



REAPING REWARDS OF A STRONG GRASSROOT: The Bangladesh girls, who have come through the now-famous Bangamata Primary School competition, celebrate after winning the first-ever SAFF Under-15 Women's Championship at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. They beat their Indian counterparts 1-0 in the final to become unbeaten champions.

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GENOCIDE OF ROHINGYAS Is another Bosnia in the making?

Demand for trial getting louder but no concrete actions by UN

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Nine years ago when a former judge and two prosecutors at the international criminal tribunals for Rwanda and former Yugoslavia were examining the documents on human rights abuses in Myanmar, they were astonished by the UN inaction even though the global body knew for years the severe, widespread, and systematic violations of human rights there.

They saw that the UN resolutions and special rapporteurs had spoken out over and over again about the abuses that were reported to them. But the UN Security Council did not move the process forward, as it should have and had done in similar cases like that of the former Yugoslavia and Darfur of Western Sudan.

Internationally acclaimed jurists Justice Patricia M Wald of the US, Justice Richard J

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People suffered when rice price crossed Tk 50
Says Muhith

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People faced some difficulties when the price of rice crossed Tk 50 a kg and might have run out of their savings to cope with the high price, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

He said there was no doubt that people had suffered because of the high price of rice.

"We also wanted the price to increase to some extent. It is good from that point. But when it went

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SC VERDICT ON 16TH AMENDMENT Government seeks review

Wants cancellation of Supreme Judicial Council, code of conduct for judges, some SC observations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday filed a petition with the Supreme Court seeking review of its verdict scrapping the 16th amendment to the constitution that had empowered parliament to remove SC judges for incapacity or misconduct.

The attorney general's office submitted the 908-page review petition outlining 94 grounds on which the apex court may consider the government's prayer for restoring the 16th amendment, cancelling the provision of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and striking out some of its observations.

Comprising the chief justice and two other senior judges of the Appellate Division of the apex court, the SJC investigates allegations of misconducts by any judge and makes necessary recommendations to the president for the next course of action.

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AL, BNP to go all out to win DNCC by-polls

Atiul Islam strong contender for AL ticket; Tabith Awal likely BNP candidate

RASHIDUL HASAN and
MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM
MOLLA



Atiul
Tabith

Both the Awami League and the BNP will give their best to win the upcoming Dhaka North City Corporation mayoral by-polls after their election debacle in Rangpur.

The AL suffered a humiliating defeat in the Rangpur City Corporation election as its mayoral candidate Sharifuddin Ahmed Jhantu lost to Jatiya Party candidate Mostafizur Rahman Mostafa by a margin of one lakh votes.

The ruling party now wants to demonstrate its popularity by winning the DNCC

by-election, say AL insiders.

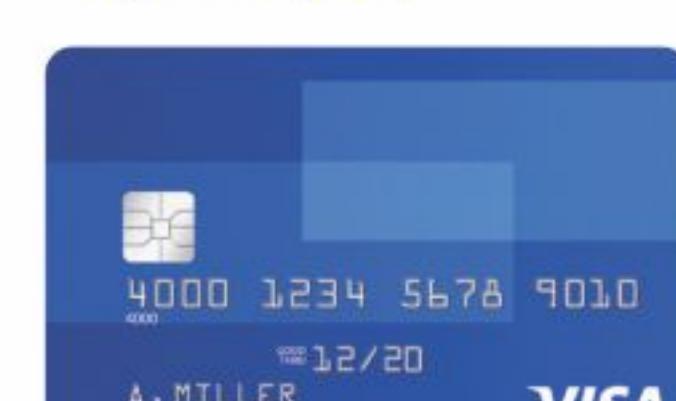
At the party's presidium meeting at the Gono Bhaban on Saturday, Prime Minister and AL President Sheikh Hasina directed her party's top leaders to make "all-out efforts" to win the DNCC by-polls, a presidium member, who attended the meeting, told this newspaper yesterday.

Hasina said the party will be cautious in giving nomination for the mayoral post of the DNCC. It would field an acceptable candidate after consultation among its top leaders.

Several names of prospective mayoral

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The country's Christian community is celebrating Christmas Day today as elsewhere across the world, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas, the biggest religious festival of the

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