



1) Miscreants stamping ballot papers in favour of Awami League (AL)-supported councillor candidate Mahub Alam in a voting centre in Nesar Uddin Senior Madrasa in ward 9 under Kalapara municipality of Patuakhali yesterday. 2) Supporters of AL-backed candidate Abdul Wahab launching an attack on rival candidate Tofazzal Hossain Tofa in a voting centre in Bhabanipur Government Primary School in Sujanager municipality of Pabna. 3) A man shows pads of ballot papers stamped in favour of AL-supported mayor candidate Faisal Biplob at a voting centre in PTI New Administrative and Academic Bhaban in Munshiganj municipality. 4) Police arrive at a polling centre in Bhuapur Model Pilot High School in Tangail's Bhuapur municipality after the AL-backed mayor candidate's supporters snatched ballot papers. 5) Miscreants stamping ballot papers in favour of AL-backed candidate Fazole Rabbi in a voting centre in Sonargaon Bhattapur Model Government Primary School in Narayanganj. 6) Being 111 years old could not keep Roma Rani Chakraborty from casting her vote as her son Uttam Chakraborty carries her to a voting centre in ward 5 under Uzirpur municipality in Barisal. 7) The presence of female voters was noticeable at the Golapganj Abdul Hamid High School polling centre in Sylhet's Golapganj municipality. 8) A crude bomb lies outside Taposhi Rabeya High School in Bogra town. 9) Though it might look deserted, Sujanager Pilot High School was a designated polling centre in Pabna. The photo was taken around 10:00am. 10) Tariqul Islam Chanchal, an AL rebel mayor candidate, lies injured after being attacked by supporters of the party backed candidate in Bhuapur municipality in Tangail.



MUNICIPAL POLLS IN FRAMES

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2 HABIGANJ, KISHOREGANJ WAR CRIMES ACCUSED Tribunal seeks formal charges March 14

Denies bail to one from Cox's Bazar

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International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday granted prosecutors time and fixed March 14 for submission of formal charges, if there were any, over the alleged involvement of two persons from Habiganj and Kishoreganj in crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

Prosecutors, through a petition, sought two months to scrutinise documents, including the probe report and witnesses' statements, provided by the tribunal's investigation agency on Tuesday, for submitting the charges.

The agency on Sunday said to have found evidence against Liakat Ali, 61, the immediate past president of Awami League's Lakhai upazila unit in Habiganj, and Aminul Islam alias Rajab Ali, 62, of Astogram upazila in Kishoreganj.

According to the agency, Liakat, a Razakar Bahini commander, and Aminul, who

organised and led an Al-Badr Bahini, committed the crimes including genocide and murders in association with the Pakistani occupation army.

Meanwhile, the tribunal rejected a bail prayer of Salamat Ullah, a war crimes accused from Maheshkhali in Cox's Bazar arrested over his alleged involvement in crimes committed during the Liberation War.

On Sunday, Salamat's lawyer moved the petition citing his poor health and old age.

On October 8, the agency said to have found evidence against 19 Maheshkhali men, including Salamat, who is a former vice president of Maheshkhali Convention Muslim League and convener of Maheshkhali Peace Committee in 1971.

In 1978, he became the founding president of BNP's Cox's Bazar district unit and is currently a member of the party.

Govt recalls envoy in Islamabad

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Suhrah Hossain has been asked to return home though his contractual appointment will expire in the middle of next year, said a diplomatic source.

It could not be known immediately why he has been asked to return before the expiry of his tenure. However, the source indicated that his illness might be a reason.

Hossain was appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan in July 2010 and his contract was extended for a number of times.

Another Bangladeshi diplomat working in a South Asian country might get the appointment to replace Hossain.

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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 interesting articles for you. This week our spotlight is all about the historic triumph against host-nation Nepal, by the Under-14 Bangladesh Girl's Football team, in the AFC U-14 Regional Championship. There is also an interesting article on UNICEF and DBL's initiative on promoting breastfeeding in workplaces. Don't forget your copy of *Star Weekend* tomorrow, Friday, and have a very Happy New Year!

MANY HEARTS ONE LOVE FOOTBALL

Krishna, Marzia, Swagata, Nargis - these names might not sound familiar to many of us. But they play integral roles in the young Bangladesh Under-14 football team, with aged 13 to 14 years. They have successfully blessed the country with the joy of triumph as they beat host-nation Nepal by 1-nil to Bangladesh, at the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Under-14 Girls' Regional Championship. To learn more about the winning moment and the journey of their determination and bravery, turn to page B-9.

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