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# MPs can join city polls campaigns

*EC decides; to send the proposal to law ministry for vetting soon*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In line with the ruling Awami League's recommendations, the Election Commission yesterday decided to allow lawmakers to participate in city corporation election campaigns.

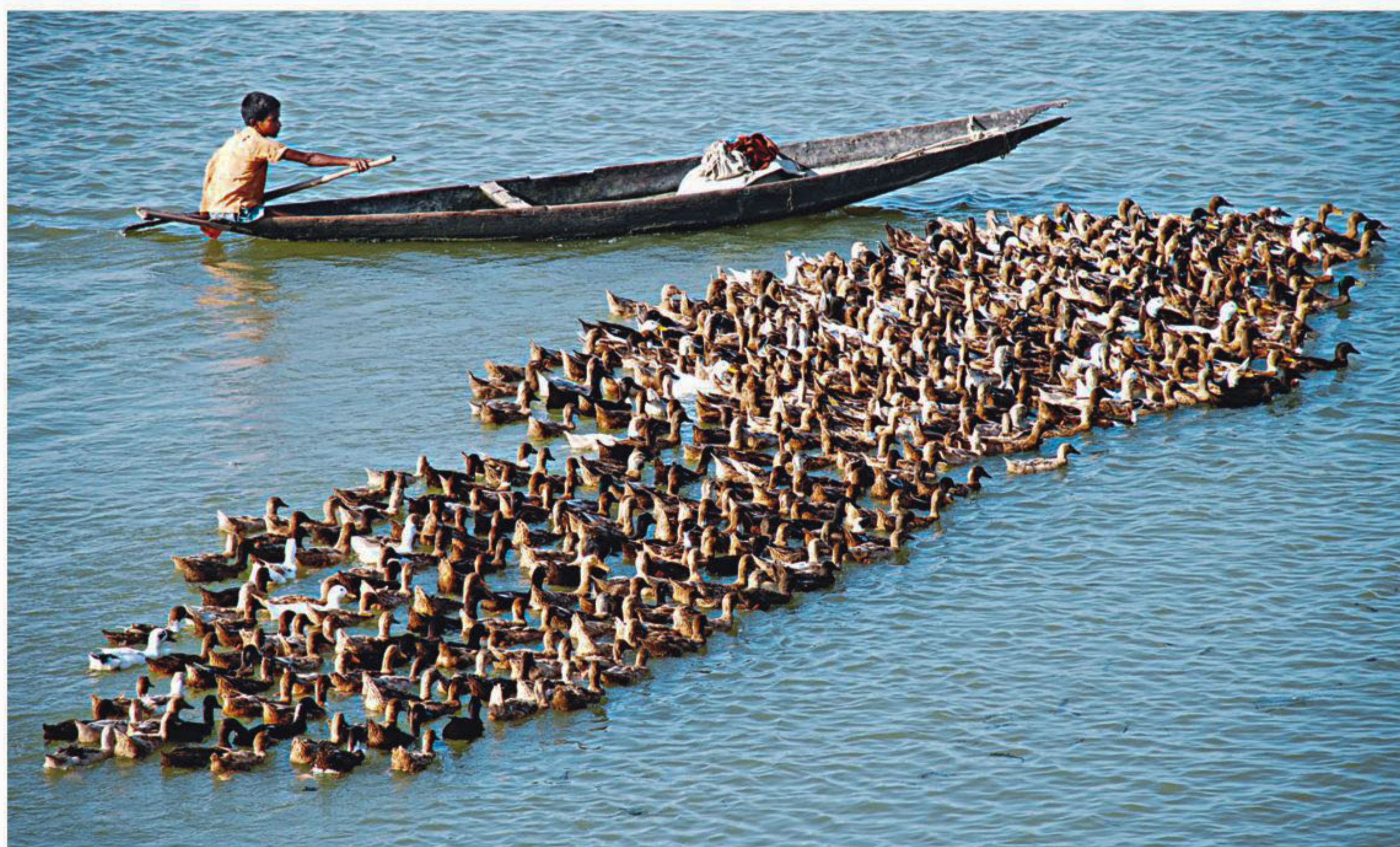
"The Commission has approved changes to 11 clauses of the existing City Corporation (Election Code of Conduct) Rules 2016," said EC Secretary Helaluddin Ahmed.

He was talking to reporters after an EC meeting at the Nirbachon Bhaban in the capital. Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda presided over the meeting, which made the decision.

A top BNP leader and an election expert decried the move, saying it would go in favour of the ruling party.

But the EC secretary said, "Members of parliament don't hold any office, don't use any government vehicle and government officials are not attached with them.... They also don't hold any office of profit.... So, the Commission recommended that MPs be excluded from the Very Important Person (VIP) definition. They can take part in city

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# A BLESSING FOR HAOR PEOPLE

A boy guiding a raft of ducks to nearby fields for feeding them in Kothalpur area of Sylhet's Fenchuganj. Many in such haor areas have found duck farming to be a way of self-employment and solvency. Yunus Ali, a man from Kothalpur, said he is rearing 250 ducks this year after being inspired by other duck farmers in his village. The photo was taken a couple of days ago.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



# Hasina to meet Modi, Mamata today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will meet today at Visva-Bharati in Santiniketan for the inauguration of the Bangladesh Bhaban.

The next day, Hasina

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# Trudeau unveils Rohingya strategy

*Pledges \$300m in aid for refugees*

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has unveiled his country's strategy to step up its response to the Rohingya crisis which has left hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas to seek refuge in Bangladesh.

Canada will dedicate a fund of \$300 million over three years to address the region's humanitarian, development, and stabilisation needs in a coordinated and timely way, according to a press release issued by the Canadian government in Ottawa Wednesday.

This comprehensive strategy, aimed at enhancing Canada's response and meeting the needs of those displaced and most vulnerable, is based on recommendations highlighted in the final report from the prime minister's special envoy to Myanmar, Bob Rae.

The grave humanitarian and security crisis in Myanmar is a global tragedy, which has led more than 717,000

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# Join monetary contribution

*UN under-secretary gen urges global community*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

United Nations Under-Secretary General Natalia Kanem has pleaded for increased support for the Rohingyas, who might face a major challenge in the upcoming monsoon season when much of the refugee camps could be flooded and see landslides.

"We expect the international community to step up and join to increase the monetary contribution," she said at a press conference at a city hotel yesterday following a four-day visit to Bangladesh, including to the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.



Natalia Kanem

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# Provide info on rape of Rohingya women

*Rights groups ask Myanmar to comply with UN body's request*

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar should comply with a United Nations committee's request for information on the military's responsibility for widespread rape of Rohingya women and girls in northern Rakhine State, Human Rights Watch (HRW) and Fortify Rights said yesterday.

The two groups provided the committee with an 11-page joint report on sexual violence committed by Myanmar's security forces against Rohingya villagers in 2016 and 2017.

On November 2017, the independent expert committee monitoring implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), a global women's rights treaty, requested that the Myanmar government submit a report on the situation of women and girls from northern Rakhine State by May 28, 2018, HRW said in a press release yesterday.

The CEDAW committee has requested for such an "exceptional report"

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# The rebel lives on

He is called Rebel Poet for his resistance to repression and injustice. But Kazi Nazrul Islam is also a poet of love and devotion. He still remains relevant in the everyday lives of Bangladeshis even after 42 years of his death. Today is the 119th birth anniversary of our national poet.

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# AGRANI BANK LOANS Traders sued by ACC for embezzling Tk 144 crore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed two cases against two businessmen in Chittagong city on charges of embezzling Tk 144 crore from Agrani Bank's Laldighi branch.

They are Mizanur Rahman Shaheen, owner of Mishmak Ship-breaking Industry, and his brother Mujibur Rahman Milon, owner of Muhib Steel and Ship-recycling Industry. Both have fled abroad.

Assistant Director Jafar Ahmed of ACC Chittagong-1 filed the two cases with

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# Flames of the cannon

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Even though the zamindar of Mymensingh's Shashi Lodge area, which is now under the care of the Archeological Department, left about seven decades ago, some of the treasures they left behind still attract

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# Trump pulls out of summit with Kim

*Blames 'hostility' from N Korean regime; UN chief 'deeply concerned'*

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump yesterday informed Kim Jong Un that he was cancelling their nuclear summit next month in Singapore, blaming "anger" and "hostility" from the North Korean regime for the spectacular collapse of the historic event.

In a letter to Kim, Trump announced he was pulling out of the high-stakes meeting agreed for June 12, an unprecedented face-to-face between a US and North Korean leader aimed at ridding the reclusive state of nuclear weapons.

Trump's decision was announced shortly after North Korea declared it had "completely" dismantled its nuclear test site, in a carefully choreographed move portrayed by the isolated regime as a goodwill gesture ahead of the summit.

But the meeting's chances of success had recently been thrown into doubt on both sides, and Trump's

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