some of the failures of the government: 1) There was absolutely no need to change the name of the airport. This was done at a very high cost, for which the taxpayers had to pay dearly. In my opinion, this was a total waste of our money. 2) The streets are still dirty and waste is being very poorly managed. I remember during the 2011 World Cup, the streets of Dhaka were clean and the city really looked presentable. This was, however, short-lived, as the World Cup ended and the streets became filthy again. This shows that the government is capable and can get it done if it wants to but just doesn't care. 3) A promise was made that poverty would be eliminated. But the number of beggars is rising. During the 2011 World Cup, all beggars were removed from the streets, as they were promised that they would be taken care of. However, after the World Cup ended, the beggars were back on the streets. This also proves that if the government really wants to get something done it can do it.

I urge the government to pull its socks up and take a hard look at this. These problems are solvable. Dhaka is one of the dirtiest and most un-liveable cities in the world. This is entirely due to the negligence of the present and also past governments.

**Aminur Rahim**  
New DOHS

# Ekushey Boi Mela

With a view to developing the habit of reading, Ekushey Boi Mela, 2012 kicked off on 1st February, with the title "60 years of Language Movement," on the Bangla Academy premises.

Obviously, this is an outstanding step to make an enlightened society where the book lovers and students can get knowledge as well as pleasure. It is also a common place for gathering and meeting friends and eminent writers.

In this electronic age, this book fair encourages people to read. This is also a time to present books to our near and dear ones. We thank all the organisations and the authorities concerned for arranging this fair. Let Ekushey Boi Mela be a successful event.

**Ratan Murmu**  
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# New EC's limitations



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I firmly believe that election will not be fair under political government no matter how much power is given to the Election Commission. I am certain that the government will reduce the power of the election commissioners few days before the election. I respect former Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Huda very much but I must say that on his last day at office he said something unrealistic.

Some may argue that fair election is held in other countries without any caretaker government, so why not in our country? I humbly disagree with them. In Bangladesh, even judges may not be able to help the Election Commission, if a political government remains in power.

**M. Mahboob Hossain**  
Zigatola, Dhaka



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## Rakib made CEC

Four election commissioners also appointed; oath today (February 9, 2012)

If the newly appointed Chief Election Commissioner and other commissioners have any conscience and integrity, they should not accept these appointments, as they are accepted only by the ruling party and its alliance partners and not the opposition. Are they so desperate for a job?

**Rafiq M**

We the general people expect that the Chief Election Commissioner will play an impartial role and act honestly for holding a free and fair election.

**Md. Mijanur Rahman**

Newly appointed CEC Kazi Rakibuddin has genuine administrative skills. It would have been wise if the BNP and Awami League could have reached a consensus regarding this.

## Nasirullah Mridha, USA

After conducting dialogue with all political parties except Jamaat-e-Islami, our Honourable President Zillur Rahman has selected Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed as the CEC. The BNP said it would not participate in the next general election if Rakibuddin is appointed as the CEC.

But he is a neutral person like his predecessor. It will be tough for him to play a neutral role under a political government. If the caretaker government system is restored, he will succeed, otherwise he will fail.

**Md. Ileas Pramanik**

The newly formed EC can not be claimed to be neutral because all commissioners were recommended by the Awami League. It is crystal clear to the people that the steps

taken to form a new EC is nothing but a drama staged by the ruling party. No election can be fair under this EC.

**Md. Abir Hossain**

The CEC's task is highly critical and often nerve-racking but ultimately rewarding, if discharged with professionalism and neutrality. Hope he will be good enough in his new job.

**M. Shafiqul Alam**

Thanks to Awami League for forming an unacceptable EC! Time will tell us how long this EC will stay against the legitimate demand of the democracy-loving people.

**TS Adory**

We can not hope to have a neutral election under this newly formed EC, as all of the four members are somehow obedient to the AL.

**Chashi Monir**

I think it won't matter who the chief and other election commissioners are if they can hold a transparent and credible election.

**Tarek**

I am a little surprised to see the way the resume of the newly appointed CEC is presented in

this news.

## Faqrul, USA

Kazi Rakibuddin has had a completely event-less mediocre career in the civil service. Hasina wants an EC who has no backbone and will only follow orders. Kazi Rakib will play that subservient role as CEC. But this does not bode well for democracy in Bangladesh.

**Riffat**

If the newly appointed CEC is as good as his CV and antecedents say, then he will surely get the endorsement of the BNP before he takes his oath. Let us see what he does.

**Deep purple blue**

A CEC should be someone who is accepted by all the political parties, not only by the Awami League.

**Sumon**

The Awami League has scrapped the caretaker government system and now has appointed the election commissioners of its choice. They must be happy now because no one can stop them from getting to power again.

**Shantona**

It's the same old story. No mat-