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## Three top awards go to South Korea, Japan, Bangladesh Asian art show to establish closer regional ties : PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday hoped 'The Sixth Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh', which began here yesterday morning, would foster cooperation among the countries of the region and its impact would stretch beyond the cultural arena and extend into the spheres of international relations, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the Asian Art Exhibition at the Osmany Memorial Hall auditorium, she said fine arts could serve as

tools for increasing mutual exchanges and communications and bring countries and peoples of the region closer to each other by building bridges of friendship and amity.

The appeal of art is universal, the Prime Minister said, and described the sixth exhibition as significant because it would inspire the people of this region to establish closer links among themselves.

Begum Zia welcomed and felicitated the artists, delegates

and the guests who are participating in the month-long festival.

The 'Asian Art Biennale Exhibition was started in 1981 in Dhaka at the initiative of late President Ziaur Rahman. Bangladesh has been organising this biennale exposition on a regular basis.

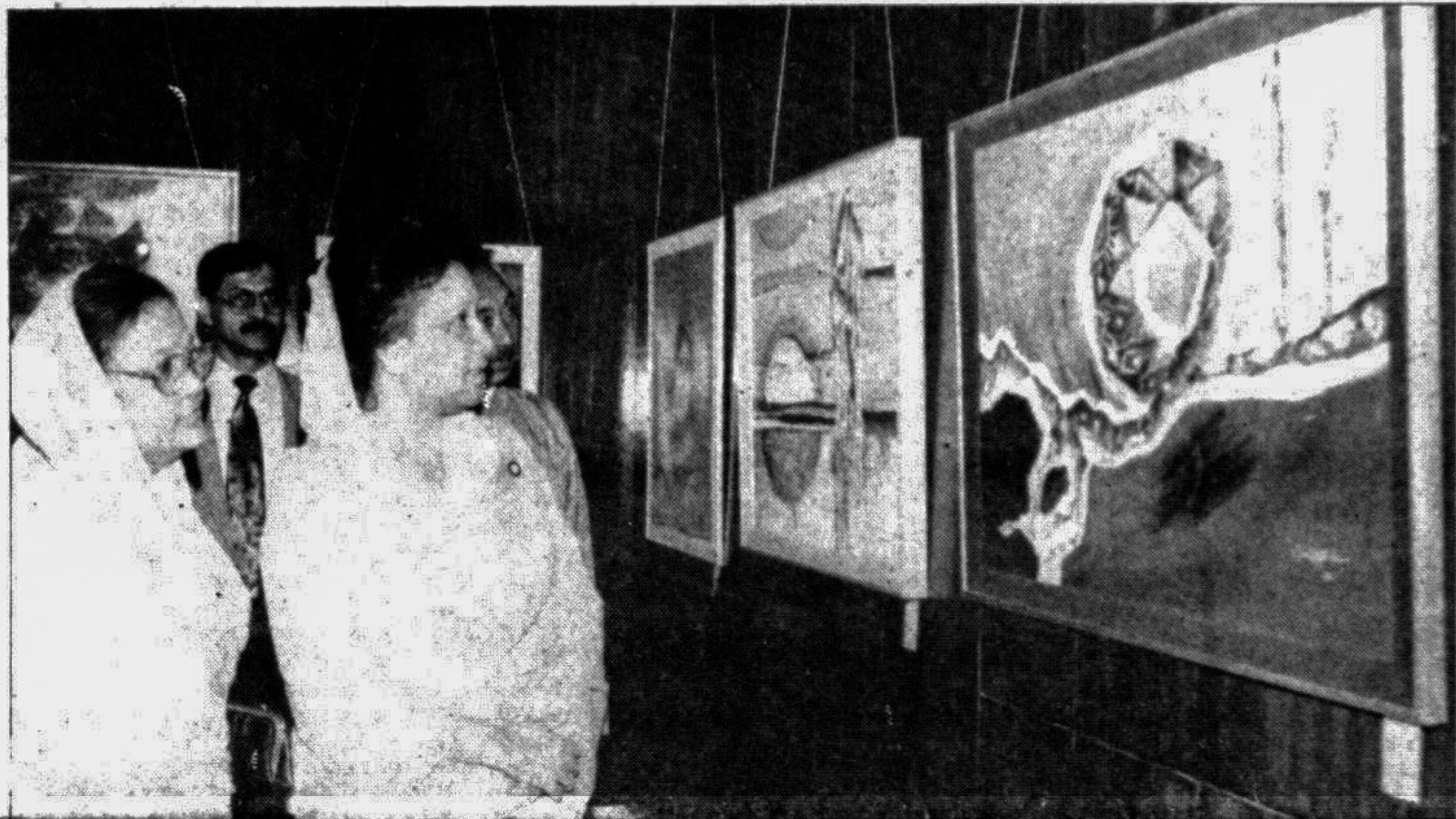
The Prime Minister said the exhibition has provided a unique opportunity for comprehending the artistic tradition of Asia in its entirety and has been

contributing to the flourishing of fine arts in Asia and depicting its homogeneity.

The continent of Asia, the cradle of ancient civilisation, has inherited a very rich cultural heritage, Begum Zia said.

She said after many centuries a resurgence was taking place all over Asia and self-dependence was needed to make this resurgence a success.

The Prime Minister observed  
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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia (C) and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Jahanara Begum (L) visiting a gallery at the Osmany Memorial Hall after inaugurating the Sixth Asian Art Biennale-93 in the city yesterday.  
— Star photo

## Japan to provide funds for Jamuna Bridge

By Sohel Manzur

Japan has finally agreed to provide Bangladesh with funds for construction of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge after being convinced of all the aspects of the project, according to competent sources.

However, Japan is yet to make any formal announcement in this regard or communicate the decision to the Government of Bangladesh.

According to the sources, the announcement will be made on the 15th of this month during Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman's visit to Japan. The amount of credit will be 200 million US dollars.

The crucial negotiations for the loan between the government and the three cof-

financiers, the ADB, the World Bank and Japan, are likely to begin in Washington immediately after the announcement of the Japanese credit for the project.

The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) agreed to provide a similar amount of credit each for the project after completion of the appraisal meeting on the bridge held in mid-September in Dhaka.

The WB, however, made the completion of the appraisal conditional on the finalisation by October 15 of a fresh resettlement plan providing for increased compensation to those to be affected by the construction.  
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Robin L. Raphael

## Ties with Dhaka very good, says top US official

US Assistant Secretary of State Robin Lynn Raphael arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a five-day official visit to discuss bilateral matters with leaders and officials of Bangladesh.

"Washington-Dhaka relation is very good. It is improving day by day", Ms Raphael told newsmen at the airport on arrival in the afternoon, reports UNB.

She was welcomed at the Zia International Airport by Additional Foreign Secretary Khairul Anam.

Ms Raphael, who is the chief of the Bureau of South Asian Affairs in the US State Department, flew in here on the first leg of her visit to various countries in the region. After Dhaka the senior US official is due to tour New Delhi, Kathmandu, Islamabad and Colombo.

About the American policy on the region, Ms Raphael said 'the US is looking forward to improving relations with the south Asian countries.'

'We have no irritable relation with any country in the region.'  
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## Wage struggle for repeal of Indemnity Ord: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League (AL) Chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the people to wage an uncompromising struggle for compelling the government to repeal the Indemnity Ordinance and try the killers of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and four national leaders killed in jail in 1975.

She was addressing a seminar organised by the four national leaders' memorial council at the auditorium of the Engineers' Institution in observance of the Jail Killing Day today.

On November 3, 1975 four central leaders of the party — Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Mansur Ali and Kamruzzaman — were killed in the early hours of November 3, 1975 at the Dhaka Central Jail.

Hasina said Bangabandhu and the four leaders were killed by the defeated forces of the Liberation War and they killed the architects of the country's independence with a view to destroying the spirit of the

Liberation War.

The AL Chief was also very critical of the BNP governments led by both late President Ziaur Rahman and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Commenting on the November 7 Revolution and Solidarity Day, Sheikh Hasina said it was a day of killing the soldiers. She said, the soldiers and officers in the army were killed on the day to consolidate Ziaur Rahman's power.

Hasina criticised the Khaleda Zia government for alleged breach of contract relating to the repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance.

She claimed that Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, Flood Control Minister M Majid-Ul-Huq and Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder visited her on August 11, 1991 as emissaries of the Prime Minister and made a commitment that her govern-  
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## Opposition leaders urge quick solution Govt-Prokrichi talks today

By Staff Correspondent

The government will begin official negotiation with the non-administrative civil servants and the professionals including engineers, agriculturists and doctors (Prokrichi) who have been agitating for administrative reforms today.

A leader of the Prokrichi, while talking to The Daily Star last night, confirmed receipt of an invitation for talks from Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder. According to the Prokrichi leader, the meeting will be held at the Secretariat office of the LGRD Minister at 10 this morning.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia last week assigned Salam Talukder and State

Minister for Establishment Barrister Aminul Huq to open dialogue with the agitating officials and professionals. However, none of the two ministers could not be contacted till late last night.

The non-administrative cadre officials and the Prokrichi leaders are learnt to have decided that during today's meeting with the government, they would demand publication of the agreed minutes of the talks.

Meanwhile, the leaders of the mainstream opposition parties expressed their concern over the severe crisis arising out of the conflict between the administrative and non-administrative cadre service officers, including the professionals.  
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The opposition leaders, while talking to The Daily Star on the issue, called upon the government to begin negotiations with the government officials concerned immediately and resolved the problem on an emergency basis.

The non-administrative civil servants and the professionals, including the engineers, agriculturists and doctors, have been agitating since last April to press home their 17-point charter of demands for administrative reforms.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary Zillur Rahman, while giving his reactions, told this correspondent that the government should take necessary steps immediately to avert a  
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## Jail Killing Day today

By Nurul Kabir

The Awami League (AL) observes the jail killing day today.

Four key leaders of the party were killed at the Dhaka Central Jail in the early hours of November 3, 1975 — seventy nine days after the killing of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15 the same year.

All the four leaders — Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Captain Mansur Ali and A H M Kamruzzaman — served the country's provisional government in India during the Nation's War of Independence in 1971 as Acting President, Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Home Minister respectively.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was in a Pakistani jail during the war.

The four leaders were killed during the presidency of Khandaker Mushtaq Ahmed.  
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## Syndicate forms probe body Strike paralyses DU

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka University remained closed yesterday as the teachers, students and staff observed a strike protesting Monday's armed violence on the campus which left one student killed and three employees injured.

The University Syndicate, at an emergency meeting yesterday morning, formed an eight-man body to probe the incident.

The responsibility of police investigation was shifted to the Detective Branch (DB) from the Ramna police last evening. Earlier a case was lodged with Ramna police accusing 11 persons of their involvement in the incident.

Jinnatul Islam Jinnah, 25, an MA student of the Food and Nutrition Department and a

central leader of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), was shot dead and three university employees — Abdus Sattar, 55, Haider Ali, 30, and Abdul Alim — received severe bullet wounds when a group of gunmen, reportedly belonging to a faction of the JCD, fired indiscriminately at an office room of the Registrar's Building Monday morning.

Witnesses said, Jinnah was the target of the armed goons who chased him before firing.

Both witnesses and the investigating police team observed that Jinnah was murdered because of in-fighting inside the JCD.

Since the BNP was voted to power in early 1991, at least  
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## Azam's citizenship Hearing of appeal now on Jan 10

By Staff Correspondent

The hearing of the government appeal against the High Court verdict restoring the citizenship of Jamaat chief Golan Azam was adjourned again yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, upon a prayer from the Attorney General's office.

The hearing is now scheduled to resume on January 10 next.

At the resumption of the hearing yesterday, Assistant Attorney General Sharifuddin Chaklader moved a prayer for a further adjournment till January, citing the ill-health of Attorney General Aminul Huq.

He submitted that the Attorney General is due to be admitted to a Saudi Arabian hospital for heart treatment and is expected to leave soon.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to readers' request, we are expanding our service to computer enthusiasts. In addition to monthly *Computer Special*, from today, we introduce a weekly section on Computer, to be published every Wednesday.

In this new section we plan to introduce a "computer problem solving" column and a "computer teaching" column. We will now be able to carry more news about our growing computer industry.

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## Gaza-Jericho talks break down

TABA, Nov 2: The Palestine Liberation Organisation indefinitely suspended talks with Israel on Tuesday after a disagreement arose over the scope of Israel's withdrawal from occupied lands, reports AP.

Nabil Shaath, the chief Palestinian negotiator, said Israel was offering to redeploy its forces and not withdraw from the territories.

Shaath said he would return to Tunis to confer with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. He urged Israeli delegates to consult with their leaders to "come up with an interpretation that

## BCL, JCD clash

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 2: Three activists of the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL-M-I) and a worker of the BNP were injured in clashes between supporters of the BCL and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) here today.

Of the injured, two were admitted to the M A G Osmany Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds.

According to reports, the BCL and JCD supporters pelted stones at each other while holding separate meetings at the Madan Mohan College. The confrontation turned violent and spread to other places of the town.

would allow us to proceed smoothly."

The talks in Taba, in their fourth round, are meant to define how Israel will withdraw from the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho under terms of an Israeli-Palestinian accord signed in Washington on Sept 13.

"We feel that the Israeli interpretation of that agreement is quite failing to grasp the meaning of withdrawal and its requirements," Shaath said.

"The agreement provided for withdrawal by the Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and the Jericho area, and not within the Gaza Strip and Jericho area," Shaath said. "This is a withdrawal agreement and not a redeployment agreement."

The dispute grew from maps and withdrawal plans the Israelis presented Monday to two security committees.

In the so-called declaration of principles signed in Washington, the PLO ceded to Israel the right to maintain security over Israeli settlements in the vacated territories. It is the deployment of those Israeli forces that emerged Tuesday as the key dispute.

Shaath told a news conference that the PLO interprets the accord as denying Israel any troops in Gaza and the Jericho sectors of the West Bank.

## Tribal students, cops clash again: 30 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 2: Over 30 people including five police personnel were reportedly injured today in a clash that took place between police and several hundred processionists at Dhiginala under Khagrachhari hill district.

Most of the injured were admitted to the Dhiginala hospital. Among them, the conditions of two police men were stated to be critical.

A tense situation was prevailing at Dhiginala since the clash while riot police had begun patrolling the spot immediately after the incident, officials sources said.

Today's clash, the second in four days, erupted when some processionists allegedly attacked on duty police men with lethal weapons and also stoned them.

But the situation turned violent when police resorted to lathi-charge to disperse the processionists belonging to the Pahari Chhatra Parishad (Hilly Students' Council), sources added.

Some hundreds of supporters of the Pahari Chhatra Parishad brought out a procession at 2 pm welding sticks to welcome those who were released today from police custody, as per a decision taken in Monday's peace meeting held at

the Khagrachhari circuit house.

Officials alleged that the supporters of the Pahari Chhatra Parishad unleashed the violence without any provocation despite, an understanding reached Monday not to hold any rallies or processions in Khagrachhari district for a month. They also alleged that some processionists went on a rampage at Kabakali village of Dhiginala thana damaging shops and houses owned by non-tribal people.

Besides, the supporters of  
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## JCD expels 5

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal yesterday expelled its five members, including three central leaders, on charges of anti-organisational activities, reports UNB.

The expelled JCD men are Sayeed Soharab, the Literature and Publication Secretary of the central committee, Rabiul Islam Labu, the International Affairs Secretary of the central body, central member Ruhul Alam Mahub Manik, DU unit member Swapan Tarafder and Mamun, vice president of the Mohsin Hall unit.

The purge, decided in an emergency meeting of the JCD  
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## TOURISM MONTH '93

Due to unavoidable reasons, river cruise starting time rescheduled from Paglaghat at 5 pm instead of 3 pm on 3rd November Wednesday.

Pick up time for honourable guests as follows: 4.00 pm from Hotel Abakash, 4-10 pm from Sonargaon Hotel and 4-20 pm from Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

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