



A few of the numerous large potholes created in a portion of Khilgaon Biswa Road due to incessant rain and poor maintenance. Mugda, Basabo, Khilgaon and Mayakanon Buddhist Temple points of the road are most damaged. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

EC to redraw constituencies based on number of voters

CEC tells reporters after meeting with UNDP team

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday said Election Commission is planning to demarcate parliamentary constituencies based on the number of voters, not on population.
"In Bangladesh, parliamentary constituency is demarcated on the basis of the density of population. But if this process continues, the number of constituencies will increase in big cities like Dhaka and will decrease in rural areas. It might create discrimination," he said.
He said this after a meeting with a team led by UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Resident Representative in Dhaka Robert D Watkins, at EC Secretariat in the capital.
"But in this case [demarcation lines of

constituencies based on voters], there are some legal barriers, and we will try to remove those barriers," the CEC told reporters.
Huda said EC is strong enough and it is possible to hold a free and fair election exercising the existing laws. Asked, what sort of cooperation the commission sought from the development partner, the CEC said, "We have sought technical support from the donor agency in holding the election."
Also being asked if the development partner had wanted to know when the election would take place, the CEC said, "We have nothing to do to this end, as the government will take the decision in this regard."
Robert D Watkins, also UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh, said, "We want to give all sorts of technical assistance to hold a free and fair election."

Notice served seeking cancellation of excise duties on bank deposits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday sent a legal notice to the government, requesting it to cancel all the excise duties on bank account holders in 72 hours.
Advocate Eunus Ali Akond served the legal notice, also urging the authorities concerned of the government to take necessary steps to rescind the finance acts of 2004 and 2010, under which the excise duties are imposed on bank account holders, in 72 hours.
There was no provision in the Excise and Salt Act, 1944 for imposing excise duty on bank deposits of the depositors, the notice said.
But, the respondents illegally inserted the provisions of imposing excise duty on bank account holders in the finance acts of 2004 and 2010.
Under the Excise and Salt Act, 1944, the government cannot amend this law except for framing rules, Eunus said in the legal notice.
Secretaries to the cabinet division, parliament and ministry of finance, and the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad have been made the respondents.
Eunus told The Daily Star
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Several of the 60 garment workers of NP Apparels in Fatulla receiving treatment at Narayanganj General Hospital yesterday. Over 100 workers, mostly women, started falling sick after having iftar at their workplace on Monday. Many of them became sick with diarrhoea while at work yesterday morning, said a worker. The factory was declared closed yesterday after the workers started to fall sick one after another, said Mamunur Rashid, managing director of NP Apparels. Resident Medical Officer of the hospital Asaduzzaman said 10 to 12 of the workers were admitted with diarrhoea and stomach pain complaints. The rest had been suffering from mass hysteria. PHOTO: STAR

Youth arrested for 'raping' foreign student in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police on Monday arrested a youth on charge of raping foreign student studying at a private university in Chittagong.
Arif, 26, a sales executive of a commercial establishment, was held after the female student filed a case against him with Khulshi Police Station on that day, said Sub-inspector Rupak Kanti Chowdhury, investigation officer of the case.
Yesterday, a Chittagong court sent him to jail after police produced him before it.
According to the case statement, Arif became acquainted with the student over phone and they had been chatting since June 11, said the SI.
Arif asked her to meet him in a hotel near her dormitory in the city on Sunday night, he said, adding that when she went there, Arif raped her in a room of the hotel. "We are investigating the incident," the IO said.

Five kids drown in two districts

CITY DESK

Five children drowned in separate incidents in Barisal and Rajshahi yesterday.
In Barisal, three children, including two sisters, drowned in a pond at Rajarchar village in Sadar upazila in the afternoon.
The dead are Hafiza, 7, and Hafsa, 5, daughters of Baten Fakir; and their neighbour Urmi, 7, daughter of Mofazel Mia.
In Rajshahi, two children drowned

and suddenly the two siblings fell in the water. The other child also fell in the pond while trying to rescue them, said Siddiqur Rahman, member of Charmanoi Union Rajarchar ward 6.
The three were declared dead at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, said Abdulla Al Mamun, a physician at the emergency unit of the hospital.
In Rajshahi, two children drowned

in a pond at Tarapur village in Puthia yesterday, reports UNB.
Saidur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Puthia Police Station, said Sami Islam, 6, son of Akbar Ali; and Noyon Ali, 6, son of Rony Hossain; drowned while bathing in a pond around 11:00am.
The children were declared dead at Puthia Upazila Health Complex after locals recovered their bodies from the pond.

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