

Muktijoddha Sangsad Polls

Aggrieved war heroes now look to PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A nexus of administrative officials, public representatives, local engineers and contractors helped anti-liberation forces and fake freedom fighters assume leadership of the Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad through the June 4 election.

This allegation was raised at a conference of Liberation War heroes in the capital yesterday. The speakers at the event alleged that money was spent to buy votes of freedom

fighters and the administration backed

ballot snatching and vote rigging.

Terming all of this unfortunate, especially at a time when the war crimes trial is going on, freedom fighters called upon Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina not to administer oath to the newly elected members of the Muktijoddha Sangsad central command council.

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Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, alongside Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, inspects a guard of honour at Shahjalal **International Airport** yesterday after his arrival in Dhaka on a three-day visit.



RAMNA BLAST CASE Verdict now on June 23

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has rescheduled the Ramna Batamul carnage case verdict for June 23 as the judge could not complete writing the judgement yesterday, prolonging the justice seekers' 13-year wait for one more week.

"I could not complete writing the judgement of the case. So, I shifted the date," said Judge Ruhul Amin of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka, who was scheduled to pronounce the verdict yesterday.

During the traditional celebrations of the Bangla New Year, 1408 (April 14, 2001) at the Ramna Batamul, several blasts killed 10 people and injured SEE PAGE 9 COL 5

Ramadan

Vacation of schools extended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All primary and secondary schools and madrasas across the country will enjoy holidays during the Ramadan, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told a cabinet meeting yesterday.

Earlier, she turned down the education minister's request to keep the institutions open for the first 10 days of Ramadan, meeting sources said.

Hasina suggested that the ministries concerned make an adjustment of the 10 days to the yearly summer vacation in all educational institutions.

The cabinet also approved the draft of SEE PAGE 2 COL 2 Nur 'confesses' to 7-murder link

Reports TV channel; Still no official word from India

STAR REPORT

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Nur Hossain has admitted to Kolkata police his involvement in the abduction and gruesome murder of seven people in Narayanganj, reports Ekattor TV in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministry has initiated the "process" of bringing Nur Hossain back through the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.

Police arrested the prime accused in the sevenmurder and his two associates on Saturday night in Kolkata and a court placed the trio on an eight-day remand each the next day.

An Ekattor TV report claimed that Hossain had initially denied to the taskforce set up to quiz him in Kolkata that he had anything to do with the murders. He claimed that he was being accused of the murders because he was a politician.

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Govt appoints administrators again HELEMUL ALAM The government has again appointed

administrators to two Dhaka city corporations for six months, showing its unwillingness to hold elections to get public representatives even two and a half years after the erstwhile DCC's bifurcation. The public administration ministry

yesterday appointed Mohammad Ibrahim Hossain Khan, an additional secretary who had been officer on

special duty and attached to the land ministry, as administrator of Dhaka South City Corporation, 13 days after the post fell vacant.

DCC polls uncertain

Faruk Jalil, another additional secretary of the Directorate of Primary Education, was appointed on May 18 as administrator of Dhaka North City Corporation. He, however, joined the job yesterday, nine days after the sixmonth tenure of his predecessor had expired.

Earlier, ten administrators were

appointed in five phases.

The government claims that it split the DCC to improve services for city dwellers. In reality, though, garbage management, mosquito control activities and maintenance of city streets, which are the main jobs of the corporations, have deteriorated.

City dwellers have complained of facing problems when they try to obtain different certificates from the 10 zonal offices of DSCC and DNCC.

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Syndicated Term Loan Facility BDT 1,980.00 Million

[IPFF: BDT 1,150.00 Million & USD 4.50 Million and Non-IPFF: BDT 480.00 Million]

Arranged for **KDS** Logistics Limited

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IPFF Loan: USD Non-IPFF Loan: BDT













Silence not

expected

Sultana Kamal on role of govt, local MP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent rights activist Sultana Kamal yesterday expressed her shock that local lawmaker Elias Uddin Mollah had not yet visited Kurmitola Bihari Camp even three days after the gruesome arson attack on the settlement that killed nine of a family.

"He is supposed to represent all the people in his constituency. Siding against a particular section of people is an injustice," said Sultana, also the former caretaker government adviser after visiting the camp with fellow rights activist Nur Khan yesterday.

Residents of the camp, inhabited by a few thousand Pakistanis stranded in Bangladesh after the 1971 Liberation War, SEE PAGE 9 COL 1

Super banana

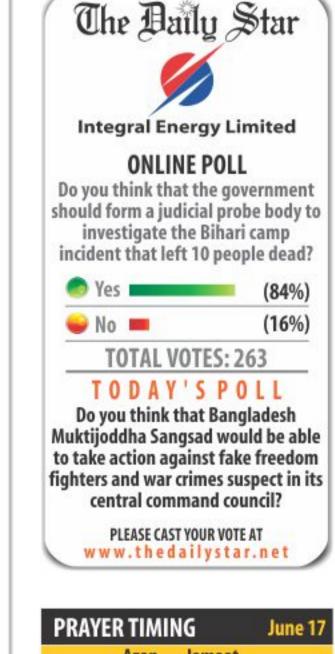
It could save millions in Africa

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

A super-enriched banana genetically engineered to improve the lives of millions of people in Africa will soon have its first human trial, which will test its effect on vitamin A levels, Australian researchers said yesterday.

The project plans to have the special banana varieties -- enriched with alpha and beta carotene which SEE PAGE 9 COL 4





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