Narshingdi-1

Bhuiyan

Broom protest

congestion in the highway.

BNP leaders and activists loyal to

former BNP lawmaker Khairul

Kabir Khokan in the constituency

Yesterday afternoon, when a

procession of BNP leaders and

activists loyal to Khairul Kabir

Khokon reached Bhelanagar,

another faction loyal to Mannan

Bhuiyan chased them. At least 20

and Madhobdi area in Narshingdi after

Tension mounted in Bhelanagar

people were injured in the clash.

the clash sources in the area said

nomination to

Gono Forum

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikgan

Hundreds of Awami League (AL) activists yesterday took out a proces-

sion here protesting nomination of

Gono Forum leader Mofizul Islam

A rally was held at Manikganj bus

stand on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway

where speakers demanded candi-

dature of district AL secretary Gazi

Kamrul Huda Selim instead of

Kamal. They feared the grand

alliance will lose the seat if the

candidate is not changed immedi-

Among others, AL leaders Haider Ali, Dipak Ghosh, Laxmi and Sudev Saha addressed the rally.

'Dead' man files

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)

nomination seeker M Shahidullah

Shahid from Mymensingh-2

(Phulpur Upazila) constituency

found his name missing from the

corrected voter list when he went to

the Returning Officer's office on

His name was deleted from the

Shahidullah Shahid later submit-

ted his nomination paper as election

officials assured him to correct the

"It is very unfortunate. I can not under-

Shahidullah is former joint secre-

stand how a fair election wil be held with

such a voter list". he told newsmen later at

tary of Juba Dal, BNP's youth front.

voter list as he was 'dead', said.

Shahidullah is joint organizing

secretary of central LDP.

Mymensingh Press Club.

voter list.

Tuesday to file nomination paper.

nomination

Khan Kamal from the grand alliance.

AL protests

became aggrieved and angry.

December 20.

AGITATION BY JUTE MILL WORKERS FOR ARREAR SALARY

22 injured in Khaishpur, Sirajganj clashes

Indefinite rail-road barricade in Khulna-Jessore industrial belts

STAR NATIONAL DESK

At least 22 people were injured in incidents of violence in Khalishpur in Khulna and in Sirajganj as jute mill workers and employees continued agitation to press their eight-point demand including payment of arrear salaries and Eid

Ten persons were injured and 19 autorickshaws damaged in a clash between transport workers and jute mill employees at Khalishpur New Road intersection yesterday morning, our Staff Correspondent reported from

The clash ensued as autorickshaw drivers ignored a call for indefinite rail-road blockade given by Patkal Sangram Parishad

The blockade programme that again began on Tuesday at three important points of Khulna-Jessore industrial belt disrupted road transport services on long and short routes from Khulna.

It also halted train services for the second day yesterday.

Eyewitnesses said a large number of jute mill workers went on rampage at Daulatpur autorickshaw stand as drivers defied the call.

Chase and counter chase continued there for about half- anhour, during which the clashing groups exchanged brickbats and

The eight-point demands of over 20,000 workers and employees of eight state-owned jute mills in Khulna-Jessore industrial belt also include reinstatement of

retrenched workers, reopening of closed jute mills and allocation of funds to buy jute to run the mills

În Sirajganj, at least 12 people including the DGM of Sirajganj Quami Jute Mills and some leaders of employees union were injured in an attack by some workers yesterday during demonstrations for arrear salaries and Eid bonus.

The attackers also ransacked and damaged furniture at DGM's office. The injured were admitted to clinics in the town, reports our

About 4000 workers and employees of the mill have been staged demonstrations for last few days to press their eight-point demand including payment of arrear salaries and Eid bonu. But they were not paid till yesterday.

Police and mill sources said the workers and employees besieged the DGM office mill at 9 am. At one stage, a section of the workers became unruly as they did not get any assurance from the mill authorities about payment of salary and Eid bonus. They attacked DGM Boni Israil Shelly and some leaders of the employees union as they failed to fulfill their demands.

Of the injured, condition of employee Anowar Hossain is

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control by charging batons.

A tense situation is prevailing in the mill compound. Additional police have been deployed in the area to avoid any more violence,



Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal, women's wing of BNP, brought out a broom procession in Chandpur town yesterday protesting nomination of ex-MPSA Sultan Titu from Chandpur-4 constituency.

Mymensingh-4 Constituency

Cancel ticket to ex-MP Delwar, 4 BNP aspirants demand

Four BNP nomination seekers from Mymensingh-4 (Sadar upazila) at a press conference here yesterday demanded cancellation of alliance ticket to immediate past party lawmaker from the area Delwar Hossain Khan Dulu

Mymensingh district BNP secretary Md Monjurul Haq Monju, and party leaders Prof. Amjad Hossain, Principal Ziauddin Shakir and Wahab Akanda made allegations of corruption and inefficiency against

Vowing to resist Delwar, they said they would work together in the coming election if any of them is given the 4-party alliance ticket. The press conference was held at Mymensingh Press Club in the

Monjurul Haq alleged that Delwar Hossain did little for development of

Delwar Hossain Khan Dulu

Mymensingh Sadar upazila and his 'poor performance' during the fourparty alliance rule frustrated party leaders and activists as well as

Monjurul Haq also alleged that Delwar was barred from entering the office of former prime minister Khaleda Zia as his men misappropriation wheat and rice allotted for People of Mymensingh town

want an educated leader with good moral character as the townspeople have a tradition of patronising education, they said. They also announced a two hour

sit-in and formation of a human chain on press club premises today to protest Delwar's nomination.

Many leaders and activists of BNP and its front organisations including district Jubo Dal secretary Liton Akanda and organising secretary Mozammel Haque Tutu, Secretary and Organizing Secretary of Juba Dal District unit, local JASAS president Sharif Mahmudul Haque Saniov and secretary Khandaker Moinuddin Ahmed, Sechchasebak Dal president Alamgir Mahmud Alam and secretary Rafiqul Alam Shamim and Chhatra Dal leaders were also present at the press

Hartal for AL, BNP tickets in Barisal, Mymensing

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Hartal was observed yesterday in Hizla and Muladi upazilas in Barisal and Haluaghat upazila in Mymensingh for BNPandAwami League tickets.

Advocate Joynul Abedin enforced hartal in Hizla and Muladi upazila towns for BNP ticket. Hartal continued there since Tuesday evening.

Our Mymensingh Correspondent reports: Former Jatiya Party leader Al Asgar who joined BNP recently has enforced hartal in Haluaghat upazila protesting nomination of BNP assistant office secretary Syed Emran Saleh Prince in Mymensingh-1

(Haluaghat upazila) constituency. Faruq Ahmed Khan, a rebel leader of Awami League (AL) also enforced hartal in the upazila town protesting denial of party nomination. Former AL lawmaker ticket in the constituency.

Earlier, Ali Asgar called a dawn-todusk hartal at a rally held at Old Bus Stand Monday evening but the hartal was observed in the frontier upazila peacefully for half day.

All shops and business establishments were closed during hartal hours.

No vehicles plied during the period. While addressing a rally during Prince at all places in the upazila. The BNP leader announced to stage continued sit-in demonstration in front of the Upazila BNP office until the nomination is given in his favour.

Earlier, he made a big showdown in the constituency.

However, since his joining BNP, local party leaders including ex-BNP MP Afzal H Khan and Emran Saleh

Rebel AL leader Faruq Ahmed organised a press conference at Mymensingh Press Club yesterday afternoon. He brought various allegations againt Promod Mankin. The

allegation included misappropriation of government fund and his alleged link with illegal arms dealer Sushil Drang. He announced agitation programmes including protest raily at every union and upazila headquarters and a grand rally in Haluaghat court area on January 3.

Meanwhile, AL leaders and activists and its front organisations held protest rallies for nomination of district AL president Principal Motiur Rahman in Mymensingh-4, (Sadar upazila) constituency.

Workers and employees of Sirajganj Quami Jute Mills laid a siege to the General Manager's office yesterday to press their eight-point demand including

8 nomination papers cancelled in 4 dists

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Nomination papers of eight candidates were cancelled in Manikganj Pabna, Moulvibizer and Khulna after scrutiny yesterday. Of them six were alleged loan defaulters.

Our Manikganj Correspondent reports: District returning officer Md Ataur Rahman cancelled nomination papers of three loan defaulters here. They are JSD-Inu central leader Afzal Hossain Khan Joki,

district Krishak League president Benzir Ahmed and AL leader Atoar

A Pabna correspondent reports: Nomination papers of an Awami League (AL) candidate and that of a BNP candidate were rejected by the district returning officer in Pabna-5 (Sadar) constituency due

District Election Office sources said the candidates are Awami League (AL) leader Md Idris Ali

Biswas and BNP leader Akram Ali Khan Shaniu

Our Khulna Staff Correspondent reports: Nomination papers of Jatiya Party (Ershad) leader Zaher Ali and that of Hindu League joint secretary Arun Kumar Das were cancelled by the district returning officer in Khulna-5 and Khulna-2 constituen-

In Moulvibazar-4 (Srimongal and Kamalganj), nomination paper of BNP leader Md Ahad Miah has been cancelled as he did not repay loans.

conference said he has no bank loan. The Returning Officer failed to mention with which bank his loan remained unpaid, Ahad Miah, claimed.

But Md Ahad Miah at instant press

Returng Officer and Deputy Commissioner Md Ashraf Shamim said Ahad Miah's nomination paper was cancelled according to a report sent by CIB. He can appeal within next three days, the Returning



Kader Siddiqui to fight for 5 seats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Krishak Sramik Janata League (KSJL) president and legendary freedóm fighter Abdul Kade Siddiqui Bir Uttam submitted nomination papers from five constituencies, three of them in Tangail, party sources said.

The constituencies are Tangail-5 (Sadar-Delduar), Tangail-7 (Mirzapur), Tangail-8 (Basail-Sakhipur), Gazipur-1 (Sepur-Kaliakair) and Mymensingh-6 (Phulbaria), they said.

Party leaders submitted the

nomination papers on behalf Kader Siddiqui contested from Tangail-1 (Maḋhupur-Dhanbari), Tangail-2 (Gopalpur-Bhuapur) Tangail-3 (Ghatail), Tangail-4 (Kalihati), and Tangail-8 (Basail-Sakhipur) constituencies in the last election in 2001. He won from his own Tangail-8 (Basail-Sakhipur) constituency.

84 new polling centres in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Eight-four new polling centres were set up in five constituencies of the district as per convenience of Four-party Alliance, according to an allegation of Awami League (AL)-led Grand Alliance.

Grand Alliance district coordinator and city AL convener Advocate Shawkat Hossain Hiron said the new polling centres were set up at Barisal Sadar, Bakerganj, Babuganj, Muladi Uzirpur and Gournadi and Agoiljhara upazilas. Those were set up aiming at

to split the votes of the grand alliance voters.

However, Sadar Upazila Election Officer Md Moniruzzaman said 84 new polling centres and 583 new polling booths were set up following rise in voters and extension of boundary of Barisal City Corporation (BCC) and municipali-

Election office sources said the number of polling centres and booths were 475 and 2,617 in 10 upazilas in during election in 2001. At present the number of polling centres and polling booths stood at 559 and 3,200, he said.

The district election officials claimed the new centres were set up following recommendation of voters' applications by the concerned Upazila Nirbahi Officer

Election office sources said the number of polling centres and booths were 475 and 2,617 in 10 upazilas in during the 2001 elec-

Polls preparation is going on in full swing in the entire district

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