



AL relies on grassroots

Selection of MP candidates begins

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Grassroots leaders of the ruling Awami League yesterday began the process of selecting party candidates for the upcoming parliamentary elections.

In a unique selection procedure, they would propose three names from their constituency and evaluate the prospective candidates asking them 10 questions on their image, education, popularity, financial strength and connection with the grassroots and the people. The questions carry 100 marks in total.

Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina laid out the idea at a meeting with the grassroots leaders of seven districts at Gono Bhaban.

How popular is the candidate? What is the status of his or her finances? How is his or her relationship with the party grassroots and the people? How long has he or she been with the party? These were a few of the questions a candidate aspirant would be asked. "It seems it is an exam hall and we are sitting for exams," a leader told The

Daily Star after the meeting.

This system, if used, would apparently come as a blow to many incumbent lawmakers, who had become isolated from the grassroots in the last four and a half years.

Awami League grassroots leaders had long been demanding that the party chief takes measures to bridge the gap between the lawmakers and the leaders of units to avert a debacle in the next general elections. SEE PAGE 10 COL 6



The appalling state of a road at Singa of Harinakundu municipality in Jhenidah. The muddy stretch of about 750 metres forces many villagers to take a detour of 14km to get to Harinakundu. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

33 UPAZILAS EC asked not to hold polls now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The LGRD ministry has asked the Election Commission not to hold the due elections to 33 upazilas across the country ahead of the national elec-

As the general election is approaching nearer, it will not be right to hold these elections before the national polls, said EC sources quoting a recent letter signed by a deputy secretary at the ministry.

The parliamentary election is supposed to be held between October 27 this SEE PAGE 2 COL 6



Killing in 1971

Martyr's wife testifies against Mobarak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A war crimes victim yesterday testified that her husband and in-laws had been killed with the help of war crimes accused Mobarak Hossain at Tanmandayl of Akhaura during the Liberation War.

"They along with 31 people were shot dead on the west bank of

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EVICTION DRIVE ON BURIGANGA

47 illegal structures knocked down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities in a joint drive yesterday demolished around 47 illegal structures to free the second channel of the Buriganga from encroachment.

The Dhaka district administration, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) conducted the drive, which began at 10:00am.

The drive along the north side of the riverbank stretching from Lohar Bridge at Killarmore to Swarighat in Old Dhaka continued till the evening.

Among the demolished establishments, two were concrete structures and included an under-construction warehouse.

Local residents claimed that the warehouse belonged to Haji Mohammad Selim, a former lawmaker of the ruling party.

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Robbers kill security guard

Loot 3 jewellery shops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A security guard was killed and two market staff were injured when a gang of robbers exploded crude bombs and looted three jewellery shops at a mall in Sylhet's Zindabazar area last night.

The deceased, Badshah Miah, 50, worked at Nehar Market, where the robbery took place.

The two injured, Ranjit and Selim, were admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical SEE PAGE 10 COL 6

Alim was peace committee leader

Prosecution says as closing arguments begin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution in the opening of the closing arguments yesterday tried to prove that war crimes accused Abdul Alim was a top leader of Joypurhat Peace Committee during the Liberation War.

Citing some documentary evidence, prosecutor Rana Dasgupta told International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Alim had formed and led the Peace Committee in Joypurhat. The accused along with his organisation had taken part in the atrocities committed there, he added.

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Obama urges world support for Syria strike

US lawmakers draft Syria intervention plan; Putin softens tone

AFP, Damascus

US President Barack Obama yesterday urged world support for punitive strikes against Syria for its alleged use of chemical weapons, while Damascus vowed retaliation and resistance even if a third world war erupts.

Obama, fresh from efforts in Washington to secure bipartisan support for military intervention, said in Stockholm that the world had set "a red line" for Syria and it could not now remain silent in the face of the regime's alleged use of chemical weapons.

a red line," Obama said, referring to international rules banning the use of chemical weapons, even in case of war.

"My credibility is not on the line," Obama said in remarks after arriving in Sweden for a two-day visit.

"The international community's credibility is on the line and America and Congress's credibility is on the line because we give lip service to the "I didn't set a red line. The world set notion that these international norms are important," he said.

In Washington, top administration leaders were to keep up an offensive to win congressional support for military strikes against Syria.

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Bracelet uses heartbeat as password

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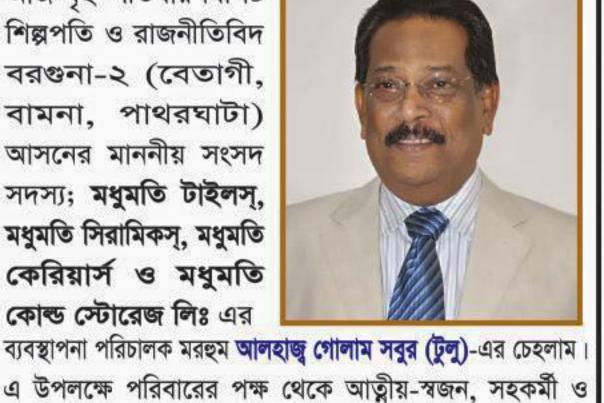
A Canadian firm wants to replace all our computer passwords, screen locks on phones and tablets, car and house keys and even wallets with a single authentication SEE PAGE 2 COL 8

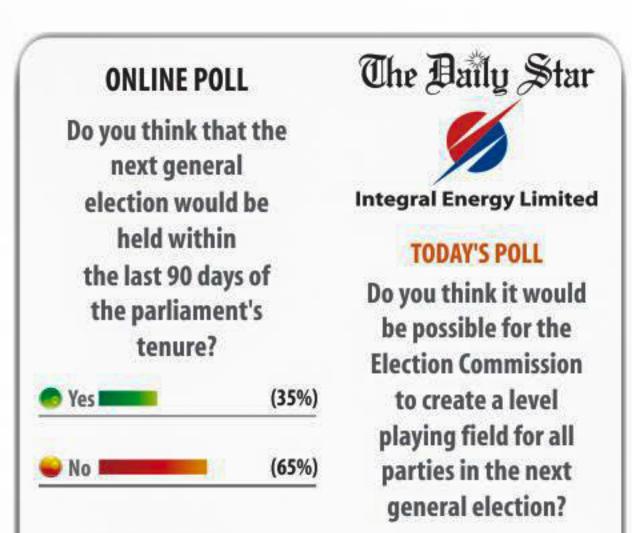
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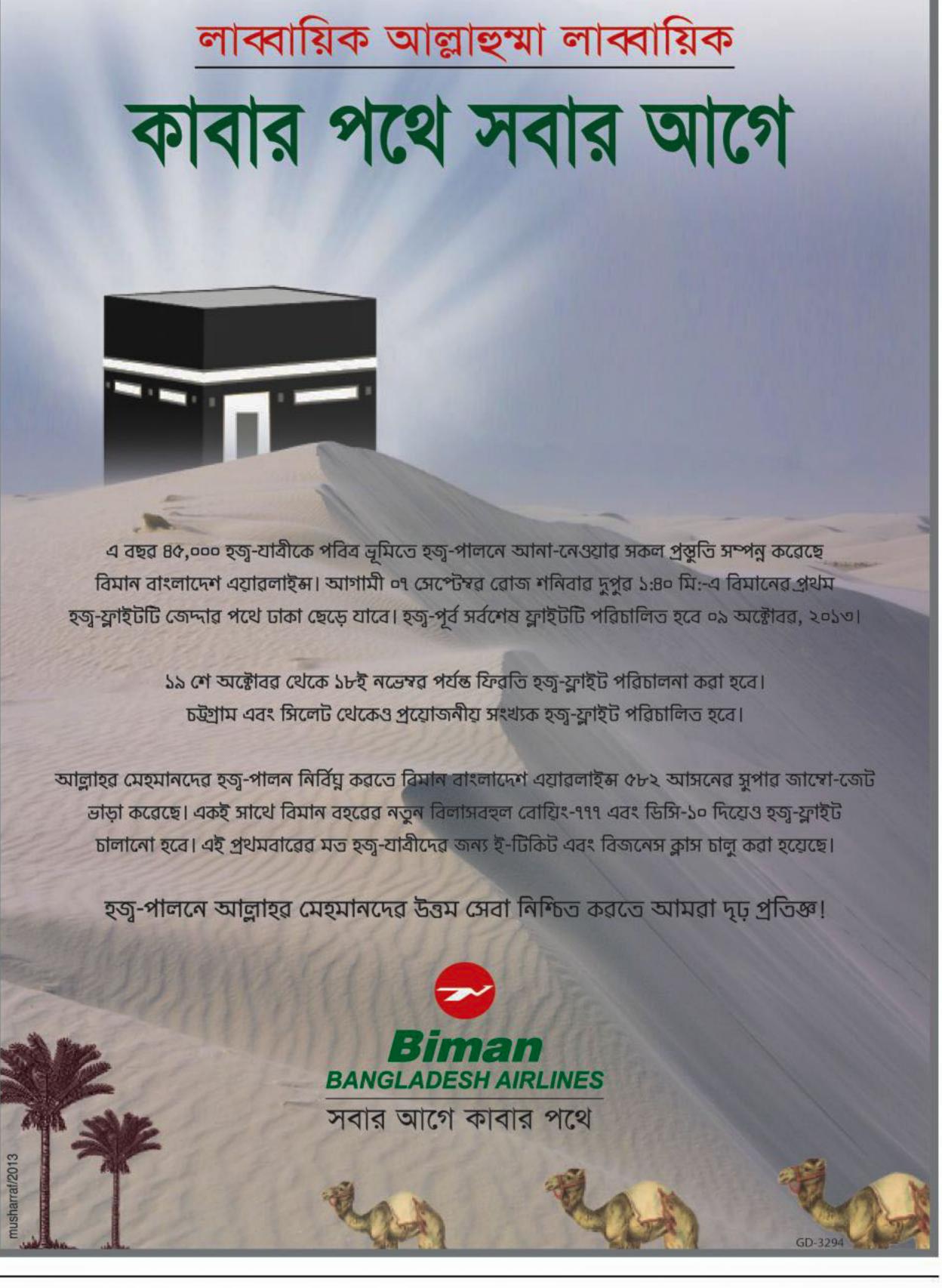
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