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An emergency meeting of the conference preparatory committee of the BNP will be held today at 7 pm at the central office. Convenor of the committee Chowdhury Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqi has requested all members of the committee and sub-committees to attend the meeting, reports BSS.

**Dhaka-Yangon
talks Aug 29**

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 20: The 15th round of official level talks between Bangladesh and Myanmar will begin in Dhaka from August 29. Official sources said Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Omar Faruque and Director General of the Myanmar Immigration Department Aung Maung will lead their respective teams, reports UNB.

**Patsatsia new
Georgian PM**

TBILISI, Aug 20: Georgia's parliament named Otar Patsatsia today as Prime Minister, replacing Tengiz Sigua who resigned August 6. Moving on a proposal by parliamentary speaker, 124 deputies voted for Patsatsia, 16 against and seven abstained, reports AFP.

**Storm hits
Moheshkhali**

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 20: A cyclonic storm hit three unions of Moheshkhali thana of the district today, leaving about 20 people injured, witnesses said. The storm that lasted for about two hours from 3 pm, damaged some 400 houses in the villages of Hoanak, Kalarmchura and Dhalghata, reports UNB.

Countrywide hartal on Oct 10 AL announces package of demands

By Staff Correspondent

Sheikh Hasina yesterday announced a series of agitation programmes, including a countrywide hartal on October 10, to press home a package of political and economic demands.

Hasina, chief of the Awami League (AL), demanded that the killers of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman be tried and the Anti-Terrorism Act be repealed.

The AL chief's demands also included dismissal of 'corrupt ministers', trial of Golam Azam as a war criminal in a special tribunal, a halt to the large-scale retrenchment of public sector workers and increased subsidy for agriculture.

Sheikh Hasina was addressing a huge public rally yester-

day afternoon at the Manik Mia Avenue in the city.

Hasina, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, called upon the people to observe a 'peasants' day' throughout the country on September 8 as part of her party's recently announced 'Save the peasants, Save the nation' movement.

She also called upon the people to observe a 'demonstration day' on September 18 to intensify the countrywide agitation against the government.

The AL chief asked her party activists to prepare for demonstrations against the government at the thana and district

headquarters on both the 8th and 18th of next month.

During her 48-minute speech, Sheikh Hasina accused the government of breaking several promises in the past and betraying the interests of his colleagues.

She was also very critical about some AL leaders who she said, had betrayed the party whenever it decided to achieve a 'major breakthrough' in the country's politics. In this connection, the AL chief mentioned the name of Khandaker Mustaque Ahmed and also clearly hinted at Dr Kamal Hossain, who is planning to float a new party.

AL sources said, some 50 crackers were hurled at the trucks as they were passing through the North-South Road in the older part of the city.

A similar attack was re-

ported on a truck procession at Roy Saheb Bazar, under Sutrapur thana. The explosion left one Abul Hossain seriously injured.

Party sources said proce-

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