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Pak Opposition launches movement to topple govt

KARACHI, Sept 11: Pakistan's main Opposition party today launched a movement aimed at toppling the 10-month old rule of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, reports AFP.
National opposition leader Nawaz Sharif and his colleagues in the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) party kicked off the campaign with a public rally here which was attended by thousands of people.

Chambers concerned at series of hartals

Leaders of the country's four leading chambers, in a joint statement yesterday, expressed deep concern at the current round of strikes and said it was causing serious dislocation in the economy.
'Strikes and hartals may be democratic tools, but it is pertinent to ask whether these contribute to the people's well-being,' the chamber leaders stated.

MPs' remarks personal : Envoy
'Expenses of visit borne by British parliament'

The last member of the six-man British parliamentary delegation which came to Bangladesh on a six-day visit left yesterday while the others departed Friday evening.
The expenses of the trip of the British delegation was borne by the British parliament, Jatiya Sangsad (JS) sources said.

Two killed in Khagrachhari

KHAGRACHHARI, Sept 11: Two people were killed in separate incidents in two thanas of the district today. Witnesses said Raja Miah, 25, a rickshawpuller of Zia Nagar area in Panchari thana, was allegedly killed by his uncle after a quarrel over smoking. Raja died on the spot after Burhuddin hit him with a rod in the head at around 7:30 am.



Near the New Market in the city during yesterday's hartal. — Star photo

Govt to compensate owners of damaged vehicles: Press Note

The government has decided to compensate the owners of all kinds of motor vehicles damaged during the strikes and siege in the past few days, reports BSS.
According to a Press Note issued in Dhaka yesterday the decision to compensate the damage of motor vehicles will remain valid for indefinite period to ensure security of vehicles and lives and property during strikes.

Street agitation against govt to continue: JP

The Jatiya Party yesterday said street agitations would continue until the ruling party accepted the Opposition demand for a caretaker government to hold general elections.
In a post-hartal rally at the south gate of the Baitul Mukarram mosque yesterday, JP leaders alleged that the present government is 'autocratic, corrupt and inefficient.'

6 killed, 11 hurt in Chuadanga road mishap

JESSORE, Sept 11: Six persons were killed and eleven others injured when a Darshana-bound coach from Dhaka dashed against a roadside tree at Manoharpur of Jibannagar thana in Chuadanga this morning.
According to eye witnesses, the accident took place as the driver lost control over his vehicle.

Half-day hartal today

By Staff Correspondent
Three major opposition parties have called an eight-hour hartal from 6 am today in the five divisional cities including the capital.
The parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami — separately announced a series of hartal programmes to protest, what they said, police actions during the 'Dhaka Siege' programme Saturday and to force the ruling party to accept the demand for a caretaker government for holding general elections.

Transport strike called off

The Dhaka Road Transport Association (DRTA) called off their transport strike yesterday after fruitful discussion with the government representatives, reports UNB.
DRTA leaders, including its Executive President Harun-ar-Rashid, General Secretary Khandaker Enaytullah, and Secretary General of the Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity Ashraf Khan held separate meetings with Communications Minister Oli Ahmed, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) Chairman AHMB Zaman at their respective offices.

Govt pushes people to the streets, says Jamaat

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Maulana Matiuur Rahman Nizami yesterday said his party was not in favour of frequent hartal but stressed the need to sacrifice for realising people's demands, reports UNB.
Congratulating the city dwellers for making yesterday's hartal a success, he said Jamaat always fought to realise the demands of the people.

20 hurt as soccer fans clash in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: Some 20 people were injured in violence at the Chittagong Stadium this afternoon.
All the injured received first aid from hospital.
Police and witnesses said, the violence erupted outside the stadium at the end of a football match when a group of soccer fans went on the rampage damaging some shops and vehicles.

Hartal passes off peacefully

By Staff Correspondent
The city roads were full of people either walking to their destinations or taking rickshaws or rickshaws vans.
Riot police in trucks patrolled the streets from 10 am while pro-hartal pickets chanted anti-government slogans at various points.
At around 10 am, a clash between Jubo Dal activists and AL supporters took place at Jatrabari when the two groups, in separate processions, chanted slogans against each other.

Hasina tells rally in city

Sheikh Hasina said yesterday we would stop all sorts of agitation the moment the government agreed to the Opposition demand for a caretaker administration.
'There will be no hartals tomorrow and the day after if the government accepts our demand today,' the Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament told a post-hartal rally at Topkhana Road in the city yesterday afternoon.

Cairo confce ends tomorrow

CAIRO, Sept 11: The abortion debate at the UN population conference, for all its divisiveness, has succeeded in focusing the world's spotlight on the broader issue of curbing the world's population boom, reports AP.
Delegates failed Saturday night to resolve three remaining issues in their Programme of Action, but before the conference closes Tuesday they are expected to approve the wide-ranging plan for slowing population growth.