

# BANGABANDHU BRIDGE Chinese firm gets cracks repair job

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The government yesterday selected China Communication Construction Company (CCCC) to repair the cracks that developed inside the box girders of the Bangabandhu Bridge. The CCCC would repair the cracks inside the box girders at a cost of Tk 109 crore. The cabinet committee on purchase approved a proposal in this regard yesterday. A total of four companies had submitted proposals for the repair job but the CCCC was selected as it became eligible both technically and financially. The Chinese company also repaired the cracks that had developed on the surface of the 4.8 kilometre bridge for Tk 243 crore in 2013. According to a proposal put forward in the purchase committee meeting, the cracks inside the bridge, over the Jamuna river, need to be repaired to strengthen the superstructure of the bridge.

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Two children wearing their tiny but colourful saris head towards the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University with their guardian on Pahela Baishakh. Their faces make it very clear how excited they are for being able to take part in the Bangla New Year festivities.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

# Split HC order on Abbas' bail

Another bench to dispose of his petitions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday passed split orders on two bail petitions filed by BNP-blessed mayor candidate Mirza Abbas in connection with two vandalism and arson cases. Justice Quamrul Islam Siddique, senior judge of the two-member bench, granted three weeks' anticipatory bail to Abbas considering his run for mayor election to the Dhaka South City Corporation to be held on April 28. On the other side, junior judge of the bench Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore rejected the bail petitions and ordered the accused BNP leader to surrender before the lower court concerned immediately. Justice Gobinda rejected

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Plagued by perennial problems, Dhaka and Chittagong -- our two major cities -- go to polls on April 28. What will a mayoral hopeful do to solve those problems if elected? How all the modern amenities will be ensured? What is his vision for the future of the city? Looking for the answers, The Daily Star has talked to a mayoral candidate.

# Safe, world class city

Promises JP-backed DSCC mayoral candidate Milon

RASHIDUL HASAN

Ridding the city of traffic congestion, addressing waterlogging and checking anomalies in city services are the main promises mayor aspirant Saifuddin Ahmed Milon is making to woo voters of Dhaka South City Corporation.

Endorsed by Jatiya Party, businessman-politician Milon wants to do these with a vision.

"I have visited a lot of countries. With this experience, I want to make my city safe, green and clean like those in Europe and America.

"If I am elected mayor, I will share my ideas and experience with the city planners and architects to give this city a complete facelift of world standard.



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"So, I humbly request my voters to give me a chance. If I cannot deliver as per your [voters'] expectations, I will not hesitate to step down," the JP presidium member said in an interview with The Daily Star earlier this week.

Milon, who was born and brought up in the city's Lalbagh area, said: "I want to see my birthplace as one of the best cities in the world. And for this, I want to change everything, especially the infrastructure and narrow roads in Old Dhaka."

"People living in Dhaka South are facing scores of problems like traffic congestion, crimes, drugs, mosquito, mismanagement of waste, and air and water pollution.

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Mayor aspirant Saifuddin Ahmed Milon of Dhaka South City Corporation asks for votes in Lalbagh area yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

AL-BACKED CANDIDATES

# Joy, Bobby may join campaign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sajeeb Wazed Joy, son of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, may engage in campaigns for the Awami League-backed mayoral candidates in the elections to the two city corporation in Dhaka.

His cousin Rezwan Siddique Bobby, son of Hasina's sister Sheikh Rehana, too may be seen campaigning alongside him.

The decisions were taken at a meeting of the AL Central Working Committee (ALCWC) at Gono Bhaban last night. PM Hasina, also the AL chief, chaired the meeting.

Meeting sources said the decision to engage Joy and Bobby in the campaign trail was made to counter BNP chief Khaleda Zia, who would be campaigning for the candidates

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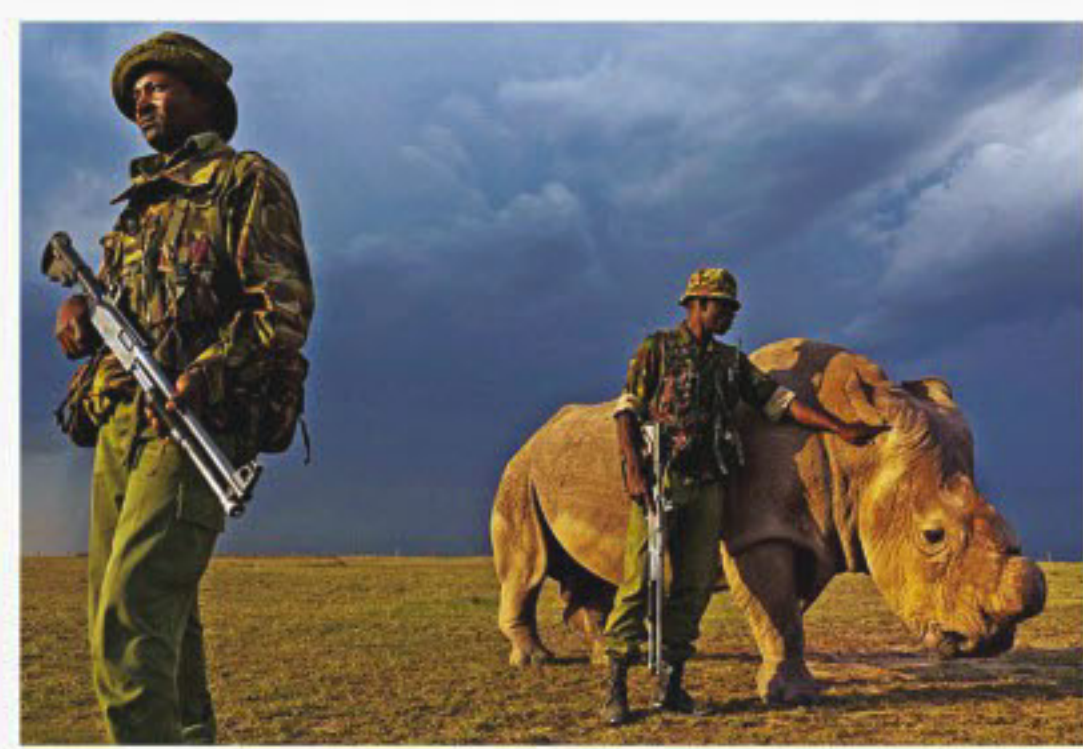
# The last white rhino under armed guard

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The world's last surviving male northern white rhino - stripped of his horn for his own safety - is now under 24-hour armed guard in a desperate final bid to save the species.

Sudan is guarded day and night by a group of rangers who risk their lives on a daily basis as they try to keep the rhino from poachers lured by the rising price of ivory.

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# 10 hurt as BCL men clash in Rangpur

Medical college declared closed

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Rangpur Medical College was closed for an indefinite period yesterday hours after 10 people were injured in a Chhatra League factional clash on the campus.

Shahiduzzaman Shahid, president of the RMC BCL unit, was among the injured in the infighting that took place over establishing supremacy, said sources.

The decision to shut down the college was taken in an emergency meeting of the academic council. All students were asked to vacate their dormitories within 3:00pm yesterday, said RMC Principal Zakir Hossain. The clash ensued around

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# HC decries scrapped section of ACC law

Govt permission needed to sue public servants is 'discriminatory', says full judgment

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The provision in the Anti-Corruption Commission law that required the ACC to take government permission before suing public servants for corruption was discriminatory and an obstruction to identifying the corrupt, the High Court has observed.

"It is apparent that Section 32Ka of the Amended [Anti Corruption Commission] Act, 2013, which restrains investigations without sanction is discriminatory, and obstruct to track down the corrupt persons," it observed in the full judgment in a writ petition against the amendment.

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