

## One killed in blast while making bomb

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police yesterday recovered the body of an unidentified youth killed in a bomb blast at a house at Ekabbarpur village under Mithapukur upazila on Friday night. Locals found the body on a paddy field, 500 metres off the explosion site, in the morning and

informed the police. According to police the bomb exploded with a big bang at about 8:30pm when some unidentified youths were making it at the house of Abdul Majid. The law enforcers also recovered some bomb-making materials from the tin-roofed house that was

badly damaged in the explosion. They could not arrest anyone as all members of the house fled the scene immediately after incident. Officer-in-charge of Mithapukur Police Station said they are investigating the incident and looking for the persons involved.



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Deputy commander-in-chief of the Liberation War and Air Vice Marshal (ret) AK Khandaker speaks at a press conference on the present political stalemate at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. On his right are Maj Gen (ret) KM Shafiullah and Maj Gen (ret) CR Dutta and on his left are Maj Gen (ret) Mir Shawkat Ali and Lt Col (ret) Kazi Nuruzzaman.

## ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE JU students' memo to VC

JU CORRESPONDENT

General students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) staged a demonstration on the campus yesterday demanding immediate impartial investigation into an allegation of sexual harassment on a female student of Bangla department by a teacher of the same department.

They also submitted a memorandum to Vice Chancellor Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman demanding exemplary punishment to the teacher.

The university administration formed a three-member probe body headed by Prof Sikandar Dara Shamsuddin of Geography and Environment department to prepare a report in seven days.

On November 16, a female student submitted a written complaint to Bangla department Chairperson Prof Sauda Akhter, where she alleged that one of the teachers of the department sexually abused her at his office.

She further alleged that she had to leave the campus in the face of continuous threat on her life and reputation.

Meanwhile, the students of Bangla department will announce protest programmes today to press the demands while Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote began signature campaign at all dormitories of the university.

## BKSJL faction joins 4-patry

UNB, Dhaka

The BNP-led 4-party alliance expanded into 5-party coalition in a pre-poll polarisation with the joining of a BKSJL faction led by General Secretary Advocate Fazlur Rahman.

Welcoming them, BNP chairperson and immediate-past Prime Minister Khaleda Zia blasted her arch political rival saying Awami League now seems to be 'CBA' losing its political character by way of placing newer demands one after another.

Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Janata League (BKSJL) was formed by breakaways from the Awami League under the leadership of Bangabir Kader Siddiqui and Fazlur Rahman some years back.

Addressing a joining function at her Hawa Bhaban office in the city yesterday, Khaleda said AL knows well that there is no scope in the constitution for deferring election beyond the tenure of the caretaker government tenure. But that party is pressing for deferring election date, sensing that they have "no chances of winning in the upcoming elections".

Khaleda contended that the AL

had participated in all elections in the past, including elections in the regimes of Ershad, Ayub and Yahia.

She, however, said the party (AL) wants to come to election but the components of the 14-party alliance oppose them as those components' leaders "have no chance to come to the Jatiya Sangsad".

Welcoming the BKSJL general secretary, Khaleda opined that the 4-party alliance now turned into 5-party alliance and hoped that the BKSJL GS would work for the alliance for winning the next general election.

The BKSJL general secretary along with some central leaders and some of party's Kishoreganj district unit formally joined the 4-party alliance presenting bouquet to the BNP chairperson and alliance leader, Khaleda Zia, at the Hawa Bhaban function.

## Ershad rules out joining 4-party

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said he would not join the BNP-led four-party alliance as it did not honour him.

He made the comment to reporters during a stopover at a local hotel in Bogra on his way to Rangpur. Ershad, however, did not elaborate.

Asked whether he is joining the Awami League-led 14-party alliance, the JP chief said he would take a decision in this regard after discussing the issue with the people of Rangpur.

## BNP joint meeting today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A joint meeting of BNP will be held at 4:00pm today at its central office in the city, says a press release.

The joint secretary general, president of Dhaka divisional committee; president and secretary of Dhaka Metropolitan Committee and central presidents and secretaries of the party wings have been asked to join the meeting.



PHOTO: STAR

Nagarik Udyog forms a human chain in front of the Supreme Court in the city yesterday to mark the International Human Rights Day.

## 3 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least three people were killed in separate road accidents in Tangail and Natore yesterday.

OUR CORRESPONDENT from Tangail reports: A bicycle rider was killed in a road accident at Sadar upazila in the district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Moktar Ali, 60, of Golabari village at Sadar upazila.

Police said the accident took place at around 1:00pm when a North Bengal bound speeding bus from Dhaka ran over Mokter Ali on Dhaka-Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge highway at

Gharinda area, leaving him died on the spot.

Police sent the body to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

UNB from Natore adds: Two motorcyclists were killed as a bus hit a motorbike at Razzak crossing on Bonpara-Hatikumrul highway yesterday.

Sources said a Rajshahi-bound bus from Mymensingh hit a motorbike from behind at noon, leaving Swapan and Mannan injured critically.

The injured were rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where they succumbed in the afternoon.