

# 106 LTTE men killed, claims Lankan army

COLOMBO, Oct 21: The military claimed killing at least 106 Tamil guerillas today in fierce battles that raged following an army advance for a fifth straight day in Sri Lanka's embattled north, reports AFP.

Government troops lost four men while 18 others were wounded in the latest fighting on the northern Jaffna peninsula, the main stronghold of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), a military spokesman said.

Troops advanced two kilometers (1.2 miles) and captured Acheheulu government hospital from the LTTE, the spokesman said, adding that the medical facility was stocked with a large quantity of medicines.

At least 106 LTTE militants were killed and another 200 wounded in the fighting, the spokesman said. Another report says: The Tamil Tiger guerillas today butchered at least 66 villages in three massacres in eastern Sri Lanka, military spokesman Sarath Munasinghe said.

Gunmen of the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam stormed the three villages of Bowatte, Mangalagama and Padaviya, all in the eastern province, and carried out the killings as most of the villagers slept.

### Ctg port

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to implement these decisions to improve the situation at the country's major port.

He said he has also asked the Customs authority here to work from 8 am to 10 pm regularly to expedite cargo handling for resolving the crisis.

The state minister said that the decisions were taken after reviewing the overall situation at Chittagong Port.

He also said that further steps would be taken streamline the activities of the port.

Shahjahan Siraj called upon all concerned to keep Chittagong Port free from hartal programmes to help it operate without any dislocation in the greater interest of national economy.

### Student killed in road accident

By Staff Correspondent

A young boy of class ten died when a Tongi-bound bus hit the rickshaw in which he was travelling in front of Rajlaxmi Complex at Uttara in the city Friday night.

Md Ayub, a student of Dhanmondi Tutorial was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital at around midnight but he remained unattended until a doctor turned up at 5 am, says a press release. He was then declared dead.

## HSC merit list

By Staff Correspondent

Following is the list of the students who secured top positions in Dhaka Board.

Names of the students securing the first four positions in Science, Agri Science and Home Economics groups: 1. Ashfaq Rahman, roll-103642, Dhaka College, 967 (M, P, C, ST) 2. Mohammad Ahsanul Adeeb, roll-103665, Dhaka College, 958 (M, P, C, ST) and Khandokar Mohammad Istiak, roll-103645, Dhaka College, 958 (M, P, C, ST) 3. Mohammad Khairul Islam, roll-103681, Dhaka College, 952 (M, P, C, ST) 4. Sohana Tanzeem, roll-111137, Vigarunissa Noon College, 950, (M, P, C, ST).

Name of the students who secured the first three places in Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music groups: 1. Nadia Rawshan, roll-308668, Rifles Public College, 910 (PSYC, M, ST) 2. Mohammad Delwar Hossain, roll-305537, Dhaka College, 888 (PSYC, G, ST, L) 3. Md. Amir Hossain, roll-367143, Sayed Abul Hossain College, 885 (PSYC, ST, M).

Names of the students who obtained the first three positions in Commerce group: 1. Humaira Matin, roll-507809, Dhaka Commerce College, 847 (BK, SHND) Rabeya Begum, roll-509009, Vigarunissa Noon College, 847 (BK, ST) 2. James Bakul Sarker, roll-506286, Dhaka City College, 840, (BK, SHND) 3. Tanzina Haque, roll-507811, Dhaka Commerce College, 836, (BK, SHND).

### Comilla Board

Following is the list of students who secured top positions in Comilla Board.

Name of the students who secured the first four positions in Science and Agri Science groups: 1. Asif Mahbub, roll-107714, Fauzderhat Cadet College, 932 (M, P, C, ST) 2. Mohammad Mohiuddin, roll-116909, Comilla Cadet College, 924 (M, P, C, ED) 3. Md Rasheduljaman, roll-107716, Fauzderhat Cadet College, 906 (M, P, C, ST) 4. Mohaimad Shariful Islam, roll-116917, Comilla Cadet College, 899 (M, P, C, ED).

Names of the students who secured the first three places in Humanities group: 1. Shahnoor Ahmed Khan, roll-304189, Sylhet Cadet College, 857 (G, ST, ISLS) 2. Mohammad Hafiz Uddin Bhuiyan, roll-315946, Chittagong College, 825, (PSYC, G, ST) 3. Mousami Zahur, roll-315780, Chittagong College, 812, (PSYC, G, ST). Names of the students securing the first three positions in Commerce group: 1. Kazi Farhana Haque, roll-505964, Chittagong Public School & College, 789, (BK, SHND) 2. Mohammad Saiful Hassan, roll-516317, Comilla Victoria Govt College, 754 (BK, ST) 3. Shehly Parvin, roll-502120, Govt Commerce College, 749 (BK, SHND).

## DB, CB HSC results

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list in the Humanities Islamic Studies and Music group scoring 910 marks. Humaira Matin (Roll-507809) and Rabeya Begum (Roll-509009) jointly secured the first place in the combined merit list in the Commerce group scoring 847 marks each.

Sohana Tanzeem (Roll-111137), topped the female merit list in Science, Agri Science and Home Economics group. Nadia Rawshan (308668) became first in Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music group. Humaira Matin (507809) and Rabeya Begum (509009) jointly secured the first position in

marks, while Mohammad Shariful Islam of Comilla Cadet College stood fourth with 899 marks.

Muhammad Ahsanul Habib of Fauzdarhat Cadet College and Syed Muhammad Nuris Saleheen Yousuf of Comilla Cadet College jointly secured the fifth position scoring 894 marks each. The two cadet colleges under the board secured the top 20 positions in the merit list.

Shahnoor Ahmed Khan of Sylhet Cadet College stood first in the combined merit list in the Humanities group scoring 857 marks.

Kazi Farzana Hoque of Chittagong Public School and



The Bangladesh Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out an anti-hartal procession in the city yesterday - Star photo

### Third batch of deportees from KSA arrives today

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 21: Preparations are complete to receive the third batch of 1043 Bangladeshi deportees from Saudi Arabia, who are scheduled to arrive here tomorrow by an Egyptian flag vessel.

The Bangladesh Shipping Corporation is the local agent of the Makkah-1 vessel which will reach the jetty no. 1 at 9 am.

After customs and immigration clearance, the deportees will be allowed to return home.

### Ashfaq desires to be computer engineer

By Staff Correspondent

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## NAM Declaration

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A 100-page declaration approved by the summit said any attempt to exclude Non-Aligned countries from any expansion in the membership of the Security Council would be unacceptable to the movement. It noted that the Non-Aligned countries constituted two-thirds of the United Nations.

### Humaira urges Khaleda, Hasina to resolve crisis

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### Group of Five

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conveyed the AL leaders the outcome of the group's last meeting with the Prime Minister on October 16. In that meeting the Prime Minister had expressed her willingness to meet Sheikh Hasina to discuss with an open mind to find a solution to the prevailing crisis.

In response to the PM's offer, Hasina informed the group that her party was always ready for discussion provided the concept of a neutral, non-party caretaker government was acceptable to Begum Zia.

Hasina maintained that, at the moment, the idea of a non-party caretaker government centres around the concept of 'neutral, non-partisan prime minister to head the caretaker government.'

The AL chief told the group that if the principle of a neutral non-partisan prime minister was acceptable to the ruling party, they were willing to sit for a discussion to identify such a neutral prime minister.

Hasina said that her party could also discuss the modalities for a caretaker prime minister's appointment and every other relevant issue to ensure free and fair elections.

AL leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Momen, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofael Ahmed, Abdur Razzaq, Motia Chowdhury and Suranjit Sengupta were present at the meeting.

The group would seek appointment with the Prime Minister again, on her return from the United Nations, to communicate the results of its discussion with the AL chief, said the press release.

### Zahurul Islam buried

Alhaj Zahurul Islam, Chairman of Islam Group and a top industrialist of the country, was laid to eternal rest at the family graveyard at village Bhagalpur under Bajitpur thana of Kishoreganj district yesterday, reports BSS.

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### Downpour

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Stagnant waters spilled over footpaths and entered some road-side shops and houses in Shantinagar, Arambagh, Siddeshwari, Faki-rapool, New Elephant Road and other areas.

In some areas, the traffic jam caused by heavy water logging stranded motorists as water entered the engines and people including ladies were seen waiting after abandoning rickshaws. Some shopkeepers were seen shutting the shutters earlier than usual.

The Met office recorded 43mm (1.69 inches) rainfall in about one and a half hours from about 5:30 pm.

## Fire hazards in tall buildings

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would make escape impossible. As an additional hazard, many such unprotected staircases are next to the lifts, which could be a source of fire.

The 16-storied Islam Chamber has only one staircase which, contrary to fire safety practice, winds around the lift core and shares a lobby with the staircase of the more recent annex building. Both would be inaccessible in a fire in either-staircase or in the shared lobby.

set-back, restrict fire fighters from reaching the buildings rear. There is not limit to the maximum allowable depth for buildings.

The office on the 15th floor of the BSB building has erected a grilled gate, which remains locked at all times, across the main stairway. The door to the fire escape remaining locked, the only way out of the floor is via the lifts, which is to remain shut during a fire. In case of fire, escapes of the upper floors will also be trapped.

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## The Midnight File

### 'Benazir's resignation only solution to Karachi crisis'

KARACHI, Oct 21: The leader of Pakistan's main opposition party said today that the resignation of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto would be the only solution to Karachi's endemic problems. "She is today part of the problem, not the solution," former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who is also chief of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML), told a news conference here, reports AFP.

### Hasina: Agitation to go on

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the week-long hartal. Claiming that her party was struggling for ensuring the voting rights of the people, Hasina said the people had no way to realise the demand excepting a cease-less movement against the government.

Alleging that the government of Begum Zia had indulged in rigging of votes in various elections in the past, the AL chief said "An impartial election under the administration of Khaleda Zia is an impossible proposition."

The Opposition would not have demanded a caretaker administration if the government of Khaleda Zia had not indulged in vote-dacoity, and politicising the administration.

Terming the Prime Minister's repeated claim of commitment to constitutionalism 'funny' Hasina said several major amendments to the Constitution had been made in the past even to protect the interests of individuals.

Besides, Khaleda Zia herself has violated different provisions of the Constitution several times for her own interests during the four-and-a-half year rule of the BNP, Hasina claimed. "It is funny that the Prime Minister is now projecting the Constitution as a bar to meet a people's demand," she added.

"As long as the 11th amendment to the Constitution is there, the demand for a non-party caretaker government is not unconstitutional," Hasina said, adding that the 11th amendment had been made to ratify a non-party caretaker administration.

She said "Khaleda Zia has to meet the demand. We only need to know the ways she would like to meet it."

The rally was also addressed, among others, by Abdus Samad Azad, Zillur Rahman, Tofael Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu and Mohammad Nasim. Mayor of Dhaka and city AL chief Mohammad Hanif presided.

### UN Day

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Begum Zia is scheduled to address the special commemorative meeting of UNGA on October 23.

Besides her speech at the UN special session the prime minister will attend a reception by US President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton tomorrow in honour of the heads of state or government. Begum Zia will also have meetings with South African President Nelson Mandela, Sri Lankan President Mrs Chandrika Kumaratunga and the Nepalese Prime Minister.

Nov 27: Separate palajatra in city  
Oct 28: Gherao of TNO offices  
Oct 30: Gherao of DC offices  
Nov 3: AL to observe Jail Killing Day  
Nov 4-5: AL to organise rallies, processions in the city  
Nov 1-5: JP to hold country-wide rallies, processions; Jamaat to demonstrate in city wads  
Nov 6: Road-rail-waterways barricade  
Nov 10: AL torch procession in city  
Nov 11-17: Country-wide dawn-to-dusk hartal

### Woman stabbed to death over land dispute

By Staff Correspondent

A middle-aged woman was stabbed to death at South Manipur under Mirpur police station in the city yesterday. A dispute over the ownership of land was the cause of the gruesome murder.

Rokeya Begum, 45, wife of Sirajul Haq of 208 South Manipur (Mollapara), was allegedly killed by a group of youths led by her two nephews - Farhad and Nazrul - at about 11:30 am, police said.

### Salman elected President of SAARC chamber

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry President Salman F. Rahman has been elected as the new President of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), reports BSS.

### Jatiya Party

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her return from New York on October 26.

"There are only two options before you (PM) - either accept our demand or face the tougher agitation programme," said Chowdhury while announcing a 21-day agitation programme including a 7-day dawn to dusk hartal from November 11 from a party rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

"The peoples' movement will continue until the government accepts their legitimate demand," Chowdhury declared.

Addressing the rally amid rains, the JP Secretary Gen-

### Week-long hartal

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tively. Announcing the AL programmes, Hasina urged the authorities of schools in the country to hold the final examinations between November 20 and 30, hinting at tougher anti-government agitations in December.

She threatened gherao of the Prime Minister's residence in case Begum Khaleda Zia failed to meet the Opposition demand by the end of the seven-day hartal.

Earlier, the opposition parties enforced a 96-hour shutdown across the country from October 16.

The three parties have been demanding national polls under a non-party caretaker government since March last year. One hundred and forty-seven MPs belonging to the opposition parties had resigned on December 28 last year to force the government to meet the demand.

### Jamaat

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power again if elections were free and fair.

"They have lost their friends and become desperate like a drowning man," Nizami said while addressing a rally at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque where he announced his party's fresh agitation programme that includes a 7-day