

# Doctors' strike continues Half-day hartal disrupts Ctg

**From Staff Correspondent**

CHITTAGONG, Oct 20: Normal life was disrupted in this port city following a half-day hartal today enforced by the Islami Chhatra Shibir and the Awami League-backed Chhatra League.

The ICS and BCL gave the call for this half-day hartal separately in protest against the raid by unidentified gunmen on the doctors' cafeteria of the Chittagong Medical College on Monday that left three persons, including a doctor, killed and 30 others injured.

Today's hartal, that continued for eight hours beginning at 6 am was marked by sporadic explosions of crackers and cocktills at different places of the city amid massive picketing, according to police and witnesses. Kotwali police arrested three persons along with three live cocktills from the Andorkilla crossing during the hartal.

The arrested persons are Palash Dutta, Harunur Rashid and Md Yunus.

However, no casualties were reported.

All kinds of vehicles including most of the rickshaws stayed off the roads, inconveniencing commuters. Shopping arcades, markets and most offices were shut.

Mills and factories in the industrial belts of Sitakunda, Nasirabad, Kalurghat and Patenga faced production losses because of poor attendance by the workers.

Delivery of goods to and from Chittagong port remained suspended while cargo handling was carried out only inside the jetties, port sources said.

According to railway sources,

trains moved as usual. Biman flights between Chittagong and Dhaka also operated on schedule, airport sources said.

### Doctors' strike

UNB adds: Meanwhile, sufferings of patients in hospitals and clinics of the district intensified as doctors continued their 72-hour strike from Monday afternoon protesting the bloody carnage.

The striking doctors, at a meeting at the CMCH committee room this afternoon, demanded resignation of the Home Minister for the failure of the law enforcing agencies to prevent terrorism in the hospital.

The meeting warned that the doctors would go for stronger agitation if the killers were not arrested by tomorrow noon.

President of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Dr M A Majed addressed the meeting, which was presided over by acting president of district BMA Dr S M Badrul Alam.

Another reports says, workers of the Islami Chhatra Shibir and JCD today gheraoed the office of the Principal of the Chittagong Medical College demanding expulsion of the BCL leaders including the VP and the GS of the college students union for their alleged involvement in Monday's killings.

A meeting of the college disciplinary committee was held at the Principal's office to review the situation. The meeting, which started at 1:30 pm, continued till late this evening.

Large contingents of police were still guarding the tension-gripped CMC campus and other trouble spots of the city.



The 26th Governing Council Meeting of the Asian Leasing Association was held aboard the M V Kajal on the Sitalakhya yesterday.

## ALA Governing Council meet held

**By Staff Correspondent**

The Twenty-sixth Governing Council Meeting of the Asian Leasing Association, participated by delegates from 11 member countries, was held in the city yesterday.

Presided over by Abdul Latif bin Yahya of Malaysia, the current Chairman of the association, the one day meeting was held aboard the river-craft Kajal.

Organised by the Industrial Development Leasing Company (IDLC) and the United Leasing Company Limited (ULC), the association's meeting was attended by delegates from Hong-kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and host Bangladesh.

A seminar on "Lease Financing in Bangladesh" will also be held today at Hotel Sonargaon. It will be participated by council members of the Asian Leasing Association, local bankers, entrepreneurs and representatives of different chamber bodies.

Leasing was first introduced in Bangladesh in 1985 when IDLC was set up as a joint venture among the International Finance Corporation (IFC), Korea Development Leasing Corporation (KDLC) and other local and foreign investors.

Later, in 1989 ULC was established with equity participation from the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Lawrie Group Plc of the United Kingdom and other institutional shareholders.

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## UK to give Tk 60cr commodity aid to police

Britain and Bangladesh yesterday signed two agreements on commodity aid to Bangladesh police, reports UNB.

British High Commissioner in Dhaka Peter Fowler and Joint Secretary of the Economic Relations Division Md Sirajul Islam signed the agreements on behalf of their respective governments.

A press release issued by the British High Commission said the commodity aid grant worth 10 million pounds sterling (Tk 60 crore) recognises the steps taken by the government to implement structural adjustment agreements with the international financial institutions.

The grant is in two parts of 5 million pounds sterling each to be available in accordance with the conditions attached to the second and third tranches of the World Bank's Public Resources Management Adjustment Credit.

It will be open to the private and public sector for the purchase of goods and services. The funds will be administered by the crown agents on behalf of the British government.

The project to assist Bangladesh police with resources management and training

## Nizami blames BCL for CMCH killings

CHITTAGONG, Oct 20: Jamaat leader Moulana Mattur Rahman Nizami MP today blasted the government for patronising terrorism and blamed the Awami League-backed Chhatra League for Monday's killing at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital, reports UNB.

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## Trade union holiday

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non-traditional goods should be encouraged more as export items in order to narrow the gap between the amount of exports and imports of Bangladesh.

"Most of the time, the banks take a risk-averse attitude instead of sharing the risks with the entrepreneurs," Waziullah said. "But modern banking system suggests banks should share the risks with the entrepreneurs."

The DCCI also recommended that the system of compound interests should be replaced by one of simple interest. Also, the banks should introduce collateral-free loans.

The DCCI also suggested that the interests of local products should be safeguarded in the initial stages while the government should formulate an investment policy giving priority to the potential sectors.

It also advised for constituting a bankruptcy board to facilitate borrowing of loans by the sick industries, making a complete research to find out reasons why foreign investments were low in the country, undertaking a census on the country's production capacity, actual production and classification of labourers on the basis of shop-floor scheme in every factories.

The DCCI suggested that the representatives of the business community be included in the Privatisation Board, the Securities Exchange Commission, Export Processing Zone, financial loan courts and

the nationalised banks.

Waziullah said, the task of building infrastructure for the industries was now entrusted to different authorities and suggested these responsibilities should be given to the Board of Investment (BOI).

Suggesting a change of the "rent-seeking" attitude among the bureaucrats and an end to mis-use of the administration, the DCCI also urged the government to revise the Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) of the National Board of Revenue with regard to import duty on capital machinery.

In addition, the DCCI recommended introduction of different credit lines for small, medium and small and cottage industries.

## Chanpa murder case Hearing adjourned till Nov 15

**From Staff Correspondent**

BARISAL, Oct 20: The hearing of the Chanpa Murder Case was adjourned today till November 15 next.

On the fifth day the Investigating Officer Sub Inspector of Police Sridhar Debnath was cross-examined by the defence.

Nineteen witnesses out of 45 have been examined since the trial began on Saturday at the District and Sessions Judge's Court, here.

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## Talks with Jamaat

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The Daily Star Monday that the 'chapter' of a common stand of the AL and the ruling BNP on the demand for imposing a ban on the party was now over.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah, Works Minister and a Joint Secretary General of the ruling BNP, while giving his reactions over the Jamaat decision, said: "The BNP cannot compromise with a party which has unleashed indiscriminate violence against its political opponents."

When asked about the possible reply to the Jamaat emissaries, if they arrived, the BNP leader told this correspondent: "We shall request them to ask the Jamaat cadres to refrain from cutting the tendons of the party's political opponents."

However, the Works Minister declined to make any comment on his party legislators' demand, expressed during the last session of Parliament, for banning the Jamaat.

Professor Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House and Vice Chairman of the BNP, had observed in the Jatiya Sangsad that the demand for banning the Jamaat deserved consideration under the framework of the country's Constitution and the laws of the land. But Prime Minister and BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia, while talking to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in the first week of this month, reportedly ruled out the idea.

However, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, a top-ranking leader of the left-leaning Five Party said that his party and the alliance would continue to demand a ban on religion-based politics.

Gono Forum (GF) leader Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, giving his reactions, told The Daily Star that his party would not talk to the Jamaat's emissaries.

At the district level, all meetings including those to be chaired by the Deputy Commissioners would be boycotted.

The meeting also criticised the government for betraying its earlier commitment on the 17-point demands and resented the October 18 government press note terming it 'provocative' and 'fabricated'.

**Condoles Ali's death**

Meanwhile, the action council leaders yesterday met to condole the demise of S M Ali, the founder-editor and publisher of The Daily Star.

The meeting, at the Institution of Engineers with Dr M A Majed in the chair, observed that the nation had lost a brilliant and internationally renowned journalist at the death of Ali who earned fame at home and abroad by his dedication and commitment to his profession.

**BUET**

Teachers of the Department of Architecture of BUET, in a message, expressed heartfelt condolences at the sudden demise of S M Ali.

**Reliance Insurance Ltd**

M Shamsul Alam, Managing Director of Reliance Insurance Limited, in a message, termed late S M Ali "a renowned journalist of the sub-continent" and expressed heartfelt condolences and sympathy.

**Ambassador of Kuwait**

Mohammad Ebraheem Al-Najran, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait said that the passing of S M Ali has created a deep void in the profession of journalism in this part of the world.

"The media world will obviously be affected from this irreparable loss," the message said. "His contribution to the strengthening of the Fourth Estate through his bold and inspirational writing will remain embazoned in the horizon of the media world and will serve as a guiding star for upcoming journalists."

**Rotary International**

Jalal U Ahmad, Past District Governor of the Rotary International, District-3290, in an obituary message, said, "The country has lost not only an outstanding personality in the field of journalism, but also a true person of amiable character."

**Metropolitan Chamber**

The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), in a message of condolence, said all its members have been deeply grieved over the death of S M Ali. "He left behind

conflicts and crises worldwide and tackling contentious economic issues such as the Uruguay Round of international trade negotiations.

The Commonwealth, which embraces Britain and its former colonies, has been preoccupied for three decades by crises in southern Africa. Members often rowed over sanctions to force the white minority government of Rhodesia and South Africa to relinquish power to their black majorities.

Rhodesia became independent Zimbabwe in 1981 — helped by a fractious Commonwealth summit in Zambia in 1979 — and South Africa is within months of giving blacks the vote.

Anyaoku said the Commonwealth still envisaged an active role in helping consolidate a non-racial democracy in South Africa.

"We have not lost the issue of South Africa... there will be enough to keep the Commonwealth very usefully engaged in coming years," he said.

## Eviction at Kamalapur

**By Staff Correspondent**

Railway police authority evicted hundreds of slum dwellers from the Kamalapur area in the city yesterday.

Witnesses said, at around 10 am in the morning the Railway authorities along with police force and a magistrate went to the area to demolish the unauthorised houses.

The eviction continued for about five hours.

To protest the eviction some slum dwellers set fire to their dwellings at about 4 pm.

The fire lasted for about fifteen minutes.

## Professionals

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When asked, the organisers said they would start monitoring their programmes from today since the physicians were on strike yesterday.

The central action council of the doctors, engineers, agriculturists and BCS officials announced the 72-day programmes at a public rally in the city Tuesday, the day the council enforced a nationwide day-long work-abstention.

The new programmes include boycotting all meetings to be convened by the Secretaries and their deputies November 1-6, a token mass hunger strike on November 15, a two-hour work-stoppage everyday from November 20 to November 25, going on en-masse leave for three days from December 11 and submitting resignation letters to the chiefs of all the professional bodies December 15-30. The next course of action would be announced on January 1 next year.

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## More people condole

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Embassy, who also signed on behalf of Ambassador Cesar C Pastores, Editor of the Bangladesh Times Mahbub Anam, Editor of the Morning Sun Anwarul Islam Boby, Editor of Ajker Kagaz Kazi Shahed Ahmed and Associate Editor of the Telegraph A U M Fakhruddin, Rezau Karim, former High Commissioner to the U K and Sri Lanka and Syed Asaduzzaman (Bachchu), Chief Editor of USIS.

Letters of condolences also continued to pour in.

**Press Secretary to the President**

Abdus Sobhan, Press Secretary to President Abdur Rahman Biswas expressed deep shock at the demise of S M Ali, editor of The Daily Star.

Terming the late editor a bright star in the domain of international journalism, Sobhan said, "The demise of Ali would create a void that would be difficult to fill."

**Employers' Association**

The Bangladesh Employers' Association, in a message, said, "In the death of S M Ali, the country has lost not only an illustrious intellectual but a rare figure marked by great qualities of character, compassion and humility."

The message went on to add, "We recollect with immense gratitude the manner in which he received us a few months ago, when we went to inform him of the implications of the incidents which were taking place in the country's industrial relations scenario. His warm reception and understanding of the issues and then his powerful writings for restraint, discipline and common welfare not only helped stabilise industrial relations but mobilised public opinion on the real issues," the message added.

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The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), in a message of condolence, said all its members have been deeply grieved over the death of S M Ali. "He left behind

an indelible imprint on the pages of The Daily Star as well as many other newspapers within the country and outside," the message added.

**SPGRC**

The Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC), in a condolence message, expressed deep shock at the demise of S M Ali and said he rose to the highest peak by dint of his zeal, hard work, enthusiasm and courage. "Men like S M Ali are rarely born in centuries," the condolence message said.

**Empress Michiko collapses on birthday**

TOKYO, Oct 20: Empress Michiko collapsed while preparing to celebrate her 59th birthday Wednesday. She soon recovered consciousness, but remained unable to speak, a palace doctor said, reports AP.

The empress collapsed in the morning while talking with her husband, Emperor Akihito, and only daughter, Princess Sayako, said a brief statement by Chief Imperial Physician Tatsuo Ikenaga.

The statement did not say why the empress collapsed, but said that four hours later, she still was unable to speak. It added that she has shown no signs of paralysis in her hands and legs, and was able to eat a light meal.

Palace officials refused to comment further on her condition, and said they did not know if an update would be issued.

## The Midnight File

### Benazir leaves for Cyprus today

ISLAMABAD, Oct 20: Pakistan's new Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, leaves here tomorrow for Cyprus on her first foreign visit to attend the meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government there. Accompanied by her Foreign Minister Farooq Leghari, the Prime Minister will attend the second executive session of the five-day summit where she is likely to have talks with the Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao on the Kashmir issue, reports BSS.

### Russian troops to protect key railway in Georgia

MOSCOW, Oct 20: Russia announced today it would deploy troops to protect a key railway in Georgia in response to an appeal for help from Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze, Itar-Tass news agency reported. The Russian Foreign Ministry said Russian troops would be deployed in a "peace-keeping" capacity along with units from Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan to protect a railway that serves the capitals of all three countries, reports AFP.

### PLO-Israel talks run into snag over security issue

TABA (Egypt), Oct 20: PLO-Israel talks to thrash out details of their peace deal run into the first real snag today over the issue of security, reports Reuter.

Israeli delegate Jacques Neriah said Israel put its version of plans for security arrangements in Gaza and Jericho to stony-faced Palestinian negotiators.

The Palestinians listened to our conception on security arrangements in Gaza and Jericho and I cannot say that they have a smile on their lips," Neriah, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, told reporters.

Israeli sources say the Jewish state is determined to ensure that attacks on Israeli soldiers as they withdraw do not go unpunished.

If necessary, this might mean hot pursuit, or the right of Israeli troops to cross into areas already given to Palestinian police to hunt down those suspected of attacks. The negotiations in a luxury hotel were the

### Benazir

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stained. One vote was declared invalid.

In October 9 provincial polls, the PML and ANP emerged with a joint total of 36 seats in the NWFP assembly, against 22 for the PPP. The remaining seats went to independents and fringe parties.

Police and paramilitary troops guarded the assembly building and security was tight ahead of the Speaker's election.

Prior to the vote, four deputies — including two independents — who had been reported "missing" for 48 hours, drove up to the assembly building in a jeep with armed ANP members, witnesses said.

A Sharif nominee took the Deputy Speaker's post in the tribal-dominated NWFP, with the election for Chief Minister scheduled for later the same day.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto started her first day in office today.

She enters office with better rapport this time with the powerful armed forces and bureaucracy, unlike the uneasy relations in her previous 1988-90 stint, when the president was also against her, observers said.

"It is a total reversal this time," a Western analyst here said, adding that in 1988 she also had influential religious parties united against her, whereas they have so far maintained neutrality.

On economic side, she does not need to make any harsh decisions as her caretaker predecessors had already introduced a fiscal package, including a controversial tax on agriculture income to the annoyance of the powerful feudal lobby.

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## C'wealth Summit begins today

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scarcity in Bangladesh.

Begum Zia said the Ganges water problem is depriving millions of people their natural right to survive.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister drew the attention of the world community to the vexing issue of water sharing with India, which was posing a "life and death problem" for millions of people in Bangladesh in her speech delivered at the United Nations General Assembly on October 1.

In her speech Begum Zia also highlighted the devastating effects on the environment due to the unilateral withdrawal of water.

The Queen expressed her happiness over the establishment of democracy in Bangladesh and said to her knowledge democracy was working very well in Bangladesh.

The Queen appreciated the Bangladesh Prime Minister's special interest for the development of the women community, child health care and education.

## ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ম্যাজিস্ট্রেটের নেতৃত্বে নারায়ণগঞ্জসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার সকল জোনের আওতাভুক্ত সকল শ্রেণীর খেলাপি গ্রাহকদের সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকরণ ও তাঁদের বিরুদ্ধে পিডিআর গ্র্যাণ্টের অধীনে আইনানুগ কঠোর ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের কাজ অব্যাহত আছে।

লক্ষ্য করা গেছে যে, বিগত মে-জুন '৯৩ ইং এর ডাইভের সময় সে সকল গ্রাহককে কিস্তির সুবিধা মঞ্জুর করা হয়েছিল তারাও অনেকেই কিস্তির টাকা নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করছেন না।

এমতাবস্থায় সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকরণ পিডিআর গ্র্যাণ্টের আওতায় আইনানুগ পৃথিব্য কঠোর ব্যবস্থা এড়াবার জন্য কিস্তির টাকা যথাসময়ে পরিশোধ এবং বকেয়াসহ হালনাগাদ পানি ও পয়ঃবিলা পরিশোধের নিমিত্তে ঢাকা ওয়াসার সকল শ্রেণীর সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দকে সবিশেষ অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে। ইতিমধ্যেই সেপ্টেম্বর-অক্টোবর '৯৩ ইং মাসের বিলও জারী করার ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে।

বিল না পেয়ে থাকলে আজই নারায়ণগঞ্জ অফিসসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার সংশ্লিষ্ট রাজস্ব আঞ্চলিক অফিস- অথবা ওয়াসা ভবনে বাণিজ্যিক ব্যবস্থাপক (ফোনঃ ৩২৭২৪৫) অথবা সদস্য(অর্থ) (ফোনঃ ৮১৬৭৯৯) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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