

'Blatant rigging', blast mar Pakistan polls

Nawaz Sharif's PML-N rejects result as Imran Khan's PTI projected to win race; coalition govt likely; IS blast kills 31 in Quetta



Supporters of Pakistan's cricketer-turned politician Imran Khan, head of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, celebrate during general election in Lahore yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

REUTERS, DAWN ONLINE

Pakistani cricket hero-turned-politician Imran Khan led in projected partial results of a general election yesterday, as the party of his jailed chief rival, ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, rejected the eventual result as "blatantly" rigged.

Khan's camp was increasingly confident, but it still appeared likely to fall short of a clear majority in the National Assembly. Full results are expected later in the morning.

As the counting continued, projections from four local

TV channels put Khan's party ahead, estimating it would win between 107 and 120 seats of 272 elected seats available, while Sharif's outgoing ruling party was estimated at between 42 and 69. However, those projections were based on only about 20 percent of votes counted.

Khan's party spokesman, Fawad Chaudhry, showed confidence as the early projections were broadcast, saying in a tweet "Congratulations to the nation on a new Pakistan! Prime Minister Imran Khan".

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PARTIES LEADING IN:



PTI 109 PML-N 67



PPP 38 OTHERS 35

BASED ON 20PC VOTE COUNT
OF 249 SEATS OUT OF 272
SOURCE: DAWN ONLINE

We made history'

Women vote for first time in Dir, Kohistan, NWA and SWA

DAWN ONLINE

Women in Dir, Kohistan, and North and South Waziristan made history yesterday when they cast their votes for the first time.

Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) Secretary Babar Yaqoob confirmed that women in Dir had cast their votes in the General Election for the first time in Pakistan's history.

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NAT'L FLAG, ANTHEM JS body for criminalising desecration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary standing committee yesterday proposed making desecration of the national flag and national anthem a criminal offense punishable with jail or fine or both.

The committee on post, telecom and ICT at a meeting at the parliament made the proposal to incorporate the provision to the proposed Digital Security Act.

According to the proposal, the punishment for desecration of the national

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Find out the coal culprits

PM orders further probe into Barapukuria coal scam; 19 mine company officials sued

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has ordered forming a fresh committee to further investigate the disappearance of some 1.45 lakh tonnes of coal from Barapukuria coalmine and identify those responsible for it.

An initial probe by the Petrobangla, the coalmine's parent company, has already found negligence of some key officials. Last week, it removed four top officials from their posts.

The 525MW Barapukuria coal-fired power plant was shut down on Sunday due to coal crisis, in a direct fallout of the coal going missing from its yard. The current market price of the coal is around Tk 230 crore.

In the wake of the crisis, the Petrobangla had formed a committee, which submitted its report yesterday afternoon.

Later in the evening, the PM sat with Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, and some top officials of Petrobangla, to discuss the findings.

At the meeting, Hasina asked them to form a fresh committee, including officials of the Prime Minister's Office and the energy ministry, Nasrul told The Daily Star later.

"Some names have already surfaced but we will dig deeper. There may be a case of corruption here, but right now we cannot say this for sure. However, it has been confirmed that there has been negligence of duties," he said.

"The problem began in 2005. It seems all officials were involved in the process," he added.

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Tigers fight for series win

STAR SPORT DESK

Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza won the toss and sent West Indies in to bat in the second one-day international (day/night) at the Providence Stadium in Guyana on Wednesday as the Tigers looked to seal their second ODI series win against West Indies in the Caribbean following their 48-run win in the first ODI on Sunday.

When this report was filed, West Indies were batting on 84 for three after 20 overs, having lost top three batsmen -- Chris Gayle for 29, Evin Lewis for 12 and Shai Hope for 25. Gayle was trapped in front by Mehidy Hasan Miraz after Mashrafe had removed Lewis with a delivery that jagged back in slightly to trap the left-hander right in front of the wicket. Hope was the third man out, looping a simple

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Doa Mahfil



Mahmudur Rahman
(1944-2018)

"Doa Mahfil" for my father & MBM Group Chairman Mr. Mahmudur Rahman (son of late Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, "Putu Mia" of Satani Bari-Bogura) who passed away earlier this week in Dhaka, will be held,

after the Asr Prayers (5.30 PM)
on Friday July 27, 2018

at Banani Old DOHS Community Center
Road # 2, Old DOHS – Banani, Dhaka

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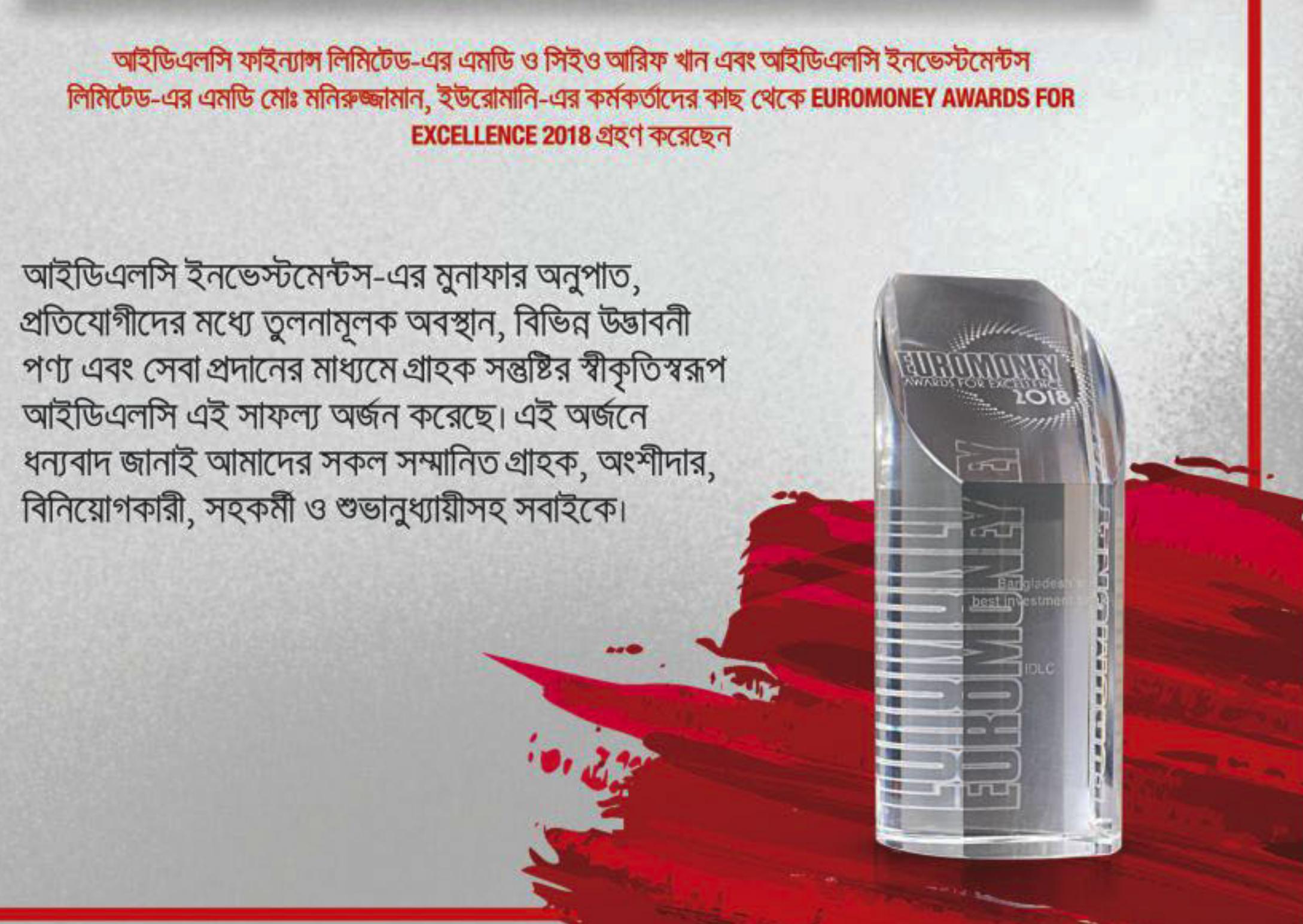
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