

'Resist move to delay power transfer'

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Sammilita Ainjibi Samannya Parishad yesterday called on all lawyers to resist any move to delay power transfer to the caretaker government.

delay the transfer of power in violation of the constitution, they said. They also called on the lawyers to forge unity with the people and join the peaceful movement to safeguard the constitution and democracy.

The Parishad leaders also protested the withdrawal of Special Security Force (SSF) members from Awami League President Sheikh Hasina's residence in the early hours of yesterday. They demanded immediate steps to arrange security measures for Hasina.

GM Quader likely to float new party

UNB, Dhaka
GM Quader today indicated his intention to desert Jatiya Party (JP) and float a new party if JP Chairman HM Ershad decides to join the BNP led 4-party alliance.

Scores cross border in fear of political wrath

UNB, Benapole
A record number of people, believed to be political activists, left for India through Benapole land port during the last three days for fear of reprisals by the opponents, immigrant officials said.

3 killed in road accident in Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar
At least three people were killed on the spot and ten others injured in a road accident in Cox's Bazar district yesterday.

One dies while making bomb in Chuadanga

UNB, Chuadanga
A man died and another got injured when a bomb, which they were allegedly making, exploded in a village about 10 miles from the town yesterday.



Shushashoner Jonney Nagorik (Shujan) forms a human chain at Manik Mia Avenue in the city yesterday demanding immediate peaceful solution to the current political stalemate.

President urged to appoint CG chief immediately

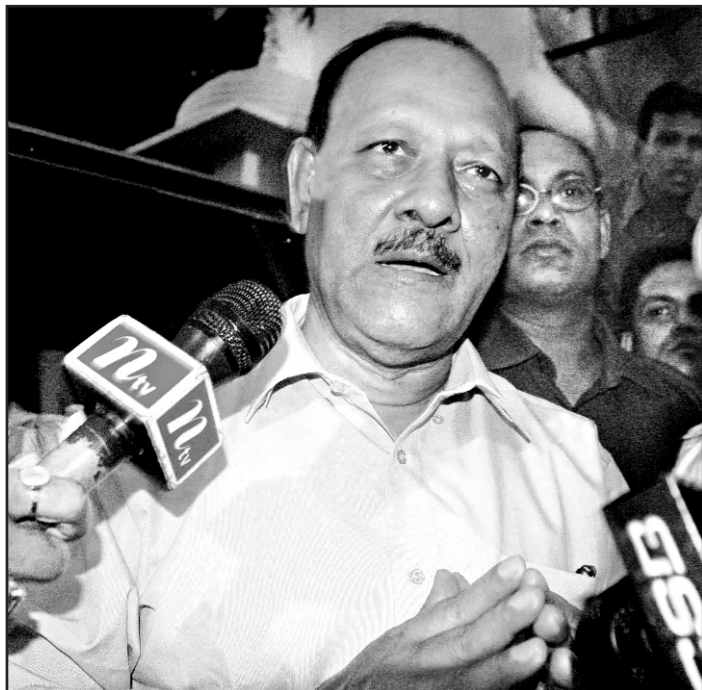
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Expressing deep concern over the anarchy and killings in the country, 29 former officers of armed forces yesterday urged the President for immediate appointment of chief adviser to the caretaker government according to the constitution as Justice KM Hasan declined to accept the post.

5 Rajshahi BNP MPs declared unwanted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
The 14-party opposition combine yesterday declared Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu and four other BNP lawmakers unwanted in Rajshahi saying a white paper on their corruption would be published today.

Tourists stranded in Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar
Thousands of tourists, who went to Cox's Bazar on Eid holidays, got stranded there due to political violence and strike.



BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, left, and Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil talk to journalists after emerging from a meeting with President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil, right, and BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, left, talk to journalists after emerging from a meeting with President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Taliban say no to peace talks

REUTERS, Kabul
Fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Omar has rejected the latest conditional offer of peace talks by Afghan President Hamid Karzai, a rebel spokesman said yesterday.

"The infidels of the entire world have gathered in Afghanistan, occupied it and taken the Afghans hostage," spokesman Tayyab Agha said by satellite phone from a secret location.

Saudi Arabia sets stage for younger rulers

REUTERS, Riyadh
Saudi Arabia's move this month to formalise the royal succession paves the way for the eventual emergence of younger rulers and aims to prevent infighting among the next generation of princes, analysts say.

King Abdullah, the fifth son of Abdul-Aziz to rule Saudi Arabia, was at least 80 when he became king last year and Crown Prince Sultan is at least 78.

'Appoint CG chief acceptable to all parties'

DU CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a rally yesterday demanded a person acceptable to all political parties to be appointed chief of caretaker government and urged all to press home the electoral reforms of 14-party alliance for a free, fair and impartial election.

FEMA, JANIPOP concerned

FEMA and JANIPOP have expressed serious concern at the current political impasse caused by the failure of major political parties and their coalition partners to resolve the differences over the formation of a caretaker government to conduct a free and fair election, says a press release.

Closure of Jai Jai Din condemned

BSS, Dhaka
Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday expressed deep concern at the sudden closure of the daily Jai Jai Din.

Human chain

Bangladesh Manabdhikar Samannaya Parishad will form a human chain demanding peace and justice. Venue: Panthapath intersection. Time: 11:00am.



Sammilita Nagorik Andolon, a combine of seven professional and cultural organisations, holds a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding appointment of an impartial chief of the caretaker government.