

### Ctg Mayor Nasir changes priority

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Less than a month into being elected mayor, Awami League leader AJM Nasir Uddin yesterday reversed his position and changed his top priority and main electoral pledge, which was to end the crippling waterlogging of Chittagong city.

Nasir repeatedly bashed his predecessor and main rival in the April 28 city corporation election, Manjur Alam, for the latter's "failure" in solving the waterlogging problem, and pledged to end it once and for all through short-, mid-, and long-term plans.

However, while addressing a reception for the 55 newly elected councillors at Laldighi Maidan, the new mayor dismissed waterlogging as "not so big a problem".

A citizens' platform, Nagorik Sangbardhana Committee, organised it. "Uncleanliness is the main problem of the city, as we suffer from it on all 365 days of the year," said Nasir. "On the other hand, waterlogging causes sufferings to the masses only during the monsoon.

"...waterlogging happens for a few hours, and within two to four hours the water drains out."

### Preparations

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Addressing an interaction organised by the Indian Association of Foreign Affairs Correspondents in New Delhi, Muazem Ali noted that Indian central government had briefed Bangladesh on the internal discussions it was having with West Bengal's government.



The National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources and Power-Ports holds a rally in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding cancellation of the proposed Rampal power plant near the Sundarbans, when Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Bangladesh in the first week of June. Environmental activists are vehemently opposed to the construction of the 1,320MW coal-fired power plant, which they say will threaten the world's largest mangrove forest. The project is supposed to be a joint venture of India and Bangladesh.

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## Road crashes kill 3, injure 68

CITY DESK

Three people were killed and 68 others injured in road accidents in five districts yesterday.

In Mymensingh, Banu Begum, 55, of Kahalgaon was killed when a truck ran her over while she was crossing the Phulbaria-Kahalgaon road in Kahalgaon Bazar area of Phulbaria upazila.

In Comilla, two people were injured

when a microbus carrying copies, including of The Daily Star, fell into a roadside ditch beside Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

Many readers of The Daily Star did not get their copies as several thousand newspapers, including over 2,000 copies of The Daily Star, were damaged due to the accident.

In Gaibandha, two people were killed and three others injured when an auto-rickshaw and minibus col-

lided head-on at Tulshighat on Gaibandha-Palashbari road.

The deceased were Sumi Begum, 22, and her six-month-old daughter Khadijatul Kobra.

In Manikganj, 15 passengers of a bus were injured as it fell into a roadside ditch at Nayadingi near Dhaka-Aricha highway under Satura upazila.

In Barisal, 50 bus passengers were injured when a bus hit a roadside wall in Rupatali area of the city.

## HC stays bar council polls for 3 months

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the authorities to explain why amendments to the Bangladesh Bar Council Act, 2003, which limits a member to cast 14 votes for 14 members of the council, should not be declared illegal.

The HC came up with the orders

and rules after hearing the two writ petitions filed by Supreme Court lawyer Eunus Ali Akond.

On May 17, Eunus in a petition pointed out anomalies in the voters list of the council and in another petition he challenged the legality of the

amendment to the bar council act. Bar council secretary Altaf Hossain, and its candidates -- AJ Mohammad Ali, AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon and Bodruddiza Badal -- yesterday submitted the two appeals to the SC against the HC orders.

### CU Senate meeting for VC panel postponed

CU CORRESPONDENT

The meeting of Chittagong University Senate, scheduled to be held tomorrow to form a three-member panel for electing CU vice-chancellor, has been postponed till Tuesday following a stay order of the High Court yesterday, said CU Registrar Alamgir Chowdhury.

The stay order came after hearing a petition filed by three CU teachers on April 16. Next hearing on the petition will be held on Tuesday.

### Obituary

CITY DESK

Siraj Uddin Bulbul, father of Mazhar Uddin Omi, sports reporter of the Dhaka Tribune, died due to brain haemorrhage in the National Heart Institute Hospital early Thursday. He was 62. He was buried in Azimpur graveyard.

### Death anniversary

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Today is the ninth death anniversary of Golam Rasul Mallik, a freedom fighter and founding editor of Eastern News Agency. A Qurankhwani will be held and food will be distributed among the destitute after Asr prayers at his residence today.

## NEWSIN brief

### Road crash sends journo Sahed to ICU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shahidul Islam Sahed, a journalist, is fighting for his life due to a massive brain hemorrhage following a road accident in Gazipur yesterday.

Sahed, a staff reporter of the Dainik Arthoniteer Kagoj, is receiving treatment in the ICU of the capital's Crescent Hospital. He was injured after a human hauler rammed a motorbike he was riding pillion on on Tongi Chowrasta, said colleagues. Tongi police seized the human hauler

### Gazipur mayor in Birdem from jail

Our Correspondent, Gazipur

Gazipur city Mayor MA Mannan was shifted to Birdem hospital in the capital from Kashimpur jail-1 yesterday following fluctuations in his blood pressure.

Mannan, an adviser to BNP chief, has been in jail since his arrest on February 8 from his Baridhara residence in Dhaka.

Earlier, Mannan was shown arrested in eight cases

### JU summer vacation starts Tuesday

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) will go for a 20-day summer vacation on Tuesday.

During the vacation, which ends on June 14, no regular classes and examinations will be held but student's dormitories will remain open. Meanwhile, administrative activities will remain closed from May

### AUW third convocation held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The third convocation of the Asian University for Women (AUW) was held on the campus in Chittagong city yesterday. AUW Trustee Young Joon Kim inaugurated the programme where Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu was present as chief guest.

A total of 115 graduates from 12 countries were conferred certificates at the ceremony attended by US Ambassador Marcia Bernicat, AUW Chancellor Cherie Blair and Vice-Chancellor Fahima Aziz.

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