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Left, Rajshahi city mayor-elect Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul and former mayor Khairuzzaman Liton put their arms around each other as their wives shake hands at Liton's house yesterday. Sylhet mayor-elect Ariful Haque Chowdhury and defeated mayor Badar Uddin Kamran too are seen embracing each other at the latter's house.

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What went wrong for them?

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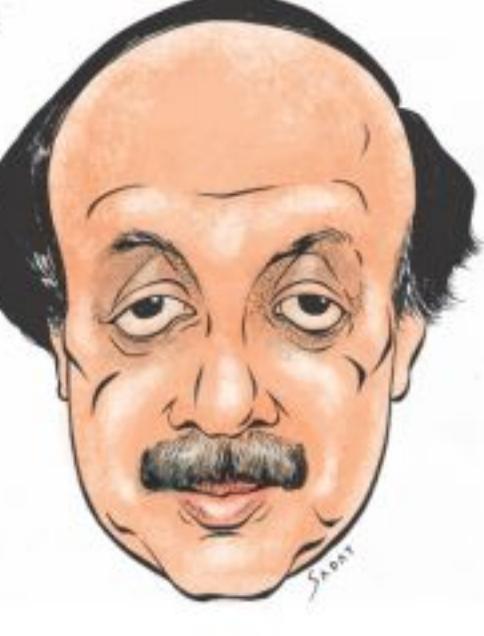
M ABUL KALAM AZAD and ANWAR ALI from Rajshahi

As a mayor of Rajshahi city, Khairuzzaman Liton did everything in an impressive manner, to get re-elected.

But the Awami League-backed candidate lost by a wide margin due to the anti-government sentiment, fuelled by a religion-based campaign and non-cooperation from his own party men.

His defeat proved how a performer can be rejected by his voters even after giving him credit for changing the entire look of Rajshahi city during his five-year term.

For the 18-party-backed Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul, it was a big win considering his position as a low-profile



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ABDUL KHALEQUE

PANKAJ KARMAKAR and ZAHID HOSSAIN from Khulna

Strong opposition from the Jamaat-e-Islami, internal feud, personal behaviour and poor response from migrated and minority voters are believed to be the reasons behind Awami League-backed candidate Talukder Abdul Khaleque's defeat in the Khulna City Corporation polls.

The participation of a leader of the Jatiya Party, a component of the AL-led grand alliance, in the election as a mayoral candidate also acted as a supplementary reason.

In addition to these, the use of the religion card by Islamist parties and organisations also contributed to his defeat.



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SHAWKAT HOSSAIN

HASAN JAHID TUSHER, from Barisal

As a mayor, Shakhawat Hossain Hiron made substantial contributions to the development of Barisal city. Still the Awami League-backed candidate has failed to secure a second term in office. The Daily Star identifies seven key reasons behind his defeat in Saturday's city corporation polls.

Winning the 2008 mayoral polls was no easy task; he narrowly defeated BNP-blessed Sharuddin Shantu by a narrow margin of 588 votes. Since the 1980s, Barisal has been BNP stronghold where the party enjoyed the support of around 60 percent voters most of the time.

Hiron during his tenure did some remarkable jobs like



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BADAR UDDIN

M RAHMAN and IQBAL SIDDIQUEE from Sylhet

A negative outlook for Awami League and some 'misdeeds' of Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran and his men greatly contributed to his defeat in Saturday's polls.

Most of the voters of the Manipuri and Hindu communities expressed their no-confidence through the ballot as Kamran was not present beside them when BCL and Jubo League men grabbed some of their lands in the city.

KH Sanjay Kumar Singh, a Manipuri youth living at Kewapara, said some land grabbers, using the name of the BCL and Jubo League, grabbed land belonging to S Rina Devi, an elderly Manipuri leader.



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BCL ATTACK
BNP leader's tea party for journos foiled

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Patuakhali

At least 10, including three journalists, were injured and 20 motorbikes damaged as BCL and Jubo League men attacked Kuakata Press Club while a local BNP leader was hosting a tea party yesterday. The BCL cadres Bachchu Sheikh and Elias led the attack and confined journalists and locals to the

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WB to help build Padma indirectly

Country director tells of financing other priority projects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank will indirectly help Bangladesh in constructing the Padma bridge though it has withdrawn its fund over an allegation of corruption conspiracy, as the project is very important for the economy.

"We will continue to help the government to get that project done if that is where it indicates its priorities to be," said Johannes Zutt, WB country director for

Bangladesh and Nepal, at a media briefing on the assessment of the 2013-14 budget at his office in the capital.

"It does not necessarily mean direct financing. Indirectly, the WB financing can make a contribution because it is contributing to the overall financing of the development priorities of the government," he said.

Last year, the Washington-based lender cancelled a \$1.2 billion funding for the largest ever infrastructure project in the

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BSF kills 1

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Kushtia

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday shot dead a Bangladeshi national along Putkhali border point in Jibannagar upazila of Chuadanga district.

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MUEEN, ASHRAF Charge framing decision June 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday fixed June 24 to decide on framing war crimes charges against Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan in connection with the killing of bright minds of Bangladesh at the fag end of the Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal, led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge Md Shahinur Islam, fixed the date after the hearing on charge framing was done.

During yesterday's hearing, Prosecutor Sahidur Rahman

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Do you think the recently amended anti-terror law which gives sweeping power to cops and central bank to confiscate properties is justified?

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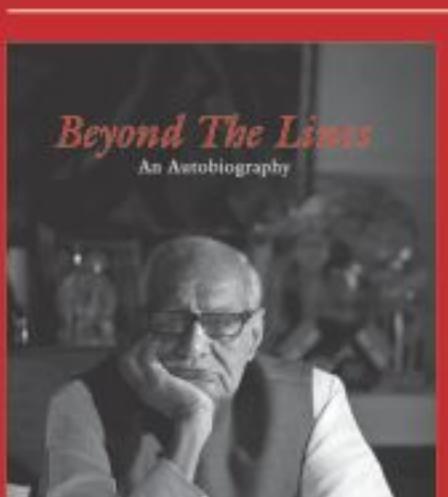
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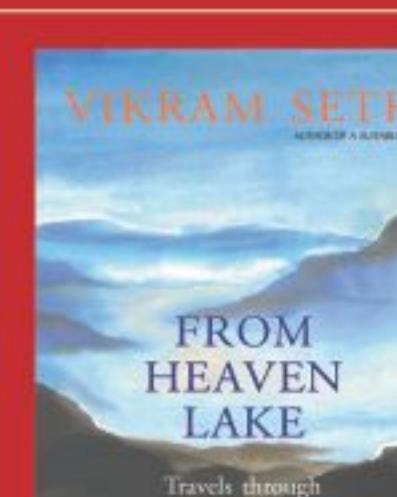
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