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General Secretary of Bangladesher Sammyabadi Dal (ML) Dilip Barua will act as central coordinator of the Left Democratic Front for next three months, effective from yesterday. Barua is also a member of the central council of the Front, an alliance of the left-leaning political parties.

#### 1369 more held UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,369 people, including five identified criminals, during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending

at 6am yesterday.

The tribunal judge yesterday rejected three more petitions filed on behalf of another accused Hearing in the sensational Laxmipur BNP leader Nurul Islam murder case resumed after 15 days at the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal, Chittagong yesterday. Only one witness, Tajul Islam, younger brother of slain leader, completed his 'unfinished' deposition before the Judge M Hasan Imam. Afterwards, lawyer Mohiuddin quizzed him on behalf of Tanvir

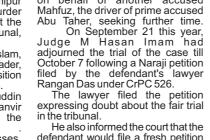
Nurul Islam murder case

Hearing resumes

Haider Riko, an accused in the С а s е Sources said seven witnesses, who were scheduled to give their statements yesterday, will be heard

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He also informed the court that the defendant would file a fresh petition with the High Court Division to transfer the case from the tribunal.

Day today

A colourful rally will be brought out from National Museum at 7 am.

### Failure to play nat'l anthem at CPA confce condemned **DU CORRESPONDENT**

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday termed the failure of playing the national anthem at the inaugural ceremony of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference in the city as an ill motive of the four-party alliance-government.

In a joint statement, BCL President Liaqat Sikder and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu termed the failure as governments' attempt to dishonour the national anthem. They also condemned the

government for the incident that had tarnished the image of the country, said a press release.

## CPB protest rally today

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The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will organise mass processions in all district headquarters today to protest 'misrule' of the BNP-Jamaat govern ment.

The demonstrators will also protest the price hike of essentials, increasing crimes and widespread corruption.

Meanwhile, the 16th death anniversary of former CPB general secretary and veteran politician Mohammad Farhad will be observed tomorrow.

The party will hold a discussion at the party's central office at 4.00pm today to mark the day.

Leaders and workers of CPB and other organisations will place wreath at the grave of Farhad at the Banani graveyard tomorrow morning.

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a severe heat release.	Mirza Mehdy Ispahani, a r e n o w n e d industrialist and chairman of Ispahani Group of Industries, is u n d e r g o in g medical treat- ment at Sikder tal in the city following t attack, says a press