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2nd Edition

# Eight city corporations to get LED street lights Saved energy could power 5,000

households every day

HELEMUL ALAM

Conventional fluorescent and sodium street lights in eight city corporations are going to be replaced by energy-saving light emitting diode (LED) lamps, some to be run by solar power, saving 10 megawatts of electricity per day. This means an additional 5,000 households in the capi-

tal can be powered every day as these lights consume 30 to 40 percent less energy than the existing ones. These lights will cover 200 kilometres of roads of the city

corporations in Dhaka, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong of which those on 20 kilometres will be powered by solar panels. Power Development Board (PDB) Assistant Engineer

Asaduzzaman said the installation of the 120, 90 and 60 watt lights would be under a Tk 316 crore Asian Development Bank-funded project. This would not only save money but last longer, improve

the quality of lighting and be friendly for the environment, he said. Appointment of a consultant will take around two

months and the replacement will start in the 2014-15 fiscal year, he added. They scrapped their initial plan to install only solar pan-

els after seeing the problems faced by India for lack of proper maintenance and absence of adequate sunlight in some places, said Asaduzzaman. Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) had already

started experiencing the benefits of these energy-saving SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

#### Obituary CITY DESK



Mohatazuddin Mia passed away on December 3 due to old age complications. He was 82.

After completing his MSc in botany from Dhaka University in 1954, Dr Mohatazuddin received a Fulbright Scholarship for a PhD in plant genetics. He completed his PhD at University of Utah, USA in

He later joined the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission as a senior scientific officer and retired as the director of the Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture.

He was buried in his home village Shyampur of Chapainawabganj on Friday. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Sabera Begum CITY DESK



Sabera Begum, vice president of Bikolpodhara Bangladesh (BDB), died on Saturday

aged 57. She left behind her

at a hospital in the capital,

daughter, and a son. She had been suffering from kidney ailment, said a BDB press release.

Sabera, founder principal of the city's Rupnagar College, was an executive member of the Supreme Court Bar

Association. She was buried at the city's Martyred

Intellectuals' Graveyard.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

#### EC directs returning officers to form cells to maintain law, order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday directed all the returning officers to form law and order maintenance cells and election monitoring teams immediately at all the districts ahead of the next general election. The divisional commissioner and deputy commissioner

of every district, who have been appointed as the returning officers, will head the team and the cell, the EC directed it in a circular. The monitoring teams will oversee overall election activi-

ties, while the law and order cells will take all the necessary

steps for maintaining law and order. In another circular, the EC directed the returning officers SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF JAMAAT LEADER AKM YUSUF

# Witness narrates killing ICT adjourns case of nine by Razakars

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that Razakars had killed eight to nine persons, including his two maternal uncles, before his eyes near Bhasa Bazar under Kachua upazila of Bagerhat during the 1971 Liberation War.

They had also shot and bayoneted him causing grievous injuries, added 67-year-old Sunil Kumar Dakua, the 15th witness in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader AKM Yusuf, before International Crimes Tribunal-2.

Sunil said the Jamaat nayeb-e-ameer,

chairman of Khulna Peace Committee, an anti-liberation organisation, formed the infamous Razakar force in 1971. He, however, could not identify any of the Razakars involved in the killings. The Razakar force, as the Pakistani army's

auxiliary force, committed numerous crimes during the nine-month-long war, as per historic and the prosecution documents.

Bhasa village said 45 to 46 armed Razakars besieged Bhasa Bazar, where he was shopping, from its eastern side on the 30th day of: the Bangla month of Ashwin.

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#### : WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF MOBARAK HOSSAIN proceedings as defence fails to produce witness

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday adjourned the proceedings of the war crimes case against Awami : League leader Mobarak Hossain until today after the defence counsel failed to produce their witnesses and sought adjournment for three days.

The tribunal fixed tomorrow for hearing an application filed seeking review of the indictment order against Jamaat During his 18-minute testimony, Sunil of : leader ATM Azharul Islam in a war crimes case as senior defence counsel Abdur Razzaq could not appear before the tribunal yesterday.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir also fixed December 10 for hearing defence's SEE PAGE 4 COL 3



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greets President Abdul Hamid with a bouquet while calling on him at Bangabhaban in the capital yesterday to discuss the country's present situation.

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### Mahmudur sent to jail after remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of Bangla daily Amar Desh, to jail after he was produced before it in connection with two cases filed for provoking violence and assaulting police.

One of the cases was filed on March 17 in connection with provoking hartal and pre-hartal violence and another on March 26 for assaulting police and preventing them from discharging duties.

Metropolitan Magistrate MA Salam passed the order after police produced Mahmudur before it on completion of his six-day remand in the two cases. The order was passed on April 11 this year after his arrest. But police took him on remand on December 3.

Mahmudur told the court yesterday that he was not allowed to sleep and take food and sanitation facilities during his six-day remand at Tejgoan Police Station. So, he appealed to the court to ensure justice in this regard for establishing the rule of law, added Mahmudur.

Apurba Hassan, officer-in-charge of the police station, told The Daily Star that Mahmudur told a lie adding that they had a video footage which shows he used sanitation facilities, his sleeping and food he was taken during the

Sahidur Rahman, prosecutor of International Crimes Tribunal-1, filed a sedition case against him with the police on December 13, 2012 on charge of publishing a Skype conversation between Justice Md Nizamul Huq, then chairman of the tribunal, and Ahmed Ziauddin, an expatriate Bangladeshi legal expert.

remand. On April 11 this year, police arrested Mahmudur after bail from any court.

Later he was shown arrested in 60 other cases and remanded for several times. But Mahmudur was yet to seek

