Over 100 hurt

From Page 1 Col 4 at Park Avenue at around 11:45 am.

AL workers picketing at the different points in the city damaged several vehicles with stones during the hartal hours.

Vehicles, excluding a few rickshaws, BRTC and private buses went off the roads from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm yesterday. Witnesses said that the

BRTC and private buses plying were escorted by police and plain-clothes armed men.

During the hartal hours almost all the city markets, shops and private business centres staved closed. Government and semi-government offices were open but attendance was thin.

Classes in all the educational institutions including the Dhaka University, Engineering University, Sir Salimullah Medical College and Dhaka Medical College remained suspended yesterday.

Transactions at the city's private and government banks came almost to a standstill because of the thin attendance of both clients and officials.

Our DMCH Correspondent reports: Jahangir, Halim, Harun, Elahi, Humayun Kabir, Shaheen, Mohsin, Salam, Waliullah, Anwar Hossain, Akter Hossain, Biplob, Tajul and Jahangir were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with bullet injuries. The victims were aged between 15 and 30. Around 15 people were given first aid at the hospital.

Our Jessore Correspondent reports: Dawn to dusk hartal was observed peacefully here yesterday.

After 2 pm hartal was again observed in Jessore in response to another call by the Awami League, Five Party Alliance and Jatiya Party demanding re-election in Jessore pourashava.

Our Correspondents from Chittagong, Narayangani Gazipur, Tongi, Barisal, Jhalokathi, Perozepur, Borguna,

that eight-hour hartal was observed peacefully in those

denounced the BNP government for what they said unleashing armed musclemen to attack AL office in Bangabandhu Avenue. At least 20 persons were injured in the attack during the hartal hours.

front of AL Bangabandhu Avenue office at 2.20 pm yesterday AL presidium member Abdur Razzak MP said, "Democracy can not be safe unless the government of Khaleda Zia is toppled."

Presided over by Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya the meeting was addressed by Mohiuddin Ahmed MP and Zillur Rahman.

In the brief rally which ended amid fear of another attack Mohiuddin Ahmed said, "Where do these musclemen get these bullets, we want to

Terming the BNP government "bandits" he said that these bandits were out to foil

Earlier, during the hartal at 12 noon the AL held another rally in front of the National Press Club in protest of police atrocities yesterday.

This rally too was presided over by Maya and was ad dressed by Akhtar Hossain, Shafiqu. Alam Shafiq, Kazi Abdul Hat, Jubo League leaders Amir Hossain Gazi and Prof Fazlul Haq.

government's attitude was to follow the footsteps of Ershad They said BNP which also called hartals during Ershad days was now playing the tyrannical role.

Thanking the people for making the hartal a success, the AL leaders said, "Success of the hartal has given the verdict against the Mirpur byelection results."

Uthan

From Page 1 Col 8 was out of the script and it was motivated, the artiste said in the statement adding that it had happened beyond

their knowledge. "History-based dramas surely deserve compliments. But such dramas must not reflect partial or distorted history. We want to present factual history. History of Liberation War could not be complete ignoring Bangab-Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, the 1970 general election, non-cooperation movement, and the March 7 historic speech," they said.

"It was nakedly displayed that the TV drama-serial was politically motivated when the fifth part of the drama, based on '69-'71 national history and telecast Tuesday, did not reflect historic events including the '70 general election and the March 7 speech by Bangabandhu, totally ignored Bangabandhu and partially telecast the Declaration (of independence) by Ziaur Rahman," the statement signed by the Sangsad General Secretary Jamaluddin Hossain

It noted that the bid to distort history and use the na tional media for partisan interests had caused resentment among the artistes, cultural activists and TV viewers.

The Sangsad demanded that the TV authorities and the government explain the matter and portray the history of the Liberation War in its true form in the next part of the drama serial. Otherwise, it warned, the artistes and the cultural activists would not sit idle until the conspiracy to convert the mass media into a media of any individual or party was stopped.

The statement further warned that the artistes and cultural activists would restart a movement to ensure independence, neutrality and autonomy to the mass media as they did during the autocratic regime in '87 and '90.

That the demand by a certain quarter to stop the TV drama on the plea of resisting alien culture was nothing but a blue-print to telecast distorted history discarding the contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to the Liberation War had been proved after Tuesday's part of the drama was telecast, the statement commented.

The signatories to the statement by the artistes included: Ferdousi Majumder, Tariq Anam, Tougir Ahmed, Shoumi Kaiser, Shanta Islam, Shahidul Islam and Rehana Samdant.

clash at Kalaroa

SATKHIRA, Feb 10: At least 20 people were injured, seven seriously, in continued fighting between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Shibir activists at Kalaroa Government College in backlash to the Rajshahi University violence, reports

Short films From Page 1 Col 8

because of the lack of adequate

short film makers had brought for the country, they said that more liberal in releasing the being screened on a commer-

The function was followed by a video show of a documen tary and a shortfilm titled

directed by Zakiul Hug on a

Meanwhile, the Ekushey

in the number of visitors despite some untoward incidents caused by selling of some controversial books. A probe body formed follow

some controversial books from the stall of Oasis Books reportedly by some activists of the Awamt League's student front, Wednesday requested that the said publication house remove the Article 13.11 of the rules

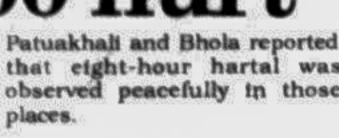
requested all not to bring modisturbances to the visitors.

As part of the Ekushey programme organised by the Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Prekkapat Natya Goshthi staged a drama at the Central Shaheed Minar on the mass

movement of 1990. programme: Discussion on Recitation practice in Bangladesh" at 4 pm at the Academy premises. Discussants are: Syed Hasan Imam, Golam Mostafa, Naren Biswas, Kazi Abu Zafar Siddiqi and Nasim Ahmad. Recitation by eminent artistes will follow the discussion meeting.

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Meanwhile, the Awami League (AL) leaders yesterday in a post hartal rally held in

The leaders said that the

20 hurt as JCD, Shibir activists

utilise their merit effectively

Recalling the honour the the Censor Board should be short films as those were not cial basis.

The film makers also demanded a National Film Centre to help the film industry of the

The film was produced and short story of Samaresh Bosu.

book fair has already taken on festive look with an increase

ing an incident of taking away all the books that contradicted and regulations of the book

Bangla Academy authorities in a statement yesterday also toreycle into the book fair premises as they said, the movement of the vehicles in the compound was creating

Today's Bangla Academy

tice Minister Claudio Martelli said he had resigned today after being told he was under investigation on corruption



University in city yesterday. - PID photo

PM: Private varsity From Page 1 Col 7 ternational standard of educa-

tion," she said. Begum Zia also stressed the need for maintaining congenial academic atmosphere on the

campus and said terrorism had

bred session-jam and unem-

She called for united efforts in eradicating the menace of

terrorism from national life. The Prime Minister said the present government aims to build a self- esteemed nation and thus put education high on its agenda. She mentioned different programmes, including compulsory primary education, mass education and education for girls.

Education Minister Zamiruddin Sircar, Chairman of the NSU Board of Governors lftekharul Alam, NSU President Muslehuddin Ahmad and Board Member M A Kashem also add ressed the inaugural function.

Ministers, MPs, diplomats, guardians of the students and senior civil officers were present on the occasion.

From Page 1 Col 5

dent, most of the details of which had already been pub-

lished in the newspapers. According to the account of the event as presented by him, the clashes took place not between JCD and Shibir. but between the All-Party Students Unity and the Shibir. This contradicts almost all the news reports. Significantly he did not say that Shibir attacked the Students Unity procession but that violence gradually broke out as two opposing · processions were

crossing each other. The differences of views within the BNP surfaced when two state ministers of the government, Fazlur Rahman Patal and Kabir Hossain, directly blamed Shibir for the violence and accused it of being responsible for the death of JCD and other student activists. The other speakers from the BNP Aminul Huq, Rafiqul Islam Mia and the Acting Deputy Leader of the House Gen (Retd) Majidul Huq, all spoke with tremendous circumspection on the ground that an incident under investigation of a judicial inquiry commission

should not be freely commented upon. Majidul Huq, who has a very sophisticated and polished manner of speaking, was definitely not at his best, or anywhere near it, while speaking on behalf of the ruling party. The only point he made, and made well, was to question the wisdom of debating something under investigation. However, knowing that the Speaker had

allowed the debate, he should have come better prepared. As for the Opposition, Shibir was, as expected, the target of the relentless attack. Several participants demanded banning of Jamaat and its student wing. Many speakers recalled Jamaat's role during the Liberation War, and its recent activities in Chittagong and

elsewhere. However, the Opposition failed to put forward a comprehensive and elaborate picture of Jamaat's activities justifying the demand, made by several speakers, for the ban-

ning of Jamaat and Shibir. A few Treasury bench speakers wanted a national consensus to fight terrorism. Well, this newspaper has suggested this numerous times Maybe the Rajshahi University experience will make all political parties, especially the BNP and the AL, aware that a national consensus against terrorism is the only way to fight

But then, will they genuinely work toward it? If the parliamentary debate of yesterday was any indication, not very likely.

Italian Justice Minister resigns

ROME, Feb 10: Italian Juscharges by Milan Magistrates.

Matin under fire

From Page 1 Col 4 the Treasury bench leading members' deliberating on the issue without condemning the Shibir atrocities at Rajshahi.

Hasina felt that the gov ernment had totally failed to protect lives and property of the citizens.

She also accused the government of virtually patronising the terrorists. "We expelled Mostafa Mohsin Montu from the party on charge of his alleged involvement in the killing of Badal, a Chhatra League leader, but the Home Minister was yet to arrest Montu," Hasina remarked.

The Leader of the Opposition expressed her doubt about the fate of the possible report of the judicial inquiry committee on the Rajshahi incident.

Recommendations of two enquiry committee reports, one relating to the police attack on the National Press Club and the other relating to the attempt on her life at Chittagong had not been implemented, Hasina said. The government had lost the moral right to rule the nation, Hasina observed

Rashed Khan Menon MP of the Workers Party (WP) said that it was really surprising that the Home Minister, in an unusual move, did not come out with a press note on the recent Rajshahi University incident.

The Prime Minister also did not feel like going to see the bodies and the injured Chhatra Dal activists this time, Menon said, adding, "where the Prime Minister usually did not fail to visit ary of her party activists immediately after any casualty was reported."

The ruling party's friendship with an evil force like the Jamaat could not produce a good result for the nation, Menon observed.

Referring to a recent statement of Jamaat leader Nizami that attempts to jeopardise Maulana Saidee's public meeting would result in the ouster of the incumbents, Menon said that he would not be surprised if the Jamaat hatched an extreme right wing coup d'etate in the

future. Tofael Ahmed of the Awami League (AL) observed that as long as Matin Chowdhury remained the Home Minister none could stop the terrorist activities of the Jamaat-Shibir.

Shajhan Siraj of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) blamed the BNP-Jamaat matrimony for the terrorist incidents taking place in different educational institutions.

Hinting about Abdul Matin's influence in the cabinet Shajahan Siraj told the House that 'the government within the government' was virtually tarnishing the image of the BNP. The JSD leader demanded a ban on the Jamaat-

Suranjit Sengupta of the Gonotantri Party (GP) demanding ban on the Jamaat said that the whole world was now identifying the fundamentalist forces as the number one enemy of democracy.

The GP leader also wanted to know the reason for the government's, especially Matin Chowdhury's showing weakness to the Jamaat.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed of the Jatiya Party told the House that the Rajshahi incident should not be considered an isolated incident of terrorism. With the BNP's taking over state, power terrorism had gripped the whole society, Moudud observed.

The JP leader accused the government, especially the Home Minister, of applying the Anti-terrorism Act to silen the political opponents. Matiur Rahman Nizami, the

sole Jamaat MP who deliber-

ated on the issue, defended

the student wing of his party

saying that it did not play the role of the attacker in the Rajshahi incident. "When the Shibir is attacked by others, it has the right to adopt any means to protect itself", Nizami argued.

Referring to the demand of imposing ban on the Jamaat, Nizami told the House that those incapable of combatting the Jamaat ideologically could raise such a 'terrorist' demand

The Jamaat leader regret ted that the State Minister for Law Aminul Hoque who visited the campus after the incident had met all the injured excluding those who belonged to the

UNB adds: Acting Deputy Leader of the House and Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control M Matid-u Haq asked if it was proper to discuss a subjudice matter. "The tone and tenor of the

mind without showing me the light of peace," he said taking part in a debate in the House on the Rajshahi University sit The Minister said the government had appointed a ju-

debate causes concern in my

dicial commission and instituted 4 cases on the Rajshahi University incident. He asked "if our discussion" would not prejudice the

enquiry. He repudiated the allegation of Opposition members that the ruling BNP had unleashed 'democratic terrorism". He advised the Opposition to abjure the politics of opposition and help give the hard-earned democracy a

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury gave an account of the police action to bring the situation in Rajshahi University campus under control. He shrugged off the charge

that the anti-terrorism law was

enacted to suppress the Opposition parties. He said 400 cases had been instituted under the Anti-terrorism Act. The fudicial commission appointed by the government

to enquire into the incident at Rajshahi University is headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge. Works Minister Barrister Rafiqui Islam Miah called for a

consensus of all political par-

ties and groups for combatting terrorism in the country. Participating in the debate on the adjournment motion, the Works Minister expressed his condolence for the dead in Rajshahi University incident on February 6 and said that the persons responsible for the tragic incident would be taken

to task. He said terrorism in the educational institutions or for that matter in any part of the

country was not desirable. Barrister Rafique said firmly that the present government under Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would not tolerate any sort of terrorism and punish the culprits.

The Minister called upon al not to make any irrelevant references to what had hap-

pened in the past. He said the greatest terrorisms had happened during the Awami League rule when one party Baksal was introduced curtailing all democratic rights of the people. The Minister also alleged that thousands of freedom fighters were killed during the Awami League rule.

France against adding Pakistan to US list of terrorist states

ISLAMABAD, Feb 9: Pakistan should not be listed as a terrorist state because of its alleged support for a Muslim separatist movement in Kashmir, France's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Georges Kiejman said today, reports AFP.

It is the first time France has explicitly stated its position on the issue after the United States threatened last month to add Pakistan to its list of terrorist states, which includes Syria, Cuba, Iraq, Iran, Lioya and North Korea.

Article on Page 4 area, they said.

Mostafiz starts S Arabia, Qatar tour Feb 14

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will pay a week-long official visit to Saudi Arabia and Qatar beginning February 14, reports UNB.

Foreign office sources said the visit will take place at the invitation of Foreign Ministers of the two countries.

The Bangladesh Foreign Minister will carry messages for King Fahad Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia and Ameer Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar from Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

During the visit, Mostafiz will discuss with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Bin Faisal and Foreign Minister of Qatar Sheikh Hamad Bin Jabar Al Thani bilateral interest, regional issues, particularly the problems facing the Muslim Ummah, the sources

Resist frequent hartals: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called for maintaining peace and order in the society saying these are preconditions of development, reports BSS.

She was addressing a function of Adamiee Jute Mills Workers at Sugandha here in the evening.

The Prime Minister urged the working class people to resist programmes of frequent hartals and stege as these are aimed at disrupting the devel opment activities of the country. In this context she said the united programmes of hartal during autocratic Ershad regime were aimed at restoration of democracy.

Earlier, more than five thousand workers belonging to different trade unions of Adamjee Jute Mills joined Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal expressing their total confidence in the leadership of Begum Zia. The workers were led by

labour leaders Ruhul Amin

Sarder, Rahamatullah Sarder,

Aminullah Thati and Abu

Hashem member.

Five bills

From Page 1 Col 5 Development and Cooperative Minister Barrister Abdus Salam

Talukder introduced the bills. The amendment bills on the city corporations sug gested direct election to the post of Mayor, renaming the city corporation as municipal corporation, abolition of the post of deputy mayor and election of the female members to the reserved seats by the elected mayor and commis-

The Local Government (Union Parishad) (Amendment) Bill proposed raising the number of wards to nine from the existing three with provision of direct election to the post of member in each

The amendment also sought to elect the woman members to the reserved seats by the votes of members and chair-

The bill empowered the Union Parishad to levy taxes on some more areas after abolishing 'chowkidari tax' to improve its economic condition. Manirul Hug Chowdhury of Jatiya Party, K M Jahangir,

Salauddin Yusuf and Tofael Ahmed of Awami League, and Suranjit Sengupta of Ganatantri Party objected to different proposals of the bills. But the objections were rejected by voice vote.

RU students

From Page 1 Col 5 Babu and the arrested were Shyamal Ghosh and Samar

Kumar Das also of BCU. The APSU, a front with 13 students organisations including the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, later in a press release condemned the police action and demanded immediate re-

lease of the arrested. Meanwhile, the condition of some of the 40 injured at the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) remained unchanged while a neurosurgeon from Dhaka visited Rajshahi to consult some serious cases.

Hossain Ripon to Dhaka with The RMCH has no neuro surgeon for more than a month.

Dr Wahiduzzaman saw some

Service of a neurosurgeon,

of the cases and took one Zakir

students said, might have saved some of the five victims. Meanwhile police and BDR personnel kept patrolling the streets of the city in the grip of an uneasy calm even after closure of three of the five

major educational institutions.

Witnesses said that the Shibir activists were facing public resistance following the RU incident and the residents of city's Sheroil area forced nine Shibir Workers out of a mess in the locality.

Two Shibir workers were also assaulted at Baharampur

The Midnight Eile

Car bomb blast kills 14 in Colombia

BOGOTA, Feb 10: An exploding car bomb killed 14 people and wounded 13 others Wednesday in the central Colombian city of Barrancabermeja, the RCN radio network reported. The car, estimated to contain 80 kilograms (175 pounds) of explosive, detonated near a auto mechanics' shop on the outskirts of the Magdalena River Port, about 155 miles (250 kilometres) north of Bogota, reports AP.

Romania, Bulgaria ask UN to help enforce embargo on Yslavia

BUCHAREST, Feb 10: Romanta and Bulgaria are asking the United Nations to help enforce the embargo against Yugoslavia, officials said Wednesday. Foreign Ministry spokesman Dan Gioana told The Associated Press that if potential violators "had to deal with the world body directly rather than with Romanians, Bulgarians or Ukrainians, it would be much more persuasive," reports AP.

'No decision to sack govt employees'

The government has no decision to retrench officials or employees in government or semi-government institutions, the Parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Establi shment Mohammed Nurul Huda said this replying to Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim of Awami League during the question nour.

Hearing of writ

From Page 1 Col 7 of nationality can be looked from the European precedence subsequent to World War Two, it is very widely developed in Europe." Saying that it was a "very

delicate question," Justice

Choudhury noted that cases under the Indian Succession Act may also be consulted. The court went on to note that 'physical presence and residence are two different things" and defined "ordinary

residence" as where a person eats, sleeps and drinks. Justice Choudhury also said that questions of "resident, non-resident, ordinary resident, habitual resident and voluntary resident as raised in income tax cases" may also be

considered. The court urged both sides to consider the different aspects of the issue and "help" the court to arrive at a

'correct" decision. The citizenship of Golam Azam was cancelled through a notification by the government on April 18, 1973. The government declared him as foreigner on March 23 last year and was arrested under the Foreigners Act the next day, following which he filed a writ petition challenging the can-

cellation of his citizenship. A Division Bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court heard the petition during the July-August period of last year and gave a

five-day-long verdict. But it was a split verdict. Justice Muhammad Ismail Uddin Sarkar in his 86-page verdict said that Golam Azam was not a citizen of Bangladesh.

41-page verdict of Justice Badrul Islam Choudhury, Golam Azam is a citizen of Bangladesh. As it was split verdict, the justices of the Division Bench

sent the petition to the Chief

However, according to the

Justice for taking necessary Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed appointed High Court Division Senior Justice Anwarul Huq Choudhury as the third judge to hear the writ petition.

Bosnia From Page 1 Col 4

there is a commitment by the warring parties to end the fighting. They said no decision had been made on whether ground troops would be used any gave no estimate of the size of any American force.

ABC News reported Tuesday night that the administration was nearing a decision to deploy 15,000 ground troops to Bosnia.

On the diplomatic front, the officials said, Christopher will announce the appointment of a special US envoy to work with UN mediator Cyrus Vance and European mediator Lord Owen in reaching a peace settlement acceptable to Bosnia's warring factions. It could not be learned who would be named to the post.

On the economic front, Christopher will propose a tightening of economic sanctions against the Federation of Serbia and Montenegro, the officials said. The administration blames the Serb-dominated government for "ethnic cleansing" that has left thousands homeless and hungry.

In addition, Christopher will announce that the United States will see what we can do to intensify efforts to ease human suffering," an official said. It was not clear, however, precisely what type of humanitarian aid was envisioned.

Hartal in House

From Page 1 Col 8 She gave the numbers of seven vehicles allegedly used by the attackers who she said

were BNP and Juba Dal work-

Hasina alleged that police helped the hoodlums who attacked the office and terrorised the areas by indiscriminate firing and bomb blast that

left many injured. She said that this government tried to foil the 'people's hartal' by "terrorist activities" which were the usual way of the deposed autocratic regime.

boy Suman was crushed by a police pickup during the hartal The opposition leader said that the ruling party action violated the democratic atmo-

Hasina also alleged that a

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury rejected the charges and said that the people were forced to observe the hartal which created the trou-He said that the people re-

jected the hartal announced af-

ter the AL defeat in the Mirpur

sphere and threatened peo-

ple's right to protest.

by-election. It was the most undemocratic way of movement by the opposition, he added. The Home Minister said hat the previous hartals, called or supported by the

BNP, were aimed at ousting an "autocratic and corrupt" government. He said the death of a mi nor boy an accident. He said the boy fell under a police ve-

hicle following a procession and was killed. The BNP leader said that the people were fed up with

the opposition movement. The Speaker then switched over to day's proceedings saying that the matter would be tagged to the discussion on opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim on Sunday and asked minister Salam Talukdar to seek permission to initiate the Local Government

(amendment) Bill in

Phone lines From Page 1 Col 7 though he had no bill pending

Parliament.

until late January. He paid the bill for November on January 27 until when he did not receive the bill for December, the subscriber who runs a bureau office of a foreign news agency told The Daily Star.

telephone and the Bureau Chief immediately phoned the officials concerned and also the Chairman of the T&T Board to enquire about the The line was restored the

It was an emergency ISD

of the accounts section phoned and explained that "it had happened inadvertently." Another resident of Khilgaon area (phone 405771) said that he got the bills for October and November in late

December but that his phone

following day when an official

was disconnected immediately after his receiving the bills. After a month of personal moves the line was restored at the end of January, the resident said.

more about the 'deals' during the month but requested they not be reported fearing harassment by the section of employees that maintains his "I have nothing to do if they

He also said something

make my line a disturbed one, he told The Daily Star, adding that "I settled everything amicably to keep my line in or-When contacted, a T&T official said that they had no guideline for line snapping. But

bills stayed unpaid.

"Usually we ignore one or two months of backlog and cut the lines for non-payment in the third month," the senior official of the T&T Public Relations Department said.

that it mainly depended on the

amount of the bill and some-

times the number of months

He also said that bank statements usually reached the office late causing problems in maintaining some 120,000 accounts.