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## 11 crew missing

Bangladeshi ship tilts in Andaman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

Eleven crew of a Bangladeshi cargo ship remain missing after the vessel tilted in the Andaman Sea yesterday, some 30 nautical miles off the Phuket Island in southern Thailand.

The MV Hope fell into trouble early yesterday in the rough sea near Thailand's Phuket Island, said Md Shafiqul Islam, principal officer of the Mercantile Marine Department, adding, the ship was heading for Chittagong Port with 5500 tonnes of ball clay.

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# Service dips in divided Dhaka

HELEMUL ALAM

The splitting of the erstwhile Dhaka City Corporation has not benefited city dwellers in the last 18 months as the administrators cannot run the corporations smoothly due to a short stint.

In the absence of elected mayors, the authorities replace the two administrators every six months to comply with the city corporation act. The top executives of the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) get transferred before they could fully understand their roles.

Since the bifurcation of the DCC in November 2011, eight administrators (additional secretaries on deputation) have taken the helm of the two corporations. As they

are subservient to the secretary of the local government ministry, they hardly could make decisions on their own.

This in turn makes city dwellers bear the brunt of poor garbage management, mosquito control and maintenance of city streets.

Due to the negligence of corporations, many city streets are now in a very bad shape. The roads are Mirpur-10 to Mirpur-14, Dayaganj-Jaykali Mondir road, Shahid Faruk Hossain Sarak in Jatrabari, South Sayedabad Road, and different lanes in Islambagh, Baunia, Mirpur, Pallabi and Senpara Parbata areas.

A resident of Manikdi, Alauddin said locals dump their garbage in low-lying areas as there was no waste management system

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## GAZIPUR CITY POLLS

# Rivals argue over army deployment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Only a day away from the Gazipur City Corporation polls, the ruling Awami League and its archrival BNP are still at loggerheads over troop deployment in the election.

Both AL and BNP approached the Election Commission yesterday and placed their arguments to sway the commission in their favour.

BNP leaders renewed their demand for deploying army personnel in the polls, saying the prevailing situation in the city corporation calls for troop deployment.

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# Egypt swears in interim president

Morsi remains in army custody; Brotherhood leadership detained

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's chief justice Adly Mansour was sworn in as interim president yesterday after the army ousted and detained Mohamed Morsi in an abrupt end to the Islamist's first year in office.

The security forces also rounded up Morsi's top aides and the leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood movement to which he belongs, sources said.

A senior military officer said the army was "preventively" holding Morsi and that he might face formal charges linked to his prison escape during the revolt that overthrew dictator Hosni Mubarak in 2011.

Morsi's government unravelled late on Wednesday after the army gave him a 48-hour

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Adly Mansour

# Indefinite strike at gas stations

Owners protest against alleged bribery by magistrate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owners of CNG filling stations go on an indefinite strike across the country from today in protest at the harassment of a fellow owner by a magistrate of the energy ministry.

The filling stations would stop sales from 6:00am.

Zakir Hossain Nayan, president of the CNG filling station owners' association, yesterday said a mobile team led by Magistrate Raza Md Abdul Hai had raided the office of a filling station at Sobhanighat, Sylhet.

The team harassed the staff and demanded Tk 5 lakh in bribe, he added.

"A mobile team cannot just walk in our office and rummage through it," Nayan told The Daily Star over the phone.

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# Same old Ershad

SHAKHAWAT LITON

In a surprise move, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday extended his party's support to the ruling Awami League-backed mayoral candidate to fight the BNP favourite in the battle of ballots in Gazipur City Corporation.

Ershad, the deposed military dictator, came up with the announcement at a press briefing a day after his claim to remain "neutral" by not supporting any mayoral aspirant.

Justifying his somersault, Ershad said he took this decision to remove the confusion following BNP-backed candidate MA Mannan's claim that he supported him.

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# Campaign over

Taka flows in to woo garment workers

HASAN JAHID TUSHER, PANKAJ KARMAKAR and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE, from Gazipur

Campaigning for the Gazipur City Corporation polls ended at zero hours last night amid allegations of distribution of money to woo voters by both the Awami League and BNP-backed candidates.

In their last-minute campaigns, AL-backed mayoral contender

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