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POSTER GALORE IN DHAKA

# Mayor hopefuls warned by EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad yesterday urged DCC mayoral and councillor hopefuls to immediately remove their posters, billboards and banners from the city streets.

"If they fail to do so before the announcement of the election schedule, they will be held responsible for flouting the electoral code of conduct," warned the CEC.

He was talking to reporters after a meeting with senior officials of law enforcement agencies to review the situation in

the capital ahead of the polls to Dhaka city corporations -- north and south.

He expressed satisfaction with the present law and order. "We were apprised of the prevailing situation. We will sit again to discuss maintain law and order during the polls."

The EC may announce the schedule by the middle of this month. The polls will be held at the end of next month.

Rakibuddin said after the announcement of the election schedule the EC might allow the aspirants a maximum of 24 hours to remove all the campaign signs

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Billboards of mayoral aspirants Sayeed Khokon and Haji Selim obstruct the view of the horizon well ahead of the split DCC polls. *Inset*, posters of Shirin Akhter, also a mayoral aspirant. The photos were taken from Kakrail area in the capital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Dipu Moni's advice for media people

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday asked the media to be more positive and supportive.

The foreign minister surprisingly came down on the media while stressing the need for its positive and constructive role. She said, "Maturity must be there on part of the

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## Reckless driving kills boy in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A class VIII student of Nasirabad Government Boys' High School in the port city was killed as a recklessly driven auto-tempo ran over him in the city's Hamzarbag area yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Mejbaul Hoque Afsar Mahim, 14, son of Nurul Afsar of Hamzarbag area.

Victim's uncle Jasim Uddin said Mahim left home for school around 7:30am. The auto-tempo ran over Mahim while he was crossing a road.



Mahim

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## BSF kills 1 in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) allegedly gunned down a Bangladeshi cattle trader at Shingnagar frontier in Shibganj upazila under Chapainawabganj early yesterday morning.

The dead man was identified as Ruhul Amin, 25, a cattle trader and son of Sirajul Islam of Tarapur

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## Newspaper reveals 'coup plot' in India

Govt, army term report 'baseless'

AGENCIES

Two Indian army units that moved towards New Delhi on a January night without notifying the government raised alarm in the capital, the Indian Express newspaper reported yesterday, but the Defense Ministry and army quickly denied the report.

The infantry unit of the 33rd Armored Division based 150 km from Delhi and a unit of the airborne 50 Para brigade based in Agra to the south reached the outskirts of Delhi before being ordered back, the newspaper said.

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## Three-day film festival begins

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY and SHAHENOOR AKTHER URMI, Ctg

The three-day film festival of The Daily Star's Odommo Chattagram initiative began yesterday at the Fulki auditorium in the port city.

Open for all, the festival is showing off-beat and feature movies and documentaries. Every day, the films will be screened in two sessions -- from 3:30pm and 6:30pm.

Mushtari Shafi, widow of a Liberation

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you think BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir's remark that the government has become detached from the people is justified?

Yes (86.5%)

No (12.4%)

No Comments (1.1%)

TOTAL VOTES: 733

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that there is nothing to be worried about the country's economy?

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**ODOMMO CHATTAGRAM FESTIVAL** organised by The Daily Star continues to mesmerise Chittagong city residents.

**Food Fest**

A three-day long food festival opens in MA Aziz Stadium gymnasium today. The festival will feature mostly local food varieties, but some foreign foods will also be there.

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**Youth Carnival**

Two-day youth festival ended yesterday with a cultural competition among participants from seven educational institutions. Artistic performances dazzled the audience.

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**Biye Staged**

Manchamukut, a theatre troupe of Chittagong city, staged a play titled "Biye" at Theatre Institute, Chittagong on Tuesday. The play was directed by Sucharit Das Khokon.

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**ARMS HAUL CASE**

**Rumi's cross examination concludes**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Cross-examination of former director general of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) Maj Gen (ret'd) Sadik Hasan Rumi, the sixth prosecution witness in the 10 truckloads of arms haul

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**PRAYER TIMING** April 5

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

Chittagong has been the key producing ground for renowned brands. The Daily Star-Odommo Chattagram Brands Expo is a platform to add value and bring future prospects to the businesses, highlighting the brands to the widest possible scale.

**BRANDS EXPO**

The highlights of the Brands Expo are:

- More than 20 renowned companies representing successful brands of the nation
- Corporate Presentation: Top companies will be presenting their corporate profile
- The Daily Star Odommo Chattagram Career Fair: supported by Prothom Alo jobs
- HR session: HR personnel of the top companies will hold a direct question and answer session with the audience

The Daily Star cordially invites you to The Daily Star-Odommo Chattagram Brands Expo which will be held at M A Aziz Stadium Gymnasium on 7 April, 2012 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 8 - 10 April, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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