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UNION PARISHAD POLLS

# Nomination filing ends

AL-BNP rebels, independents allege obstruction by AL men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rebel chairman aspirants of union parishads from the Awami League and the BNP yesterday filed for candidacies in many places along with their party-nominated candidates on the last day for nomination submission.

Besides, AL men allegedly prevented BNP-nominated candidates and AL's rebel aspirants from submitting applications before the returning officers concerned in a number of UPs.

In first phase, elections to over 700 union parishads will be held on March 22. For the first time in Bangladesh, elections to the post of chairman in UPs will be held on partisan lines.

The AL has rebel candidates in 74 UPs in Barisal, 11 UPs in Tangail, 12 UPs in Bogra, three in Mymensingh, nine in Cox's Bazar, 28 in Patuakhali and eight UPs in Noakhali.

The BNP has dissidents in 12 UPs in Bogra, four in Mymensingh and two in Cox's Bazar, report our correspondents.

In Pirojpur, AL men allegedly attacked AL rebel candidates, independent candidates, and their followers in Kalipara and Doihari UPs when they were on their way to file nomination.

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Workers of a Rajuk mobile court yesterday demolish stairs of a market at the city's Farmgate. The owner of the market allegedly built the stairs without Rajuk approval.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# Police vehicle hits and kills biker in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A university student was crushed to death when a police-requisitioned minibus driving on the wrong side of the road ran over his motorcycle in the capital's Kakoli yesterday afternoon.

The victim is Riazuddin Tapu, 26. He was an employee of a mobile phone company, police said.

The pillion passenger was injured.

Humaira Parvin, additional deputy commissioner of traffic (North) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said the police vehicle was making a U-turn when it hit the bike to avoid colliding with a speeding covered van.

Police then sent the two bikers to Kurmitola General Hospital where doctors declared Tapu dead, Humaira added.

Banani police said the bus and its driver were in police custody.

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# Nine burnt as gas cylinder of bus explodes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

At least nine people, including eight women, suffered burns as their bus caught fire after its gas cylinder exploded at Tora on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Ghior upazila yesterday.

The injured are Rashida Begum, 45, of Faridpur, Nojim Uddin, 60, Hazera Begum, 50, Shahida Begum, 65, Raina, 10, and Shahida, 50, of Manikganj, Samartha Begum, 50, and her daughter-in-law Hajera Begum, 35, of Kushtia, and Jahanara Begum, 40, of Rajbari.

They were admitted to Manikganj Sadar and Monno General hospitals.

The condition of Rashida, Nojim and Hazera was critical, hospital sources said.

Jakir Hossain, additional superintendent of police in Manikganj, said the

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# BPC to purchase \$406m fuel oil

2 companies from UAE, China offer lowest price for 1.5m tonnes of diesel, jet fuel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Emirates National Oil Company of the UAE and Unipec of China have offered the lowest prices to supply 1.5 million tonnes of diesel and jet fuel to Bangladesh in the country's first ever international tender in 13 years.

Twelve international companies, including the two, have put in bids for supplying oil with an expected value of \$406 million to Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).

Emirates National and Unipec were the lowest bidders for Group A and Group B respectively after the tender proposals were opened in the state run agency's headquarters in Chittagong yesterday immediately after the time of submission of bids ended at 4:00pm.

On February 11, BPC floated the international tender in two groups for procuring 9.847 million barrels (1.32 million tonnes) of diesel and 1.44 million barrels (1.80 lakh tonnes) of jet fuel.

Other bidders include Exxon Mobil of the USA, PTT International

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# Deal to end India caste protests

Delhi water supply restored

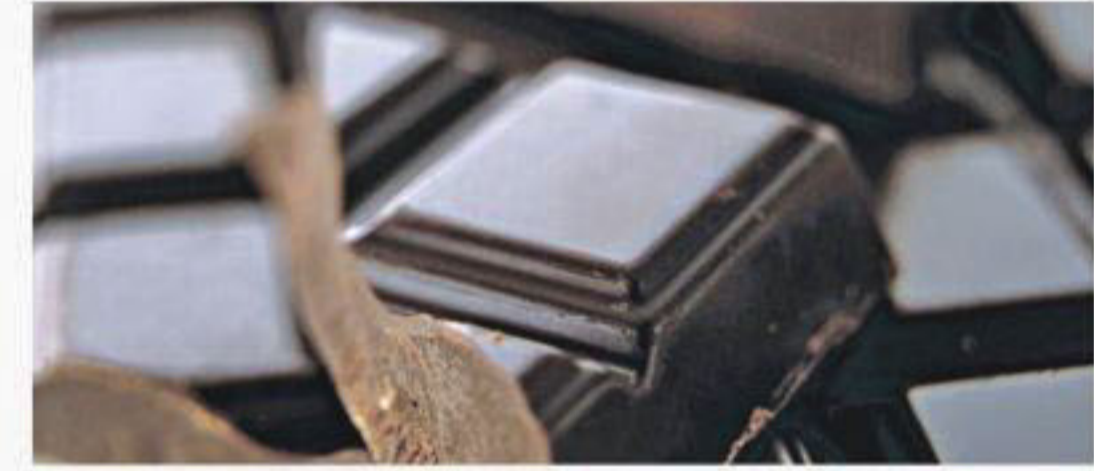
REUTERS, New Delhi

Members of a rural Indian caste reached a deal late yesterday to end their protests that paralysed the north Indian state of Haryana and cut water supplies to Delhi's 20 million residents, a protest leader and a police source said.

A Jat community leader said protesters had reached an accord with state and federal leaders and would clear road blockades and end their agitation, in which 16 people have been killed and more than 150 injured.

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# Chocolate improves brain function



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Good news for chocolate lovers: eating the sweet treat has been found to have a positive association with cognitive performance, according to a new study.

Published in the journal Appetite, researchers used data collected from a Maine-Syracuse Longitudinal Study (MSLS), in which 968 people aged between 23 and 98 were measured for dietary intake and cardiovascular risk factors, as well as cognitive function.

The researchers found that regularly eating chocolate was significantly associated with cognitive

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# No remand, no bail for Mahmudur

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent back Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of Bangla daily AmarDesh, to jail after rejecting both the petitions for bail and remand in a case filed in connection with bomb blast.

But the court allowed the police to interrogate Mahmudur at the jail gate within five workdays.

Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Nabi passed the order after Sub-Inspector of Shahbagh Police Station Harun-Or-Rashid, also investigation officer of the case, produced Mahmudur before it with a seven-day remand prayer.

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A burnt bus is being towed away after its gas cylinder exploded on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Ghior of Manikganj yesterday. At least nine people suffered burns in the incident. Inset, a woman with burn injuries at Manikganj Sadar Hospital.

PHOTO: STAR

# Efforts towards Syria ceasefire intensify

Opposition meets in Riyadh; Moscow bomb attacks aimed at 'subverting' peace talks

AFP, Beirut

Efforts intensified for a partial truce in Syria as fighting raged near Aleppo yesterday and after the country suffered its bloodiest jihadist attack in nearly five years of war.

US President Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin are expected to speak in the coming days after Washington

announced a provisional agreement had been reached on an imminent "cessation of hostilities".

US Secretary of State John Kerry announced the deal on Sunday, as a string of suicide bombings in areas near a Shia shrine outside Damascus and in the city of Homs killed at least 179 people.

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জনকল্যাণে রাজস্ব

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড  
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আয়কর জরীপ কার্যক্রম - ২০১৫

আপনি জানেন কি?

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের আয়কর বিভাগ নতুন করদাতা সনাক্তকরণের লক্ষ্যে দেশব্যাপী আয়কর জরীপ কার্যক্রম-২০১৫ শুরু করেছে। সারাদেশে বিভিন্ন কর অঞ্চলের কর কমিশনারবৃন্দের তত্ত্বাবধানে এই জরীপ কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হচ্ছে।

করযোগ্য আয় রয়েছে বা আয়কর আইনের বিধান অনুযায়ী করদাতা হিসাবে নিবন্ধনযোগ্য সম্মানিত নাগরিকগণ যার/যাদের ব্যবসা, চাকুরী, পেশা বা গৃহসম্পত্তি খাতে আয় রয়েছে তাদেরকে জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, ট্রেডলাইসেন্সসহ অন্যান্য প্রাসংগিক তথ্য ও দলিলাদি জরীপ টিমকে প্রদান করে জরীপ কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা প্রয়োজনীয় সহায়তা করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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