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"The prime minister is trying to establish a one-party rule. We don't think she intends to accept people's verdict." BNP SECRETARY GENERAL MIRZA FAKHRUL ISLAM ALAMGIR ABOUT PM'S SUNDAY'S STATEMENT PAGE 3



ing bus right in the middle of busy Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in yesterday. Though he managed to get on the bus, such risky

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Concern over EVM natural

Says CEC on use of voting machines in nat'l polls STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday said it is quite natural that there would be some concern among the political parties about the use of electronic voting machines (EVMs).

"Concern remains among the people about any new technology and its uses. As the EVM is a new technology and the political parties don't know about it, it is quite natural that there would be some concern among them about the use of the machine," he said.

The CEC was addressing a workshop on EVM at the Election Training Institute in the capital's Agargaon.

Huda said the use of EVM in the upcoming national election would depend on SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

SAFF C'SHIP Hosts eye resurgence

SPORTS REPORTER

When the SAFF Championship kicks off at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) today, the onus will be on the home footballers to draw the fans to the country's premier venue, once regarded as the theatre of dreams for Bangladesh football.

A poor run of form over a decade that saw Bangladesh football lurch from bad to worse has had a deep- reaching impact, which not only pushed it to a distant second to the now very popular cricket, but also marked the gradual shift of fans from the BNS to the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, the home of Bangladesh cricket.

Although no one is expecting a full house at the BNS during the course of the seven-nation tournament, the Bangladesh booters can be the force behind that wind of change, provided that they SEE PAGE 2 COL 6





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