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Sandy may prove a boon for Obama

Accompanied by Republican governor, Obama takes centre stage in Atlantic City

AGENCIES

Putting aside partisan differences, President Barack Obama and Republican Governor Chris Christie toured storm-stricken parts of New Jersey on Wednesday, taking in scenes of flooded roads and praising each other for their response to superstorm Sandy.

Riding in the Marine One presidential helicopter, Obama and Christie got an aerial view of some of the hardest-hit areas of the New Jersey shoreline, and afterward the president promised to cut through red tape to help storm victims.

Despite being a top surrogate for Obama's rival Mitt Romney in the November 6 election, Christie kept up his compliments about Obama for guiding federal support during and after the devastating storm, which also crippled New York City and other parts of the eastern seaboard.

"I cannot thank the president enough for his personal concern and his compassion," said Christie, known for his blunt, in-your-face political style, after the two men completed their tour.

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BEARING THE BRUNT: US President Obama got on a helicopter to see for himself how homes in Seaside Heights, New Jersey, were destroyed by hurricane Sandy. Obama, *bottom*, holds North Point Marina owner Donna Vanzant close in Brigantine, New Jersey.

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Celebrating Life gala event today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Celebrating Life gala event organised by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank is going to be held today at Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium at Mirpur in the capital.

Celebrating Life is a competition inviting young and gifted filmmakers, lyricists and photographers to showcase their talents. Since 2008, The Daily Star and Standard Chartered have recognised the most prominent artists in these fields, giving them a platform to express their creativity.

This year's gala event will feature classical music maestro Pandit Ajoy

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Khaleda visits Ajmer Sharif

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, now on an official tour in India, yesterday offered fateha at the shrine of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmer Sharif.

Maruf Kamal Khan, press secretary of Khaleda, told UNB over

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ZILA PARISHADS

No possibility of polls right now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 61 administrators appointed last year to as many zila parishads (district councils) appear to be fortunate as the government has no plan to get elected representatives for the parishads.

"There is no plan right now for holding elections to the zila parishads," a senior official of the LGRD ministry told The

Daily Star on Wednesday wishing anonymity.

The official added the possibility is very slim for holding the polls within the remaining one year of the government.

The LGRD ministry on December 15 last year appointed ruling Awami League's local leaders as administrators to run the zila parishads in line with the

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Their faces say how happy they are. Anjuara yesterday reached home and hugged her beloved daughter Mim for the first time in three months. She reached her home in Nishidhara Paikpara of Bogra town after being in jail for three months due to a case of mistaken identity.

PHOTO: STAR

Anjuara freed at last

Spent 3 months in jail for mistaken identity; HC order led to her release

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Spending about three months behind bars without committing any crime, Anjuara Begum walked free early yesterday, hours after the High Court ordered her release.

Police escorted her home in the town's Nishidhara Paikpara around 1:30am.

The law enforcers on August 3 had

arrested the woman aged about 45 in front of her home, taking her for Laily Begum -- an accused in four cases.

Following stories in the media about her ordeal in jail, advocate Manzill Murshid of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh filed a writ petition with the HC seeking its order to free the woman.

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Shantinagar market now formalin-free

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After the Malibagh kitchen market, traders in the capital yesterday declared Shantinagar Bazar as the second formalin-free market of the country.

The declaration was made at a programme to launch an FBCCI project titled "Formalin and poisonous carbide-free ideal market".

Commerce Minister Ghulam Muhammed Quader inaugurated the formalin-free market at Shantinagar by handing over a sophisticated formalin detector machine to Aminbagh Cooperative Market Society Ltd, the market's supervisory body.

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) will monitor the project's progress. It has trained three staff of the

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Jamaat was Pak army's auxiliary force during war

War crimes investigator tells tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An investigator of the international crimes tribunal yesterday said he had evidence that the Jamaat-e-Islami worked as an auxiliary force of the Pakistani army during the Liberation War.

Additional Superintendent of Police Matiuur Rahman said this when a defence counsel asked him whether he knew about any gazette issued by the Pakistani army saying Al-Badr, Al-Shams, Peoples' Democratic Party, Nezam-e-Islami, Muslim League and Jamaat-e-Islami were its eastern command.

"No, I don't have any evidence in this regard. But during my investigation I got evidence that Al-Badr, Al-Shams, Peoples' Democratic Party, Nezami Islami, Muslim League and Jamaat-e-Islami worked as auxiliary forces during the Liberation War," he said.

Matiur was being cross-examined in the case against Ghulam Azam filed in connection with crimes against humanity.

According to prosecution documents, the auxiliary forces, in collaboration with the Pakistan army, committed killings, genocide and other crimes against humanity during the nine-month-long war.

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Hasina flies today for Vietnam

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves here for Hanoi this morning on a six-day official visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Lao People's Democratic Republic.

She will first pay a three-day bilateral visit to Vietnam till Sunday when Dhaka and Hanoi will strike several important deals, and the premier will hold important meetings with Vietnamese leaders.

From Hanoi, Hasina will go to Laos to attend the 9th Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) Summit of Heads of State and Government on

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PRAYER TIMING			November 2
Fajr	Azan	Jamaat	
4:55	5:30		
Juma	12:30	1-15	
Asr	4:00	4-15	
Maghrib	5:30	5-34	
Esha	7-15	7-45	
Source: Islamic Foundation			

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Yes

(21.8%)

No

(73.5%)

No Comments

(4.7%)

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Do you agree with Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir that Khaleda Zia government had tried to destroy all the evidence of the jail killing case?

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