

POLICE EXCESSES
14-party to stage demonstration tomorrow

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The Awami League (AL)-led 14-party opposition combine will stage demonstrations across the country tomorrow to protest against the police excesses on Awami Swechhasebak League leaders yesterday.

The 14-party will also stage demonstrations on September 28 protesting against the skyrocketing price of essentials. On October 6, they will hold demonstrations demanding uninterrupted power supply.

The opposition combine at an emergency meeting held at AL's Dhanmondi office, with Presidium Member Amir Hossain Amu in the chair, made the decisions.

The meeting condemned and protested the police atrocities on the Swechhasebak League leaders. They decided to observe tomorrow as 'Demonstration Day'.

At least 20 leaders of Swechhasebak League were injured when police, without provocations, attacked an opposition procession with truncheons near Russell Square in Dhanmondi.

Senior leaders including Abdur
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Thai coup leaders ban political action

Assume legislative powers; media lament restrictions

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's coup leaders have formally assumed legislative powers in the absence of a parliament following the ouster of the prime minister this week, they said in a televised announcement yesterday.

"For the benefit of the country,

while it has no parliament and senate, laws requiring action by members of parliament and the senate will be approved" by the provisional military government, said the statement.

The announcement was the latest in a series cementing the power of General Sonthi

Boonyaratglin and other coup leaders since the bloodless ouster Tuesday night of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Minutes earlier, television also showed a picture of Thailand's king meeting with Sonthi and other
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NUKE STANDOFF

World powers give Iran Oct deadline

AFP, United Nations

World powers handed Iran a new early October deadline to halt uranium enrichment, a senior European diplomat said Wednesday, as President George

W Bush warned "time is of the essence" in settling the nuclear showdown.

Hopes of a snap breakthrough in the crisis however were already dimmed, with an announcement
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Robbery in house, shop

Goods worth Tk 20 lakh looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers made off with valuables worth Tk 17.17 lakh from a residence at Abdullahpur in Keraniganj injuring six members of the family and burglars looted Tk 3.32 lakh worth of cellular phones
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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia visits a stall after inaugurating the three-day Bangladesh Apparel and Textiles Exposition-2006 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

BSF kills 1

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Indian Border Security Force (BSF) gunned down a Bangladeshi farmer near Khatiamari border under Roumari upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Moniruzzaman, 32, son of Shirajul Islam of the frontier Khatiamari village.

According to Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and local sources, the Indian border guards of Kuchnimari camp opened fire on Moniruzzaman while he was working on his cropland near the border at around 6:00am. He died instantly.

The BSF men then took the body to their camp.

On receiving the news, the BDR personnel of Baliamari border outpost rushed to the spot and sent a letter to the BSF, demanding return of the body. The BSF did not respond until filing of this report as
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Prayer Timing		
September 22		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

