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**Diplomats to visit CHT tomorrow**  
 From Staff Correspondent  
 CHITTAGONG, May 31: A number of foreign diplomats stationed in Dhaka, are expected to visit the Chittagong Hill Tract (CHT) on June 2 to see the development works and rehabilitation of Chakma refugees who came back from Tripura state of India, official sources said. The diplomats team which include mainly ambassadors of some European countries are expected to return to Dhaka on June 3.

**100 huts gutted**  
 From Staff Correspondent  
 CHITTAGONG, May 31: Around 100 thatched houses and some shops were gutted in a fire that broke out this evening at Chakral Rajakali lane, local sources and fire brigade said. Fire brigade personnel fought the blaze for one hour from 6 pm to bring it under control. The fire originated from an oven, fire brigade said.

**Hartal observed in Savar**  
 SAVAR, May 31: A half-day hartal, called by local unit of the BNP and Jubo Dal, was observed in Dhamrai thana today. Local BNP and Jubo Dal leaders enforced the hartal demanding immediate release of their leader Tamizuddin who was arrested on May 27 from his Green Road residence in Dhaka under Section 54, reports UNB.

**Cultural team off to Myanmar today**  
 A 24-member cultural team will leave Dhaka today on a 9-day visit to Myanmar to strengthen relations between the two countries particularly the cultural cooperation. Cultural Secretary Mohammad Mokslesur Rahman will lead the delegation, says an official handout, reports UNB.

## Serbs for peace talks with 'contact group' 13 Western defence chiefs to meet Saturday

PARIS, May 31: France forcing the pace to strengthen beleaguered UN peacekeepers in Bosnia invited the defence chiefs of 13 Western nations today to discuss its proposals to create a rapid action force, report Reuters, AFP.  
 Prime Minister Alain Juppe said defence ministers and chiefs of staff of European Union and NATO nations involved in the peacekeeping efforts would meet in Paris on Saturday to discuss ways of reinforcing the UN protection force in Bosnia.  
 He said a rapid action force should be put at the disposal of UNPROFOR commanders to safeguard peacekeepers, who would be regrouped to reduce their vulnerability to what he called "The barbaric challenge" of the Bosnian Serbs.  
 The French Defence Ministry listed participants at the unprecedented Paris talks as France, Germany, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Spain, the United States, Finland, Italy, Norway, The Netherlands, Britain, Sweden and Turkey.  
 Earlier UN President Bill Clinton announced today he was prepared to send US ground troops into Bosnia to back up embattled peacekeepers.  
 British PM John Major told the House of Commons that some 5,500 British troops will be sent to Bosnia unless there is a "clear and rapid" improvement in the situation and will be put under the command of General Rupert Smith.  
 Another report says, the UN Secretary General set four options before the UN Security Council today on the future of the UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia, including withdrawing the force, authorising more extensive use of military force or scaling back its role.  
 The four options set forth in a report were to maintain the status quo; withdraw the force but keep a small political mission if the warring sides so wished, and change the force's mandate to authorise more extensive use of military force.  
 The fourth option was "to revise the mandate so that it includes only those tasks which a peacekeeping operation can realistically be expected to perform."  
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## EC control room to monitor voter registration

By Staff Correspondent  
 The Election Commission (EC) has set up a control room at its Sher-e-Bangla Nagar office to monitor the on-going voter registration programme.  
 In a press release, yesterday, the EC requested the people to contact the control room over telephone (No PABX 325006-10, 324989) for enquiry on registration and other issues.  
 The EC advised the voters to collect names and addresses of enumerators, supervisors and assistant registration officers when they visit them.  
 It also asked the enumerators to give the voters their names and addresses so that the voters can find them out in cases of mistakes, in the electoral rolls, the EC said.  
 The EC has provided the enumerators with identity cards and asked them to show their cards during collection of information about voters.

## Reconstitute EC, demands AL

Star Report  
 The Awami League has demanded immediate reconstitution of the Election Commission (EC) for preparing a correct voter list through a simple process.  
 In a resolution adopted at an emergency meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) yesterday, the party strongly criticised the ongoing voter registration process. The meeting alleged that a blue print has been prepared to snatch peoples' franchise by using complicated and unrealistic registration forms.  
 "Preparation of a correct voter list is not possible by this Election Commission," said the ALCWC. An accurate and flawless voter list is the precondition for holding a free and fair election, it stressed.  
 The meeting, chaired by AL chief Sheikh Hasina and held at the Dhanmondi office of the party, also reviewed the latest political and economic situation in the country. The main topic of discussion was the ongoing voter registration process on which the ALCWC members expressed their views. They unanimously observed that the registration process was faulty and anomalous and it would serve the purpose of the ruling party since most of the enumerators belonged to the BNP.  
 The AL's future course of action on the issue also came up for discussion yesterday. However, it was decided that the party high command would finalise the strategy soon.  
 Sheikh Hasina is likely to address a press conference sometime next week, where the party position will be explained, said sources in the AL.  
 The ALCWC resolution said several flaws in the voter registration form will deprive a  
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## 1094 projects under next ADP likely

By Staff Correspondent  
 At least 1094 projects have been placed under the Tk 12,100 crore proposed Annual Development Programme (ADP) for 1995-96, of which 199 projects are new, official sources said.  
 Out of 110 projects under the revised ADP of the current fiscal, 205 have been implemented during the period and the remaining 895 have been included in the proposed ADP for the next fiscal.  
 The local contribution to the proposed ADP has been fixed at Tk 7070 crore, while Tk 5030 will be mobilised as project aid.  
 The agriculture sector has topped the list with 130 projects while physical planning sector will have 123 projects, in the proposed ADP. The transport sector will have 113 projects, according to sources.  
 Of the 199 new projects under the proposed ADP, 30 will be in the agriculture sector.  
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## Elimination of child labour BGMEA proposes ILO's role in monitoring

By Staff Correspondent  
 The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) yesterday proposed involving the ILO in monitoring compliance with an accord to end the use of child labour in the garment sector.  
 The proposal was placed at the first formal meeting with officials of the US embassy, Unicef and ILO to negotiate a revised memorandum of understanding (MOU) to eliminate child labour.  
 US Ambassador David N Merrill, Unicef Representative Rolf C Carriere, ILO Representative Paul J Bailey and a team of BGMEA executive committee members led by its President Redwan Ahmed, MP, attended the meeting at the Dhanmondi office of Unicef.  
 At the nearly two-hour-long meeting, the BGMEA President proposed that ILO, as an independent UN organisation dealing with labour issues, should take up the monitoring role and hoped that it would be acceptable to all parties, meeting sources said.  
 The proposal was in line with the two outstanding issues on which all sides agreed to reopen the negotiations after the initial MOU was rejected by the BGMEA on May 17. The two issues involved are formulating a rehabilitation  
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## PM's award for anti-smoking drive from next yr

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday stressed the need for launching a massive campaign to create awareness about the dangers of smoking, reports UNB.  
 Talking to a delegation of an anti-smoking organisation — Adhunik — at her office, Begum Zia advised its members to launch a rural-based campaign to make the poor and illiterate people aware of the adverse effects of tobacco.  
 The delegation, led by Adhunik president Prof Nurul Islam and secretary general Enayetullah Khan, proposed that a 'Prime Minister's award' be introduced to encourage anti-smoking drive.  
 The award could be given through a nation-wide essay  
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Adhunik, an anti-smoking organisation, brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the World No-Tobacco Day. — Star photo

## ROK to set up EPZ in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent  
 CHITTAGONG, May 31: South Korea will set up an exclusive export processing zone in Chittagong.  
 This was announced by the leader of the visiting 16-member South Korean investors' team, Kai-hak Sung, while addressing the members of the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry today.  
 Sung said Korea would provide free architectural and technological consultancy services to the local chamber to help build its planned world trade centre.  
 Sung is also the chairman of the Young One Group, located at the Chittagong export processing zone (CEPZ). The visiting team includes representatives from 14 financial organisations relating to investment.  
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## BCS (Admin) body hopeful of amicable settlement

By Staff Correspondent  
 The BCS (Administration) Association leaders have expressed optimism that the government will concede to most of their six-point demand shortly.  
 M Asafuddin, Commerce Secretary and President of the association told The Daily Star yesterday, "We have submitted a memorandum containing our six-point demand to the State Minister for Establishment and we are expecting an amicable solution."  
 About taking up agitation programmes, he said, "We are awaiting a suitable response. Let us first wait and see."  
 The deadline for meeting the six-point demand placed before the government by the association expires on June 7 and the association leaders have expressed their intention to embark on an yet uncharted course of agitation from June 8. They have also called for a meeting of officials of their cadre on June 3, which is expected to be participated by officials down to TNO level, association sources said.  
 Meanwhile, the government is learnt to be actively considering rescinding the transfer order on Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, who has now been made General Editor, District Gazetteer.  
 The six-point demand of the BCS (Admin) association includes reappointing Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir to a post equivalent to that of a Secretary, or rescinding the transfer order and cancellation of the appointment of Gias Kamal Chowdhury as Economic Minister in the Bangladesh High Commission in London.  
 Regarding Gias Kamal's appointment, M Asafuddin said, "We have nothing against him. He is a very respected journalist. We are only against his appointment to a cadre post. Let him be appointed as a High Commissioner or a Deputy High Commissioner."  
 The third demand of the association is apology from the Deputy Minister for Health for  
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## New mission in Netherlands likely soon

Diplomatic Correspondent  
 Bangladesh is expected to open a mission in the Netherlands shortly.  
 The decision to set up a mission at The Hague, which was pending since long, is now being actively considered in view of the growing economic and financial ties between the two countries, according to sources concerned.  
 Bangladesh now has ten missions in Europe — in UK, France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Italy, Geneva, Poland, Romania and Russia.  
 Dr Toufig Ali, Political Minister at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, is tipped to become the country's first envoy to the Netherlands.  
 Meanwhile, some major appointments and posting in Bangladesh missions are also taking place shortly, the sources said yesterday.  
 A K M Farooq, Ambassador to Indonesia and Syed Muhammad Hussain, Ambassador to Nepal, would shortly be returning to the headquarters.  
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## Shantibahinimen snatch voter registration forms

KHAGRACHHARI, May 31: Shantibahini gunmen snatched some voter registration forms from the enumerators early today from Latiban union in Panchhari thana, reports UNB.  
 The authorities postponed enrollment in the union.  
 Panchhari police said the outlaws took away 22 books of registration forms from 10 enumerators out of total 13 enumerators working in the union.  
 According to them, some books were snatched from the houses of the enumerators at dawn while some others snatched while the enumerators were registering voters this morning.  
 Officials sources said the Shantibahinimen snatched the books on demand for cancellation of the Election Commission order for dividing Latiban union. The EC divided the union in 1994 for smooth voting in the hilly area.  
 The Shantibahinimen also warned if the order was not rescinded, they would not allow the enumerators to register voters in the locality.

## Low-quality Indian rice Bank asked to stop opening of L/Cs

The Food Ministry has asked the Janaata Bank (JB) to stop letter of credit (L/C) negotiation with the Indian suppliers of 'low quality' rice, reports UNB.  
 A source at the ministry admitted that the rice being unloaded at the Chittagong Port is of inferior quality. "A number of bags are torn, some of the rice is old and there are yellow as well as black grains. Excessive dust is found in the imported rice," he said.  
 Meanwhile, 11,000 metric tons of rice has been unloaded from a ship, the 'Veer Savarkar', and about 2,878 metric tons from another, the 'State of Haryana'.  
 The 'Veer Savarkar' arrived at the Chittagong Port with 13,800 metric tons of rice supplied by the State Trading Corporation of India (STCI) while the 'State of Haryana' brought 3,026 metric tons exported by a private company, MMTC.  
 The unloading of the rice, imported at US dollar 265 per metric ton, resumed after the chief marketing officer of STCI ML Tendon arrived in Chittagong, and agreed to remove the substandard rice at the suppliers' cost.  
 Concerned officials, including those from the Food Department, and chemists have been supervising the unloading since it resumed on Saturday.  
 Sources said after receiving quality rice, joint survey would be conducted to ascertain the amount of low grade and steps taken as per the agreement to make up the shortfall.  
 Officials of the Food Department assured that the quantity of rice so far released does not matter. "We are receiving only that of good quality."  
 The Food Ministry maintained top-secret regarding  
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## 7 killed in road accident

NARSINGDI, May 31: Seven people were killed when two night coaches collided on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Shibpur thana Tuesday night, reports UNB.  
 Police said five died on the spot while two others — a male and a female — succumbed to their injuries at the Katiadi Hospital in Kishoreganj district early today.  
 None of the dead could be identified as the bodies were mutilated in the violent collision of the two buses near Sreepuria village at about 11 pm, the Police Super of Narsingdi said over telephone.  
 Some 15 passengers were also injured in the accident and sent to different hospitals in Bhairab and Katiadi, the two places near the spot, he said.  
 Most of the passengers were travelling by a Kishoreganj bus.  
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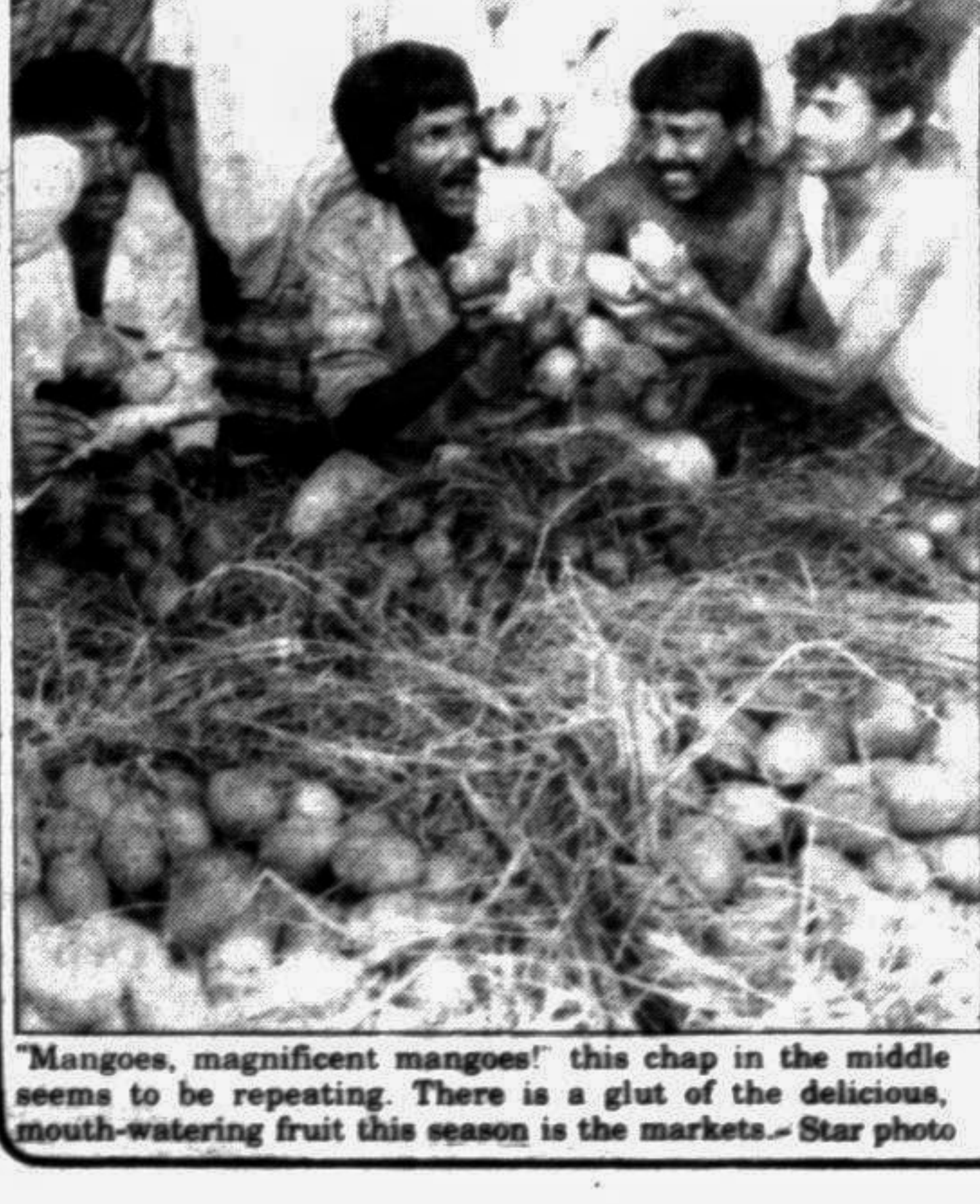
## Malaria claimed 128 troops in CHT in 15 yrs

From Staff Correspondent  
 CHITTAGONG, May 31: Malaria claimed lives of 128 security personnel posted in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) during the period 1980 to May 22, 1995, sources said.  
 Besides, several thousand security personnel were attacked with the disease during the period.  
 Health officials said that a mosquito eradication programme involving aerial spray could combat outbreak of malarial to a great extent. "But we don't know whether it is possible in the CHT area which is called a birth-place of malaria."  
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## 200 feared drowned as boats capsized in Narmada

NEW DELHI, May 31: A television station said on Tuesday that about 200 people were feared drowned in the Narmada River in central India when three boats capsized in quick succession, reports Reuters.  
 Hong Kong's satellite Hindi-language Zee TV showed witnesses and a policeman at the site of the accident in the central state of Madhya Pradesh who said the three rowing boats turned over near the town of Hoshangabad on Monday.  
 The clash erupted after one of the boats capsized in the morning. Hockey sticks and ram dao and crackers were used during the clash.  
 Some eight gunshots were

## Low price hits mango growers



By Morshed Ali Khan  
 A bumper mango crop this year may prove a bane with the growers not being able to get a good enough price.  
 Prices of different types of mangoes in the wholesale markets in the city are quite low and truck loads of this seasonal fruit from Rajshahi, Jhenidah, Kushtia and other places were coming to the markets.  
 In the city's main wholesale fruit market at Badamtoli, top quality mango langra was selling at Tk 20 to 25 a kg yesterday. Wholesalers said that the price was Tk 30 to 35 per kg this time last year.  
 Other varieties of mangoes such as gopal bhog and lakkhan bhog were selling at Tk 12 to 16 per kg in the whole sale market.  
 The bumper mango crop comes at a time when many involved in the trade had anticipated a poor harvest due to the drought in the northern region of the country.  
 Traders, growers and transport workers at Badamtoli market said production of mangoes this year has been the  
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## Varsity teachers threaten to launch movement

The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) yesterday demanded immediate reopening of the country's educational institutions, including three universities, kept closed following campus violence, reports UNB.  
 Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club, the federation leaders accused the government of politicising all educational institutions, as well as University Grant Commission (UGC).  
 It threatened to launch a greater movement if their six-point demands, including a new pay scale and better facilities for higher education was not met.  
 It also demanded a democratic ordinance like 1973 University Ordinance for the Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh Engineering University, Islamic University, Shahjalal Science and Technology University and Khulna University.  
 It urged the government to take adequate measures to resolve  
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## Sirajganj Varsity College closed 50 hurt as JCD, BCL clash

SIRAJGANJ, May 31: The Sirajganj Varsity College was today declared closed for an indefinite period following a clash between the two student groups that left at least 50 people injured, reports UNB.  
 The college authorities took the decision at an emergency meeting this afternoon.  
 The resident students have been asked to vacate their dormitories by 6 pm today.  
 Eighteen people, including 10 activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and five of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL), were admitted to the Sadar Hospital and a local clinic with serious injuries, police and hospital sources said.  
 The two students who received bullet injuries were identified as Babu of the BCL and Abdul Bari of the JCD.  
 Witnesses said the clash erupted between supporters of the JCD and the BCL when a JCD procession from the Sirajganj Varsity College was passing by the local press club at noon.  
 Some eight gunshots were