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With bandages almost all over their bodies, victims of a petrol bomb attack on a truck on Chandra Road in Chandpur have treatment at the Chandpur Sadar Hospital yesterday.

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AL backs Nasir for Ctg mayor race

EC orders removal of election posters, hoardings by tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League will back AJM Nasir, Chittagong city AL general secretary, for mayor of Chittagong City Corporation.

AL President Sheikh Hasina made the decision yesterday in a meeting with senior party leaders, meeting sources said.

Also the prime minister, Hasina will sit with leaders of Chittagong AL this afternoon before making a formal announcement in this regard.

The Dhaka north, south and Chittagong city corporations will go to polls on April 28. Voters will exercise their franchise to elect three mayors and 179 councillors in the cities.

Other possible mayoral candidates whose names came up for discussion in yesterday's meeting at Gono Bhaban are ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, city AL president and former city mayor; Nurul Islam Bsc, vice-president of city AL; and Abdus Salam, chairman of Chittagong Development Authority and city AL treasurer.

The PM told the meeting that though Mohiuddin Chowdhury is a popular and veteran AL leader, he is too old now.

AL leaders Syed Ashraf Islam, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Mohammad Nasim, Faruk Khan and Dipu Moni were present.

The party chief on February 26 backed Sayeed Khokon, son of late Dhaka mayor Mohammad Hanif; and businessman Annisul Huq for mayor of Dhaka south and north city

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the government would respond to the call of Human Rights Watch for independent investigation into the disappearance of BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed?

Yes (11%)

No (89%)

TOTAL VOTES: 82

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JAMAAT 5-35 1-15 4-45 6-18 8-15

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KIDNAPPED IN LIBYA Govt still in dark about fate of 2 Bangladeshis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is still in the dark about the whereabouts of two Bangladeshis who were kidnapped in Libya allegedly by a militant group linked to the ISIS, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali has said.

"We did not get any information about them or their whereabouts. They might have been abducted by any militant group," he said.

The minister was talking to reporters yesterday after an inter-ministerial meeting of the expatriate welfare, home and foreign ministries on the issuance of machine readable passports for Bangladeshis at

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ICC should prosecute ISIS for Iraq war crimes

UN says jihadists may have committed genocide against Yazidis

REUTERS, Geneva

The United Nations human rights office yesterday said that Islamic State fighters may have committed genocide against the minority Yazidi community in Iraq as well as crimes against humanity and war crimes against civilians including children.

In a report based on interviews with more than 100 alleged victims and witnesses, it urged the UN Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court (ICC) for prosecution of perpetrators.

The report also said Iraqi government forces and affiliated militias "may have committed some war crimes" while battling the insurgency.

The UN Human Rights Council launched its inquiry in September after the Islamist militant group Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, seized large swathes of northern Iraq.

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Becoming a cop for a day

MAIL ONLINE

A little boy who has been battling an aggressive form of leukaemia has realised his dream of becoming a policeman for the day -- thanks to China's version of Whatsapp.

Liu Zixi, eight, was diagnosed with the deadly disease in July last year, and has since endured nine rounds of painful chemotherapy.

But the little boy has kept his spirits up through three near-death experiences by dreaming of becoming a policeman one day so he can "catch thieves and arrest

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