

## JCD, BCL clash at Tongi Govt College

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Nov 13: At least three persons including two students of Tongi Government College were shot and injured in a clash between the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the college campus this morning.

Following the armed clashes, the college authorities had closed the institution for a week.

### Huda

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of the party discipline.

According to BNP sources, Huda, in a three-page written reply to the show cause yesterday, admitted that his action had amounted to violation of party discipline. Seeking apology for this, he, however, hoped that the party standing committee would forgive him for the mistake.

The former minister is also learnt to have made efforts to justify his statement. Huda argued that his formula, if implemented, would not have gone against the party interest, a BNP standing committee member told The Daily Star last night.

If the BNP had agreed to hold general elections under a non-partisan caretaker government headed by the Chief Justice, it would eventually increase the image of the party," Huda reportedly said in his reply. The formula would help the nation resolve the present political impasse, the reply said. This would also add to the good image of the party Chairperson and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, it said.

Some standing committee members, however, found Huda's reply "self-contradictory," a party source said.

Huda handed over copies of his reply to the show-cause to all the standing committee members during yesterday's sitting of Parliament in the House.

### Hasina

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League leaders Iqbal Rahman and Habibur Rahman Habib also addressed the meetings held at Nagarbari Ghat of Pabna and Baghabari Ghat, Shahjadpur, Ullapara and Chandaikona of Sirajganj district.

In Bogra, Sheikh Hasina today threatened that a one-point agitation to oust the government would be launched soon if it did not meet the opposition demand for a non-party caretaker government.

The government must have to concede to the demand for a neutral non-party caretaker government or to quit power," the Awami League president told a huge public meeting at Altafunessa ground in Bogra in the afternoon.

Hasina told her audience, the Prime Minister says she believes in the people's power and will step down if the people want it. "If you (PM) truly believe that, then you should quit power forthwith, on the face of the people's demand," she said.

The people do not want to see this corrupt, inefficient and vote-dacoit government any longer," the Opposition leader told the meeting, as the stalled Commonwealth-brokered government-Opposition dialogue in the capital to resolve the staggering political crisis over the caretaker issue couldn't yet make a tangible headway.

**Release of Nadir Naam Madhumati demanded**

By Staff Correspondent

One hundred and seventy one playwrights, performing artistes and theatre organisers in a joint statement yesterday resented the Censor Board's refusal to certify the Liberation War-based film "Nadir Naam Madhumati" directed by Tariq Mokammel.

The statement said that the Censor Board during the last few years had tried to block on various excuses the release of all films based on the great War of Independence. It demanded immediate release of the film, "Nadir Naam Madhumati" without any censorship and Smriti '71, a documentary film made on the killings of intellectuals in 1971.

The signatories to the statement include Abul Khaer, Raisul Islam Asad, Nasiruddin Yusuf, Dr Inamul Haq, Lucky Inam, Mamatazuddin Ahmed, Aly Zaker, Sara Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor, Towqir Ahmed, Golam Mostafa, SM Rumi, Keramat Mowla, Fatema-tuz-Zohra, Shafiq Sadeqi, Khaled Khaj, Jhuna Choudhury, Sumana Sharmin, and Khairul Alam Sabuj.

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tion alleges the president plays a partisan role in favour of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

The parliamentary rumpus was the worst since Benazir assumed office about a year ago.

Benazir slammed the opposition for its behaviour but defended her country's political system.

What happened in our Parliament has also happened in other parliaments of the world," she said. "Democracy in our country is as strong as in the West."

Interior Minister Nasrullah Babar said the government would take stern action against those who attacked the MPs.

Scuffles broke out as a group of government MPs, led by Chief Whip Khurshid Shah, beat back about a dozen opposition members who charged towards the president.

Supporters of opposition leader Nawaz Sharif and Benazir also exchanged blows in a gallery after the session, which was attended by more than 250 members and watched by diplomats and chiefs of the Pakistani army, navy and air force.

Benazir sat silently in her seat rolling prayer beads throughout the noisy proceedings. Sharif, in the adjacent row, was also silent.

Uniformed National Assembly guards were called to protect the Prime Minister

Regmi said "The result will certainly be a hung Parliament because I don't think any one political party will have a majority."

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Leighari also lauded the "bold and innovative" steps taken by Benazir's government, saying "we can feel satisfied over substantial achievements during the first year" of the government.

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