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# Campaign ends, tension remains

**STAR REPORT**

As the three-week electioneering ended yesterday midnight, the Election Commission imposed a restriction on outsiders' stay in electoral areas.

The EC asked all the returning officers to make sure that no outsiders were in electoral areas.

Like the previous days, the last day of campaigning also saw violence across the country, report district correspondents.

A BNP leader was killed in Matiranga of Khagrachhari and some 200 people were injured in violence during electioneering in the last three weeks, according to media reports.

A total of 234 municipalities will go to polls tomorrow. Candidates officially started campaigning on December 9, five days before the Election Commission allotted electoral symbols to them.

The electoral code of conduct bars any kind of electioneering 32 hours ahead of voting. Besides, movement of vehicles on roads and vessels on waterways would be restricted for 24 hours from midnight today.

Movement of auto-rickshaw, taxicab, human haulier, microbus, jeep, pick-up, car, bus, truck, launch and speedboat would remain banned.

Motorcycles also stayed off roads from midnight yesterday. The restriction will remain in force till 6:00am Thursday.



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## EXPLOITING THE INNOCENTS

With election posters attached to their dresses, children chant slogans in favour of a candidate in the municipal polls at Mission intersection in Lalmonirhat town yesterday. Some candidates in two municipalities of Lalmonirhat are allegedly using children for electioneering.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

## RAB'S GAZIPUR RAID Two dead yet to be named

**STAR REPORT**

The identities of the two JMB suspects killed Sunday night during a "raid" conducted by the Rapid Action Battalion in Gazipur could not be known even yesterday.

Following the incident, Rab claimed that the operatives of the banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh were killed during their raid on an abandoned house in Vogra of Gazipur.

It claimed that bombs were hurled at a Rab-1 team during the raid and that there was a gunfight between Rab and

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## Ex-JP MP, 11 others sued for war crimes

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh**

Son of a martyr yesterday filed a case against 12 people including a former Jatiya Party lawmaker for their alleged involvement in crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Ruhul Amin, 62, son of martyred freedom fighter Yunus Ali Inu of Kakchar in Trishal upazila, filed the case with the Cognisance Court No. 3 of Senior Judicial Magistrate Abeda Sultana.

The court took the case into cognisance,

recorded deposition of the complainant and sent the case documents to the International Crimes Tribunal for further proceedings, insiders said.

The accused are Anisur Rahman Manik, 70, ex-JP lawmaker from Trishal, his brothers Muklesur Rahman Mukul, 65, and Saidur Rahman Ratan, 63, Shamsul Haque Bachchu, 73, of Dewpara Kanihari, Shamsul Haque Fakir, 73, Nurul Haque Fakir, 70, Sultan Ahmed Fakir, 66, and Manik Munshi, 80, of Boholikanda, Moulavi Mohammad

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## Abducted kid found murdered in Jhenidah



Saurav Dutta

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah**

A five-year-old boy, abducted on Sunday from Raigram village in Kaliganj upazila, was found murdered at the same village yesterday.

The victim is Saurav Dutta, 5, son of Babu Dutt of the village.

Police quoted locals as saying that a gang of criminals abducted Saurav while

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A female worker waves the national flag at a protest rally at Chandpur Tea Estate in Chunarughat of Habiganj. Over the last few days, workers of several tea gardens have been protesting against a government move to set up a special economic zone on 511 acres of arable land at the tea garden. They submitted 15 memoranda to the prime minister through upazila nirbahi officers in the district yesterday.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

## 2 'robbers' killed in 'gunfight'

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat**

Two alleged robbers, including the chief of infamous "Akash Babu Bahini", were killed in a "gunfight" with members of Rapid Action Battalion on the Tambulunia canal in the Sundarbans yesterday.

The deceased are Kashem alias Akash, 40, the chief of the gang, and Farid alias Maijja, 45, its second-in-command, Rab said.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-8 conducted a drive on the canal under Chandpai Range of the mangrove forest in the morning, said Rab-8 Deputy Director Maj Adnan Kabir, who led the drive.

Sensing the Rab men's presence, a gang of 10 to 12 robbers opened fire on them. As the Rab members retaliated, a "gunfight" ensued, which lasted for

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## KOREAN 'COMFORT WOMEN' Japan offers \$8.3m for WWII sex slaves



BBC ONLINE

Japan and South Korea have agreed to settle the issue of "comfort women" forced to work in Japanese brothels during World War Two, in their first such deal since 1965.

Japan has apologised and will pay 1bn yen (\$8.3m, £5.6m) - the amount South Korea asked for to fund victims. The issue has been the key cause for strained ties. South Korea has demanded stronger apologies and compensation. Only 46 former "comfort women" are still alive in South Korea.

The announcement came after Japan's foreign minister Fumio Kishida arrived in Seoul for discussions with his counterpart Yun Byung-se, following moves to speed up talks.

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## Treasure found in 2,000-yr-old China tomb

MAIL ONLINE

Gold coins are among the valuable items unearthed at the tomb of a Chinese emperor who died thousands of years ago.

Archaeologists digging at the royal tombs of the Marquis of Haihun State of the Western Han Dynasty (206 BC-AD 24) uncovered large quantities of gold over the festive period.

The cemetery, which contains eight tombs and a chariot burial site, has been studied for five years and has produced Wuzhu bronze coins, jade and thousands of other gold, bronze and iron items.

According to China Daily, the royal tombs are the best preserved of the Western Han Dynasty ever found in the country.

It is thought the main tomb at the site in Jiangxi, an eastern Chinese province where archaeologists

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