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Doa mahfil for diplomat Shehabuddin tomorrow

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A doa mahfil for late KM Shehabuddin, a former ambassador, will be held at Baridhara DOHS mosque (lane-5 west) in the capital after Asr prayers tomorrow, said a press release. He died in United Hospital of Dhaka on April 15, and was buried at his village Muhammadpur in Chittagong the following day. Shehabuddin, a freedom fighter, served in Bangladesh missions in France, Lebanon, and the UK before serving as an ambassador to Poland, Kuwait, France, and the US.

Metro govt only way to get problem free Dhaka

Bangladesh Institute of Planners, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, Institute of Architects Bangladesh, Work for a Better Bangladesh Trust tell views-exchange meeting with 15 mayor candidates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Though it can not be used under the present legal framework and reality, metropolitan government is the only way to rid Dhaka city of its problems and a prompt decision must be taken, environmentalists, urban planners and architects told a views-exchange meeting yesterday.

Essentially organisations providing services like city planning and control, housing and infrastructure, water supply, transport and waste, disaster and financial management, ensuring a healthy environment, education and health, and promoting culture and tradition have to come under the city government, said Dr Akhtar Mahmud. The general secretary of Bangladesh

Institute of Planners (BIP) was reading out to 15 mayoral aspirants present at the meeting a statement containing 10 suggestions on making the capital livable.

The proposals include preserving and developing open spaces and parks, significantly improving waste management, building a safe city, developing surface drains, reducing waterlogging and improving the communications sector.

BIP, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), Institute of Architects Bangladesh, and Work for a Better Bangladesh Trust, which prepared the recommendations, also suggested making each ward a centre for providing civic amenities.

The four organised the meeting, "Civic amenities in Dhaka city: Expectations from SEE PAGE 5 COL 4



Awami League-backed mayor candidate AJM Nasir of the Chittagong City Corporation polls, third from right, presents his 36-point manifesto at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh, Chittagong in the port city yesterday underscoring Chittagong's potentials and its rich natural resources and outlining the plans to build it into a green, digital megacity. PHOTO: STAR

Nasir outlines plans for green, digital mega Ctg

Unveils 36-point manifesto

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Underscoring Chittagong's potentials and its rich natural resources, Awami League-backed mayor candidate AJM Nasir yesterday presented his 36-point manifesto outlining the plans to build it into a green, digital megacity.

He said the dream could be realised through planned and sustainable development interventions and the proper use and management of the city's natural resources.

Though a city corporation is a non-political organisation, Nasir claimed that since his party was in power now, it would be easy for him, if elected, to develop the city.

The manifesto was unveiled at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Chittagong, and it sorts out 12 main problems with waterlogging topping the list.

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Mohiuddin Chy not impressed

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Awami League leader ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, who failed to get party support for the April 28 mayoral run, expressed his dissatisfaction with the manifesto of party favourite AJM Nasir Uddin right at its unveiling ceremony yesterday.

In his welcome address, he said, "I have contested for several times and I have experiences. If my cooperation was sought during its drafting, it could be a far better manifesto."

Mohiuddin, a three-time mayor and president of the city AL, suggested some corrections and told the audience, "Please cast your vote, if the manifesto pleases you."

The blatant remarks embarrassed party leaders who were present at the unveiling ceremony at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh, Chittagong.

On condition of anonymity, some leaders told The Daily Star that maybe Mohiuddin was still aggrieved but he should not have expressed himself that

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BNP wants army at all polling centres

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BNP yesterday called for deployment of army at every polling centre during the April 28 city corporation elections in Dhaka and Chittagong to ensure free and fair voting.

The army personnel should also be given the power of magistrates, Asaduzzaman Ripon, BNP's secretary for international affairs, told a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters in the capital.

He urged the Election Commission to keep army deployed for at least five days after the polls.

"This will ensure an atmosphere for free and fair voting," he said.

Alluding to the recent attacks on BNP chief Khaleda Zia's motorcade, he alleged that the government was trying to get engaged in "dirty politics" ahead of the city polls.

"Whenever BNP chief Khaleda Zia is going out, she is being attacked. The attackers have been photographed [Karwan Bazar incident] by the media. They should be brought to justice," he said.

"Violence is increasing day by day centering about the city polls. That is why we need deployment of army at all polling stations to ensure unhindered voting."

Ripon also urged the government to stay away from "dirty politics" and practice "good politics", and requested the ruling party men not to make provocative comments to instigate clashes.

Dr Shahadat finally joins Manjur's campaign

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Chittagong city BNP general secretary Dr Shahadat Hossain, who was denied party blessing for the mayoral race, joined the campaign of his party colleague and mayoral hopeful M Manjur Alam yesterday.

Dr Shahadat and Manjur were welcomed by BNP men when they started the day's campaign at Pachhim Bakalia.

Dr Shahadat told The Daily Star that he had been absent in Manjur's campaign, as he was facing several arrest warrants in various "political" cases and was yet to get bail.

"Some newspapers reported that I am not with Manjur Alam. But today's campaign that started in

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Women councillor aspirants of Dhaka pledge security

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Women councillor contenders for Dhaka north and south city corporations polls have pledged to ensure security for women and set up day care centres for infants, if voted to power.

Eminent personalities, on the other hand, urged them not to forget slum dwellers and to ensure that women get easy access to the councillors.

A roundtable styled "Thoughts of Women Councillor Candidates in Resolving Local Problems" was organised yesterday by the daily Prothom Alo at its office in the capital where three women aspirants and a representative of another councillor aspirant were present.

Mentioning miserable condition of women at slums, Prof Kaberi Gayen of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University said, "While conducting a survey we found one latrine for 70 women while one kitchen for 40 women."

Councillor candidate for ward no-12 of Dhaka South City Corporation Runu Aktar said, "Female garment workers face several problems while returning home at night. I will solve this problem."

Candidate for ward no-16 of Dhaka North City Corporation Mahmuda Begum said she will form a team with locals to monitor areas near schools to protect

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Hossain Zillur for visionary Ctg mayor

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Chittagong needs prudent and visionary leadership to turn it into an international standard city by 2030, former caretaker government adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman said yesterday, pointing out three main areas which should be the focus of all development interventions.

He expounded on his ideas in a keynote speech at a roundtable, organised by Chittagong Research Initiative (CRI) ahead of the April 28 city corporation election.

Firstly, unplanned urbanisation, which has given birth to waterlogging, a messy waste management, traffic jams, and a shortage of drinking water, must be put on check, he said in the written statement. Insincerity and

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STAR WEEKEND
in other news...

With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the Star Weekend has an array of articles for your reading pleasure. After the Pahela Baishakh tragedy of mass sexual harassment on women, our spotlight this week not only focuses on the incident, but also has psychoanalysis of what can cause such heinous crimes. We will visit past cases of sexual assault gone unnoticed in our country. There is also an article on a unique project, designed by a unique teacher that helps the voiceless find a voice, along with much more. Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend, tomorrow, Friday!

TO HELL AND BACK

The last week's story has been a difficult one for Dhaka dwellers. The Pahela Baishakh incident - where women were sexually harassed, strangled and murdered - left many heart-broken. A whole week has gone by, but the authorities are still trying to look for greater or equal harassment in the incident as the CCTV cameras set up in the area for the celebration - whether in total white or not - and citizens journalists have to help our authorities find the criminals, there still seems to be a 'cover-up' among the top officials. This, however, did not keep the student groups silent. Many schools and universities got together at the Dhaka University premises and held silent processions and non-violent sit-downs. One group even presented petitions to the officials at the Skidoo police station, as a symbol of protest. Read this week's spotlight (pages 8-9) to find out more about what happened on that dreadful day.

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