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NEWS BRIEFS

Partial solar eclipse tonight

A partial solar eclipse will occur tonight, Met office said. It will begin at 1 hour 46 minutes 4 seconds and will end at 5 hour 43 minutes 2 seconds on that day.

Minister to hear people's complaints

The Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Md Abdul Hye will listen to people's problems relating to irregularities in the water supply by Dhaka WASA at its head office at Kawran Bazar today.

Train derails

A goods train was derailed near the Jurain level-crossing in the city yesterday afternoon. Railway police said the train skidded off the tracks at about 5:30 pm but failed to give details.

Swedish minister due Nov 19

Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation and Human Rights Alf Svensson will pay a five-day visit to Bangladesh, beginning November 19. During his stay here, Svensson is expected to call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, reports UNB.

Victory gives Pakistan stability: Benazir Leghari new president

ISLAMABAD, Nov 13: Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's candidate for president won easily on Saturday, giving Pakistan its best chance at political stability since martial law ended six years ago, reports AP.

powerful than the prime minister. But Ms Bhutto wants to reduce the power of the presidency, and Leghari has promised to support a constitutional amendment to limit the president's powers.

This is an hour of great victory. The election of Mr Leghari as president for five years is a vindication of our struggle to establish democracy and return stability to the country. Ms Bhutto said at a news conference after the vote.

Leghari bonus!

ISLAMABAD, Nov 13: Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto announced a salary bonus to civil and military employees in celebration of the election of her nominee Farooq Leghari as Pakistani president today, reports AFP.

Credit insurance scheme to boost investment

By Inam Ahmed In an effort to improve the current sluggish investment scenario in the country, the government is planning to infuse new ideas in loan sanctioning strategy, according to highly placed sources in the Bangladesh Bank.

entrepreneurs having no collateral will get insurance covering risks of the commercial banks. If the banks find any project below Tk two lakh viable but lacking the needed collateral it will refer the entrepreneur to the credit insurance guarantee scheme authorities.



Tobias, or street urchins, who play a key role in the success or otherwise of any hartal programme, seen here showing off near a barricade put up by the Jatiya Party activists at Bhoynagar in the city during yesterday's 24-hour programme. Star photo

AL demands elections under care-taker govt

By Staff Correspondent Acting chief of the Awami League (AL) Abdul Mannan yesterday said that political changes were needed in the country through a fresh national election.

national Mausoleum on Independence Day proved that the government had no respect for the martyrs, either of the Liberation War or of the pro-democracy agitation.

News Analysis SEC has its role cut out

The newly-formed Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), formally being inaugurated by the Prime Minister today, has a crucial role to play in developing the capital market and in restoring the fledgling public confidence in the share market.

Visionary people with a missionary zeal are needed at the SEC, who can avoid bureaucratic inhibitions, adds one share market broker.

MILWAUKEE (Ore), Nov 13: A 103-year-old Italian immigrant became one of the world's oldest murder victims when an Oregon coroner said Friday the man had been bludgeoned to death, reports Reuter.

World's oldest homicide!

A spokesman for the Milwaukee police department said a homicide investigation is under way in the death of Ulisse Edera, a retired truck farmer who still maintained a large garden near his home in this Portland suburb.

Quota policy to expedite garments export soon

Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday said that the government would soon announce a quota policy to expedite garments exports, reports UNB.

work are in the final stages and hoped those would be introduced soon. About exploring new markets for Bangladeshi products, he said the government had created a 25 million dollar credit fund to facilitate trade with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Hazratbal Imam urges Muslims to fast

SRINAGAR, Nov 13: A protest strike against the army siege of the Hazratbal mosque here crippled life across Kashmir state today as the Head Imam of the mosque urged Muslims to fast on Tuesday in support of the holed up militants and pilgrims, reports AFP.

Bashir Ahmed Farooqi, whose family has traditionally held the office of head Imam of Kashmir's holiest Islamic shrine for some 400 years, also appealed to Muslim leaders and nations to express solidarity with the captives.

that he had told the separatists during two-hour-long talks that a surrender was the only option left to them.

Classes resume at CMC

CHITTAGONG, Nov 13: Classes in the Chittagong Medical College here resumed from today after a 24-day break.

Gold haul at ZIA Two more in DB remand

Two more persons were remanded to the Detective Branch (DB) for questioning yesterday in connection with Wednesday's gold haul at the Zia International Airport (ZIA).

Oil tanker blaze kills 5 in Khulna

KHULNA, Nov 13: At least five persons were burnt to death and two others injured critically in a fire on an oil tanker MV Bay Bridge today in the river Bhairab, here.

UN team in Yangon to see Rohingya repatriation

YANGON, Nov 13: A United Nations human rights investigator went to observe the repatriation of Muslim refugees Saturday after having visited a major prison near Yangon, reports AP.

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