

# Last respect to Rabin

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in weeping for Rabin, who was gunned down by a Jewish fanatic on Saturday.  
Eight soldiers fired three salvos in the air to mark the end of the funeral.  
British Prime Minister John Major and US President Bill Clinton shook hands to bid farewell to the family, with the American leader visibly moved as he embraced Leah Rabin.  
Earlier, the state funeral began at a military cemetery here.  
Sirens sounded throughout Israel for two minutes to mark the beginning of the ceremony, when Israelis were asked to stop whatever they were doing in a mark of respect.

King Hussein, in the keffiyeh Arab head-dress, stood next to Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres who has taken over as acting Prime Minister. US President Bill Clinton and Prince Charles of Britain wore black kippas, Jewish skullcaps.  
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was also at the funeral, along with Omani and Qatari ministers.  
Israel today deployed more than 10,000 police and soldiers to protect world leaders.  
All civil flights were

## Toll collectors stab trader

One trader was injured when a group of toll collectors stabbed him at Siddique Bazar in the city yesterday afternoon. The victim, Mohammad Khorshed, 20, received injuries in his abdomen and was admitted to the DMCH. Khasru alleged that he was stabbed as he refused to pay the toll.

## 6-day hartal

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war Hossain Manju of the JP and Al Mujahid of Jamaat.  
When contacted, JP Secretary General Anwar Hossain Monju, admitted that the issue of the visit of the West Indies cricket team came up for discussion at the meeting. "The Opposition might relax the hartal for the sake of cricket-loving people of the country," Manju said adding, "We are, however, yet to take a decision on the issue."  
Another leader attending the meeting told this correspondent on condition of anonymity. "They had discussed the possibility of relaxing the hartal, but did not yet discuss the nature or degree of a possible relaxation." The leaders will meet again at 5:00 this afternoon.  
The one-hour meeting, however, discussed in details different aspects of the on-going anti-government agitations, and noted that the Opposition was now left with no option but to continue to mount pressure on the government to realise its demand.  
The mainstream Opposition had been agitating for holding the next general elections under a non-party caretaker government.

## Fire at garments factory: 2 hurt

By DMCH Correspondent  
At least three garment workers were injured when a fire broke out in the roof of a garments factory building at Mirpur in the city yesterday. Garments waste stored in the roof of the six storied building of Shilpo Garments caught fire while doing some welding work.  
The injured workers, Aktheri Begum (15), Rina (16) and Aklima (14) were sent to the DMCH with head injuries.  
Workers put off the fire before fire brigade vehicles reached the spot.  
No major damage was reported.

## PM's third letter

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tion of the dispute over the holding of next parliamentary polls.  
Asked about specific agenda of the Government- Opposition dialogue, he said: "There cannot be any pre-condition. But any proposals, including the issue of neutral caretaker government, can be discussed at the negotiating table."  
The acting BNP secretary general reserved his comment when a reporter asked if there will be any positive development before the Opposition's planned hartal from November 11.  
He disagreed when asked if the Prime Minister's recent public comments about the Opposition demand for a caretaker government and hartal have not marred the atmosphere of the proposed dialogue.  
"We don't think that the atmosphere has been vitiated. They (Opposition) are talking about their own stand and we are talking about ours."

## Jubo League leader

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A case was lodged with Savar police.  
Meanwhile, local Awami League and its front organisations Chhatra League and Jubo League called a half-day hartal in Savar thana, protesting the killing.  
They also held a rally demanding immediate arrest of the killers of Sonaton and brought out a procession carrying his body.

## Opposition barricade

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Officials at the Kamalapur railway station said that train communication between Dhaka and the rest of the country was badly disrupted.  
Train communication between Dhaka and Noakhali, Sylhet, Chittagong and Chandpur was cut off as unidentified persons removed fish plates from the tracks near Tongi station early Monday.  
As a result, one cargo carrier, a passenger wagon and the engine of a train from Akhaura derailed, blocking the rail route. There was no immediate report of casualty.  
Pickets were seen guarding the entry points to the city. Processionists were seen carrying sticks on the Mirpur Road near Asad Gate. Several autorickshaws and rickshaws were damaged by the pickets in different areas of the city.  
Airport flight enquiry said

all international and domestic flights operated normally.  
In Narayanganj, at least 12 persons were injured as opposition activists attacked and damaged at least one bus, 30 auto-rickshaws, two cars and two minibuses during the programme hours in the port town.  
The activists stopped a Dhaka-Narayanganj train from leaving Narayanganj station in the morning by throwing brick bats and faking away the key of the train engine from the driver. Later, when the trip was cancelled, they returned the key.  
At the local launch terminal, activists manhandled the navigator of a launch when it was about to start for a destination. The activists also ransacked the launch. One employee of WASA was manhandled while he was operating an emergency vehicle.  
In Khulna, a JCD activist received bomb injuries in a clash between supporters of the JCD and the BCL. The clash began in Banargati area of the city at 5 pm and it was continuing till the filing of this report at 10 pm. A number of crackers were exploded in the area.  
The injured was admitted

## Hasina

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at Mahakhali leaving many of her party workers injured.  
Police gheraoed the Jagannath Hall of the Dhaka University and arrested nine Chhatra League leaders and workers. Many workers of her party were injured at Demra in police action.  
The Awami League chief demanded immediate release of the arrested workers and asked the government to step down immediately for elections under a caretaker administration. "Otherwise, the result will not be good", Hasina cautioned.  
Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Abdullah Suahrawardi, Vice President of the party's Kurigram district unit.  
In a message, she recalled his contribution during the Liberation War and in different socio-cultural, educational and religious activities.  
Hasina prayed for salvation of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

## G-5 meets PM

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Begum Zia reportedly told the group that the Opposition is free to sit for the dialogue with its own agenda while the ruling party will raise the issues they feel urgent. She, however, reiterated her stance - not to accept any precondition for a dialogue with the Opposition leader.  
The result of the group's yesterday's discussion with the PM will be communicated to Sheikh Hasina by a member of the group.  
A press release issued last night on behalf of the group said that the eminent citizens also discussed the latest political situation with the Prime Minister in a cordial atmosphere.  
The meeting, held at the Tejgaon office of the PM, lasted an hour and a half. This was the group's fourth meeting with her since it started the process of mediation between the ruling party and the opposition AL on October 9.  
The group also met Sheikh Hasina thrice for this purpose.

## Tough stance

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rent and past trends of repayment performance by the public bodies.  
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"The government received Tk 12 crore last year when the amount of due installment was more than double."  
"The government is servicing its foreign debt regularly but not receiving its due timely from sector corporations. The widening gap is a serious concern to the budget," said the official.  
Government's own debt-service liability is estimated Tk 2,000 crore during the current fiscal (1995-96), about 20 per cent of the total revenue expenditures for the year.  
The PDB, with its high system loss and huge outstanding tariff, is learnt to be the largest defaulting body, followed by BCIC and Petrobangla. Including the current year's due of Tk 1,100 crore, PDB's outstanding debt to the government has stood at Tk 3,100 crore.



Mohakhali area in the city yesterday during the Opposition-called road, rail and waterway barricade programme. — Star photo

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US top model Cindy Crawford and movie star William Baldwin pose for photographers before holding a press conference to promote American filmmaker Andrew Sipes' 'Fair Games' in Hong Kong yesterday. Crawford said her debut movie, which contains sex and violent scenes, will not corrupt the morals of Asian youth. — AFP/UNB photo

## JCD-BCL clash in Comilla

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COMILLA, Nov 6: At least 12 students were injured in a clash between rival student organisations at Bunichang Ershad College premises today, police said, reports UNB.  
The activists of Jatiyatadbadi Chhatra Dal and Awami League-backed Chhatra League clashed allegedly over possession of illegal arms, witnesses said.

## Strike in Rhone Poulenc

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between the management and the labour union of RPR, Bangladesh government owns 40 per cent share of the RPR.  
The union had demanded 35 per cent salary raise while the management offered 16 per cent.  
Following failure of talks, the company management has been requesting the labour ministry to declare the strike illegal as per clause 32 of labour code and to refer the case to the labour court for settlement.  
The clause reads "If a strike or lock-out lasts for more than 30 days, the government may, by order in writing, prohibit the strike or lock-out... if it is satisfied that the continuance of such strike or lock-out is causing serious hardship to the community or is prejudicial to the national interest."  
But the labour ministry so far did not take any initiative to end the strike which prompted the company to suspend a Taka 21.8 crore investment in Bangladesh and think of wrapping up the factories at Tongi.  
When contacted Labour Minister Mir Shawkat Ali said "The strike is legal according to the labour law. If I refer the case to the Labour Court and the company wins the case, the strikers will lose their jobs. As a labour minister, I have to make a balance between negotiation. And I am trying to do so."  
"We are planning to hold a tripartite meeting on Wednesday to find a solution to the problem, the minister added.  
Joint Secretary of the CBA

## BGMEA seeks safety of businessmen

By Staff Correspondent  
The Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers' and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) yesterday warned that if the government failed to maintain law and order, the country's journey towards self-sufficiency, would be delayed.  
President of the BGMEA, Redwan Ahmed, MP, in a statement, also demanded immediate arrest of the miscreants who looted clothes worth of lakhs of taka from a garments factory in Narayanganj recently and held two employees to ransom.  
Urging the law enforcing agencies to ensure safety of the businessmen and industrialists, he said unless this is ensured, the country's business environment will be hampered.  
The businessmen are suffering from insecurity which is also turning country's image bad abroad, he said.  
He also pointed out that this is also hampering the export business.

## Sarker's remarks on Jahanara Imam protested

By Staff Correspondent  
The Jatiya Samanoy Committee and the Ekatturer Ghatok Dal Nirmul Committee yesterday protested the remarks made by Justice Abdul Bari Sarker Sunday about late Jahanara Imam.  
Justice Sarker while addressing a discussion meeting at the Jatiya Press Club had remarked that "wrath of God came on Jahanara Imam in the form of cancer because she had pioneered the 'gano adalat' against Golam Azam."  
The Samanoy Committee at a protest meeting yesterday declared Justice Abdul Bari Sarker person non grata and said any organisation inviting him in any function will do it at its own risk.  
After the meeting, it also brought out a protest procession in the city. It will also hold a protest rally at 4 pm in front of the Jatiya Press Club today.  
Acting convenor of the Nirmul Committee, Shahrier Kabir, in a statement yesterday said Justice Sarker should know that Jahanara Imam was attacked with cancer long before she formed the Nirmul Committee. Justice Abdul Bari Sarker through his remarks, has also hurt the sentiment of Muslims, he observed.

## Train fare not refunded at Kamalapur

By Staff Correspondent  
People who had purchased advance tickets for train journey were in a fix at the Kamalapur railway station yesterday because they neither had the journey nor got back the ticket money.  
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## Saddam sacks 2 ministers

BAGHDAD, Nov 6: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein today fired the ministers of Education and Irrigation, a day after he urged bureaucrats to fight corruption, reports AFP.

# The Midnight File

## Lanka to ban int'l aid agencies

COLOMBO, Nov 6: Sri Lanka said today it would ban international agencies from independently aiding tens of thousands of Tamil refugees due to fears that some were not impartial. "We do not intend to permit any outside agencies, including the United Nations itself, to carry out independent operations," Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar told a news conference, reports Reuters.

## Rickshawpullers support FBCCI programme

Rickshawpullers of the city will observe a 15-minute token strike tomorrow demanding immediate resolution of the political impasse and ensuring security for their life and livelihood, reports UNB.  
General secretary of Bangladesh Rickshawpullers' Association, Abdul Khaleque in a statement yesterday urged all rickshawpullers to refrain from pedalling their three-wheelers on the city streets from 12 to 12:15 noon tomorrow.  
The programme had been taken to express solidarity with a similar programme — same time same day — as announced earlier by the president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Salman F Rahman.

## 20 injured in clashes over teasing girl

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 6: At least 20 people were injured, three seriously, in a series of clashes over teasing a girl student in front of Vasanti College here today, reports UNB.  
Police and witnesses said the clash started when a student of Dhongara area of the town allegedly teased a girl of Messuabazar in front of the college at about 12 noon.  
Later, the clash spread to Messuabazar, Bhangabari, Dargapara, Dhagara, Massimpur and Rangway Colony areas.  
Of the injured Malek, 17, Bablu, 15, and Swapan were admitted to 'Sadar Hospital.

## Benazir starts Iran visit

TEHRAN, Nov 6: Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto arrived in Tehran today for a three-day official visit to Iran, reports Reuters.  
Iran's President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was at the airport to greet Benazir who was accompanied by her husband Asif Ali Zardari and a delegation including three ministers.

## Test flight of DC-10 to Ctg tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent  
Bangladesh Biman will operate a test flight of a DC-10 aircraft to Chittagong from Dhaka tomorrow.  
Biman plans to operate regular flights by wide-body aircraft from Chittagong to middle eastern countries to enable people to fly directly to and from those destinations, said a press release here yesterday.  
The runway of the Chittagong Airport has been developed for this purpose, the release added.

## 100 shops gutted in Khagrachhari

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 6: More than 100 shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Matiranga Bazar in Matiranga thana tonight, reports UNB.  
Witnesses said the fire originated from a short circuit in an electricity line at about 10:45 pm and soon engulfed the entire bazar damaging goods and property worth about Tk 3 crore.

## One killed in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Nov 6: One person was killed and eight others were injured in an attack by some young men at the Bholu Government College yesterday.  
According to police, one Wasim, 17, was attacked by some students of the college following previous enmity.

## Shibir activists

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Manirul Haq, a third year student of economics. The other could not be identified immediately. Haq was admitted to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.  
Campus sources said, the trouble ensued when some JCD activists tried to restrain Shibir activists from writing on a wall, which the JCD claimed was pre-occupied by them for graffiti.  
Tension gripped the campus following the incident at 10:30 this morning and many resident students left their dormitories apprehending further violence.

## Process of war

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with the Palestinians.  
The nation didn't care that the Prime Minister was elected by 20 per cent Arabs. I was at the demonstration. It was 50 per cent Arabs. What will you do when there are two million Arabs here? Will we give the state to the Arabs?  
Amir said Jewish law allowed the killing of someone who tried to give away land to an enemy. Under Rabin's peace deals with the PLO, Israel was handing over West Bank and Gaza land to Palestinian self-rule.  
Meanwhile, police also arrested Yigal's brother, Hagai Amir, 27, in connection with the murder.

## Revolution Day

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of the BNP and its front organisations throughout the country.  
Leaders of the BNP and its front organisations accompanied by workers will visit the mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman, lay wreaths and offer فاتحة. City BNP will bring out a truck procession from Manik Mia Avenue and will march through the main roads of the city in the afternoon.  
Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, acting secretary general of the party, has called upon leaders, workers and well-wishers of the party and its front organisations to make the programmes a success.  
"Spirit of historic 7th November and evaluation of democratic government" is the theme of the discussion meeting being organised by the Zia Jubo Parishad at the central office of the BNP in the morning.  
Energy Minister Dr Khandkar Mosharraf Hossain will be present as the chief guest. The Zia Jubo Parishad's programme includes visit to Zia's mazar and laying of wreaths there.  
The Zia Parishad will arrange a discussion at the Daily Janapad office in the afternoon.  
Nazrul Institute and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will also hold meetings and sessions of patriotic songs at their premises.  
Khatme Quran will be held by the Islamic Foundation.

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