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Canvassing with symbols begins

6 AL mayoral aspirants likely to be elected unopposed; Pabna MP 'violates electoral law'

RASHIDUL HASAN and PANKAG KARMAKAR

The Election Commission yesterday allocated electoral symbols to municipality mayor and ward councillor candidates, paving the way for launching campaign with symbols.

Soon after the allocation of symbols, contenders started visiting door-to-door with leaflets and other campaign materials to seek blessings from voters. Many aspirants used loudspeakers and hung posters in their localities.

Meanwhile, violating the electoral code of conduct, Awami League lawmaker from Pabna-5 Golam Faruk Khandaker along with AL mayor aspirant Rakib Hasan Tipu yesterday joined a programme in the town.

In Golapganj of Sylhet, a government official took part in the electioneering of AL mayor candidate Zakaria Ahmed.

In another development, the EC yesterday asked the police authorities to withdraw the OC of Uttar Matlab Police Station in Chandpur for allegedly working in favour of an AL mayor candidate, said EC sources.



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2015

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Municipal elections have given this man an opportunity to earn extra bucks. Before any election, he gets electoral badges made in Dhaka and then sells those to candidates in his home district, Pirojpur. He's been doing this for the last 30 years. In this photo taken yesterday, Sirajul is making a pitch for the badges he could supply by showing some samples pinned to his shirt near the deputy commissioner's office. PHOTO: STAR



Victorians face Bulls in BPL final today

SPORTS REPORTER

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's Comilla Victorians will take on Mahmudullah Riyad's Barisal Bulls in the final of the Bangladesh Premier League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur today.

The match will begin at 6:30pm and will be broadcast live on Channel 9.

The two teams had met twice in group stages and on both occasions, with Victorians winning by big margin on both occasions.

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Twitter warns of 'hacking' by state

BBC ONLINE

Twitter has sent warnings to a number of users that their accounts may have been hacked by "state-sponsored actors".

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Female workforce rising rapidly

Expected to be 33.5m of total labour force of 82.4m by 2021

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With a greater number of women getting involved in economic activities, the country's female labour force will account for more than one-third of the total workforce by 2021, according to a census of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Female labour force increased to 5.5 million in 2011 from 2.7 million in 2001. Given the growth rate, it will be 33.5 million of the entire workforce of 82.4 million by

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HUMAN DEV INDEX Bangladesh's position unchanged

UNB, Dhaka

The Human Development Report 2015, released yesterday, put Bangladesh in the medium human development category with 142nd position out of 188 countries and territories.

Bangladesh's position in Human Development Index (HDI) has remained

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Be open, inclusive

US diplomat Shannon talks to The Daily Star, stresses keeping democratic space open

REZAUL KARIM

The United States has said it would continue its call for "inclusiveness and openness" in democratic countries, including Bangladesh, since using every opportunity was important to keep "democratic space open".

"When we engage and talk about other countries, we are not prescribing actions. We are just underscoring from our own experience," Ambassador Thomas Shannon, counsellor of the Department of State, told The Daily Star in an interview before wrapping up his brief visit and leaving Dhaka yesterday.

Expressing his views on how Bangladesh's democracy could be further

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JAMAAT	5-55	1-15	4-00	5-25	7-30

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