

## 3 killed, 31 hurt in separate incidents

By Staff Correspondent

At least three persons were killed and another thirty-one injured in separate incidents in and outside the city during the last two days.

A 60-year old pedestrian, was killed as a speeding private car ran over him at Shwapara in the city at around 2:30 pm Monday.

The victim Hazrat Ali was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to injuries at around 4:30 pm.

A businessman, Abdul Malek Hawladar, 42, was killed as a minibus ran over him on the Airport Road Sunday night.

Seriously injured Abdul Malek was taken to the DMCH, but he died immediately after being admitted to the hospital on the same night.

Kayes Ahmed, 45, a teacher of Bangla of Willes Little Flowers School, reportedly committed suicide by hanging at his residence at Dinonath Sen Road Sunday afternoon.

Sutrapur police said, on an information, they rushed to the spot in the evening and recovered the body by breaking open the door of the victim's bed room. The body was found hanging from the ceiling

fan of the room, police added. Kayes Ahmed's wife and only son were absent from the house during the incident, according to police.

A young man, Noor Mohammad, 18, was severely stabbed near Malibag Bazar Sunday night and admitted to the (DMCH).

Sabujbag police said, Noor Mohammad was stabbed following a quarrel between two groups of the area. Police rushed to the spot but are yet to arrest any one in this connection.

Our Jhenidah correspondent adds: At least thirty persons were injured in a road accident at Kagmari on Kaliganj-Chuadanga road in Kotchandpur thana Monday noon.

Police and eyewitnesses said the accident occurred when a Khulna-bound speedy bus (Meherpur Ba-4) having lost control plunged into a road side ditch.

The 22 injured were rushed to Kotchandpur hospital. The condition of 5 is stated to be critical.

Police seized the bus while the driver escaped. A case has been filed with Kotchandpur thana.

## 8000 held in Tamil Nadu ahead of strike

NEW DELHI, June 15: Police have rounded up some 8,000 people in India's Tamil Nadu state ahead of a planned nationwide strike to protest the federal government's economic policies, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said Sunday, reports AFP.

The people taken into custody as "a precaution" in the southern state included activists of the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), the chief sponsor of the strike, PTI said.

Activists of the centrist Janata Dal and two regional parties, including, Tamil Nadu's main opposition Tamil Party, Dravid Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), were among those detained.

Around 800 of the detainees were taken into custody in Tamil Nadu's textile town of Coimbatore. There were no reports of any violence.

The state government in Tamil Nadu is controlled by rival Tamil Party All India Anna DMK, an ally of Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's ruling Congress (I) Party.

Opposition parties, particularly the left, argue that by opening up the economy to foreign private capital invest-

ment, the government is dropping the socialist economy envisaged by Jawahar Lal Nehru, India's first premier.

PA Sangma, Minister for Labour in Rao's government, said Sunday that the planned 24-hour strike beginning mid-night today was politically motivated.

The working class has no reason to doubt the government's sincerity," Sangma said here.

He told reporters the government approach was: "no work, no pay."

## JCD council

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secretary Khondokar Jahangir Hossain, former assistant international affairs secretary of JCD Elias Ali, Habibul Islam Habib and JCD Dhaka City president Abul Khair Bhuiyan.

There are six candidates for the post of organising secretary which include Rafiqul Islam Jaglu, Quamruzzaman Ratan, Abdul Maleq, Shirin Sultana, Emdad Khan and Papa Ashrafi.

As many as 193 councillors are likely to participate in the council to be held at BNP central office at Dhanmondi.

The date of the council was decided at a meeting of the JCD central leaders with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Sugandha office on June 3.

According to sources, the matter of age limit for a candidate for the central executive body was raised by some of the leaders of JCD in the meeting. The Prime Minister, however, ruled out any possibility of bringing such a provision in JCD leadership saying that as a large student organisation JCD needs experienced leadership, the sources said.

The JCD has been running on a convening committee led by DUCSU vice-president Amanullah Aman since 1990. The executive committee of the organisation was dissolved in early 1990 following internal conflicts in its leadership.

**Post Office robbery: One arrested, eight interrogated**

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 15: Police Monday arrested one person and interrogated another eight in connection with the robbery at the local head post office.

The night guard of the post office, Kazimuddin (35) was brought under police custody while another eight including two post masters, and the treasurer of the office were interrogated today.

A band of robbers broke 18 locks down of the office at Court Road here on Saturday night and looted cash, prize bonds and stamps worth about Tk four lakh and thirty-three thousand. The robbers also ransacked 14 drawers of the office.

Police said they received important information to unearth the mystery over the robbery while questioning the suspects.

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## Preparations on to make June 21 hartal a success

By Staff Correspondent

Preparations in support of the planned hartal on June 21 is on as political parties are holding meetings, gatherings and rallies to make the dawn-to-dusk hartal a success.

The hartal was called by the Central Coordinating Council for Implementation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971 to press for implementation of the verdict of the March 26 'public trial' at the Suhrawardi Udyan against Jamaat chief Golam Azam and for banning the activities of the party.

Awami League, Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF), Five-party Alliance, Ganatantri Party and Gana Azadi League Monday held a joint meeting at the Awami League office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

The meeting, chaired by acting president of Awami League Abdus Samad Azad, discussed preparations for the planned hartal and called upon the people to join it.

The meeting decided to hold meetings, public rallies and gatherings in support of the hartal.

It also demanded immediate withdrawal of "false cases" against the 24 respected citizens of the country.

Abdul Mannan, Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Salahuddin Yusuf, Mohiuddin Ahmed, Abdul Momen, Kamruzzaman, Abdur Razzak, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Abdul Momen Talukder, Abdul Monayem Sarker and Siddik Hossain of Awami League, Dilip Barua, Nurul Islam Nahid, Mujahidul Islam Selim and Pankaj Bhattacharya of PDF, Rashed Khan Menon, Nirmal Sen, Kazi Aref Ahmed, A F M Mahbubul Huq and Abu Syed Khan of Five-party Alliance, Shaiful Mawla of Ganatantri Party and Advocate Ali Reza of Gana Azadi League attended the meeting.

Ekkatorer Ghatak-Dalal Nirmul Committee held a meeting at the Siddheswar College premises Monday evening to drum up support for the hartal. Presided over by the joint convenor of the Muktiyoddha Jubo Command Wahidul Huq Swapan, the meeting was addressed by Sadek Ahmed Khan, Saifulah and Abu Siddiq.

The committee will hold a meeting at Mirpur, Section-1, Tuesday.

PDF will hold a rally and procession in support of the planned dawn-to dusk hartal on June 19 at the Purana Paltan crossing of the capital.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) president Mohiuddin Ahmed Monday called upon the countrymen to participate in the June 21 hartal.

Addressing a meeting at the Fatullah Industrial Area at Narayanganj, he said that the hartal would again prove that the people of the country were united against the reactionary forces.

JSD general secretary Azizul Islam Swapan, and Golam Ahmed Babul also spoke at the meeting.

Sheikh Kamal Sangsad president Syed Ahmed Khan and general secretary Habibur Rahman Khan in a joint statement Monday also supported the hartal and called upon the people to join it.

## BB action illegal, says Akhtaruzzaman

By Staff Correspondent

The Chairman of United Commercial Bank Ltd (UCBL), and an Awami League MP, Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury in a statement Monday alleged that the Bangladesh Bank (BB) had removed him and his wife from the directorship of the bank illegally.

He said he had also taken the case to the High Court and the court has issued rule nisi on the BB.

Akhtaruzzaman further said he and his wife did not take any loan from UCBL as directors. He also said an investigation committee of the BB in its report said he or his wife do not have any ownership of Rajshahi Steel and Engineering Works Ltd which took loans from the bank as per banking rule.

## 8 hurt as BCL Shibir clash in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, June 15: Eight people were injured in a clash between activists of two rival student groups in Kazipur upazila of the district today, police said, reports UNB.

The clash ensued when activists of Kazipur Chhatra League allegedly attacked a Eid reunion of Chhatra Shibir at a restaurant in Meghabazar of the upazila.

The injured included seven activists of Shibir, including President of its Kazipur unit Sohrab Ali. One activist of Chhatra League also received injury during the attack.



Waving posters instructing Serbian President Milosevic to 'Go Away' and giving the familiar three-fingered Serbian sign, Belgrade students vent their feelings at a rally Monday. The demonstrators who gathered in front of Belgrade University demanded the President's resignation. —AFP photo

## BJC chief blames past govts for present crisis

By Asiuzzaman

The officials and employees of the Bangladesh Jute Corporation (BJC) have alleged that previous governments were fully responsible for the present crisis in the Corporation and said that it was possible to make the BJC profitable if government interference was withdrawn.

"We just carried out government orders and sometimes purchased jute at double the market price for the farmers' welfare causing huge losses to the BJC," Chairman of the BJC Col (Retd) M Shariful Islam said on behalf of the employees.

In an interview with The Daily Star he said that the BJC started operation in 1985 with a backlog of Taka 204 crore loss sustained by five similar organisations which were then merged into BJC.

The losses have swelled because of the bank interests and added with subsequent losses which now stand at about Taka 1105 crore, the source said. He added that of this the actual loss was only Taka 208 crore while Taka 897 crore was is bank interest.

He pointed out some other causes of losses like the purchasing of jute at subsidised rate, selling out of jute at discount prices and supplying of jute to the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) without settling the price. There were also some political and socio-economic reasons behind the losses, he added.

The BJMC still owed Tk 35 crore to the BJC, the Chairman added.

"All we have done were on government orders and were never asked to do business with jute," the official said adding, "We can accept the

National Product, but few answered the call.

France and Germany have promised to reach the 0.7 per cent level as soon as possible, while it was left up to other countries when and if they will reach the target.

Third World efforts to have the year 2000 inserted as a target-date for that percentage founded in the final compromise, leaving nothing but a reference to the fact that some developed nations were committed to it.

One Third World delegates pointed out during the course of the conference that decisions taken by consensus among 178 widely disparate countries would inevitably be "all things to all men" compromises, but the delegates were unanimous in saying the summit had raised awareness of environmental issues among government leaders as well as the global public.

The deliberations here were transmitted to the world by 9,000 journalists — more than twice the number at any previous UN meeting. Thousands of members of action groups — all voters in their home countries — arrived in Rio to lobby the national delegations. Many of them condemned the outcome of the conference, with friends of the earth slamming the North's "irresponsibility" and "short-term economic expediency" but at the same time acknowledging "important progress."

Boutros Ghali told AFP as the summit ended that he believed it had created momentum.

It stresses the need to protect fresh water and manage it better to curb transmission of diseases, and to treat dangerous nuclear and toxic waste.

But the area where Agenda 21 is already straining at the seams is the section which sets up a system to finance all this — with the United Nations estimating a cost of some 125 billion dollars a year until the end of the decade.

Total public development aid has hitherto been running at 55 billion dollars a year.

The United Nations was seeking a pledge from developed countries to boost their international development aid to 0.7 per cent of their Gross

## Mango

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said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity. The authorities spend about Tk 30 to feed an ordinary prisoner in the central jail.

Meanwhile, the jail authorities have barred Ershad from seeing his wife and two children for 28 days for violation of jail code.

The sources said that the restriction, effective from Sunday (June 14), was imposed to punish Ershad for keeping an unauthorized walkman and smuggling out some unauthorized letters.

The walkman and the alleged letters were found during a search of Ershad's two-room cell last week following reports that the former President was sending out political instructions to his Jatiya Party leaders and cronies.

The restriction will, however, not affect Ershad much as his family's next get-together with him is not due in the next 30 days. Ershad is permitted to see his wife and children once a month. The last time Ershad's wife and children visited him in jail was on Friday to celebrate the Eid ul-Azha.

The token penalty has been handed to him (Ershad) to warn him against violation of jail code in future," said a senior jail official.

He said, "We want him to behave in accordance with our rules. But unfortunately, he has put us in embarrassment several times."

The authorities are investigating how the walkman got inside Ershad's cell.

## Bank guard to die for killing colleague

NARAYANGANJ, June 15: A guard of Janata Bank in the town was sentenced to death today for murdering his colleague, reports UNB.

Additional Sessions Judge Mohammad Baharul Islam pronounced the judgement on Lokman Mia (45) who killed Humayun Kabir, another guard of the bank.

According to the prosecution, the accused beat the victim to death with a pipegun September, 1988 night.

He defaced the dead and told the bank's officials that he had killed a dacoit to save the bank money, with a motive to get promotion.

Lokman himself also filed a dacoity case in this connection. But police on investigation charged sheeted Lokman for the murder.

The Judge, after examining the witnesses, awarded the accused death sentence.

## Tinbigha

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tion on Sunday in which at least 60 people were reportedly injured.

The police action came in the wake of agitation launched by extremist groups led by BJP to resist the scheduled June 26 transfer of the Tinbigha corridor to Bangladesh. The corridor will provide direct passage of the residents of Dahagram and Angorpotia enclaves with the mainland.

There was no traffic movement on the Mekliganj-Dhpara road of the Tinbigha due to the strike today.

Reports trickling in from across the border said the striking groups clashed with ruling CPM and other left fronts in three or four places of Coochbehar during the strike.

The strike is scheduled to continue till 6 am tomorrow (Tuesday).

## The Midnight File

### UK to destroy tactical nuclear weapons

LONDON, June 15: Britain will destroy the tactical nuclear weapons it withdrew from navy ships and aircraft last year, the government announced Monday, reports AP.

### 80 children feared drowned in Karnataka

NEW DELHI, June 15: Some 80 school children were feared drowned in a boat accident in the southern state of Karnataka today, PTI said. The accident occurred at Bangero, 10 kms (six miles) from Karnataka's port town of Mangalore on the western Arabian Sea Coast, an initial report from the news agency said, reports AFP.

## Development expenditure

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mentation of the projects and increase in the project expenditures.

Moreover, questions were raised about our skill and ability in the development management among the development partners, she said. The regular supervision and monitoring of the projects are imperative, she said.

Begum Zia said the government had taken different steps to expedite the implementation of the development programmes which included acceleration and simplification of the process of approval of the development projects and decentralisation of power for project implementation.

She stressed the need for intensifying accountable and transparent system to avoid repetition, corruption and wastages in the process of project implementation like the past.

Begum Zia also suggested appointing skilled project directors on permanent basis instead of part timers. She said, "frequent changes of directors hamper the successful implementation of projects."

After the opening remark of the Prime Minister, the former deliberations of the meeting started. Ministers, state ministers and concerned secretaries took part in the discussions.

The meeting expressed the optimism that the contribution of domestic resources in financing ADP is expected to rise up to 35 per cent by 1995. Three years ago, the contribution of internal resources in ADP was almost nil.

The meeting noted that despite odds due to change in the system of government and natural calamity that hit the country, the present government within a short time after taking the responsibility succeeded in bringing about financial and economic discipline. It also succeeded in contributing between 25 to 27 per cent to the ADP from domestic resources.

The meeting was told that Taka 178 crore has been earmarked in the coming fiscal

year for the poverty alleviation programme having a set target. The entire ADP on implementation will help support poverty alleviation programme through human resource development and employment generation, it was told.

The NEC meeting was informed that to keep pace with global trend of market economy public sector in next fiscal year will play a supportive role, rather than that of investor. It said that to fulfil that objective, a sum of Taka 100 crore has been earmarked for "industries rehabilitation fund" for the first time.

Referring to prevailing power crisis throughout the country, the meeting said to address the problem and also to supply gas to power generation plants and other areas, Taka 1817 crore has been earmarked in next year's ADP for this sector.

The meeting noted that during current year, Taka 7150 crore has been spent against ADP target of 7500. In the first year of democratic government and in the face of plethora of odds, this success has been described by NEC as encouraging and laudable.

The NEC meeting underscored the need for timely implementation of ADP. The NEC decided to form a high-level implementation coordination committee to strengthen the implementation capacity of the projects at field level.

In her closing remark the Prime Minister underlined the need for regular monitoring and supervision of the progress of development projects. She also suggested the holding of the NEC meeting after an interval of three months.

## Power plants

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lation, the report mentions. The government has in the meantime taken an initiative to resume operation of eleven power plants of the country by September this year on an emergency basis. A total of 283 megawatts of electricity will be got from these plants.

But the enhanced demand of the consumers can only be met if the planned new projects are implemented in a pragmatic way, the report observes.

It, however, mentions that no major project was implemented other than the Chittagong 210 megawatt power plant nor any project approved under the Power Master Plan of 1985.

Even the projects proposed to be implemented after the review of the plan in 1987 remained unimplemented.

Implementation of these projects could increase power production by 450 megawatts, it adds.

## ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঈদের ছুটির কারণে এবং গ্রাহক সাধারণের বিশেষ অনুরোধে বিল পরিশোধের সুবিধার্থে পানি/পয়ঃ বিল বকেয়াসহ হালনাগাদ এককালীন পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বিল পরিশোধের সময়সীমা ৩০ শে জুন ১৯৯২ ইং পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হয়েছে। "বিশেষ অভিযান" চলাকালে স্বল্পতম সময়ে বকেয়া আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে খেলাপি গ্রাহকদের সংযোগ তাৎক্ষণিক ভাবে বিচ্ছিন্ন করণসহ পি, ডি, আর, এ্যাণ্টের অধীনে সরেজমিনে মালামাল ক্রোকের জন্য ক্রোকী পরোয়ানা জারির কাজ জোরদার করা হয়েছে।

সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বিল পরিশোধের উক্ত বর্ধিত সুযোগ গ্রহণ করে সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্ন ও পি, ডি, আর, এ্যাণ্টের অধীনে শাস্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা এড়াবার জন্য আজই নির্দিষ্ট ব্যাংকে পানি/পয়ঃ বিল পরিশোধ করুন।

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