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**Bonus for BAPEX staff**  
 SHAHBAZPUR, Nov 16: All concerned officers and employees of the Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company (BAPEX) will be given incentive bonus equal to their one month's salary in recognition of their successful discovery of new gas reserve here. This was announced by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia during her visit to the site of the new gas reserve at Shahbazpur, reports BSS.

**2 killed in Jessore road accident**  
 JESSORE, Nov 16: Two people were killed and seven others injured when a luxury coach dashed a roadside tree in Jhikargachha thana on Jessore-Benapal highway today. The dead were identified as Nuruddin, 40, of Nasiruddin Sarker Lane in Sutrapur thana of Dhaka and coach helper Jamal Hossain, 30.

**BOU convocation tomorrow**  
 By Staff Correspondent  
 The first convocation of the Bangladesh Open University (BOU) will be held tomorrow. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to preside over the convocation function and distribute certificates among the students, says a press release.

**Body recovered from Cox's Bazar hotel**  
 From Our Correspondent  
 COX'S BAZAR, Nov 16: Police today recovered the body of a youth from a residential hotel in the town. The dead was identified as Liton, son of late Abu Siddique of Baharchhara. The body was sent to the district general hospital for autopsy.

**PM likely to address nation tomorrow**  
**BNP may seek dissolution of Parliament by Nov 22**

By S Y Bakht  
 The BNP government is planning to seek dissolution of Parliament by November 22 and go for early general elections, if the opposition political parties do not agree to a mutually acceptable caretaker government formula, ruling party insiders indicated last night.  
 The last date for announcing the schedule for by-elections to the 147 Parliament seats vacated by the Opposition is November 22.  
 The BNP contemplates general elections as early as in January, before the Ramadan begins, the party sources said.  
 President Abdur Rahman Biswas is hosting a formal banquet for the MPs at the Bangabhaban this evening. It is being seen as a farewell dinner for the lawmakers of the fifth Jatiya Sangsad. The dinner was earlier scheduled for Saturday.  
 In a related development, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to address the nation over radio and television on Saturday.  
 A well-placed BNP source, requesting anonymity, said that the PM and party Chairperson is expected to make a final offer for a dialogue with the Opposition to find out an acceptable formula for a caretaker government, through the by-election process.  
 Explaining, the source said that if the PM's last-minute bids for a negotiated settlement to end the persisting political impasse fails, the BNP will have no option but to seek dissolution of the present Parliament to pave the way for early general elections.  
 In the event of such a development, the Prime Minister may handover power to See Page 8 Col 6

**All elections but under caretaker govt will be rejected: Hasina**

By Staff Correspondent  
 Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that no election under a party government would be accepted.  
 "Our demand is clear, dissolve the parliament and hold elections under a caretaker government. Any election under any other system will be rejected," Hasina categorically said commenting on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's latest stance, as reported by some vernacular dailies, on holding the election even if the opposition parties refuse to participate in it.  
 The AL chief was addressing a press conference at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue, after the end of the 6-day hartal.  
 Hasina said that the Prime Minister has closed the door for dialogue as evident from attacks on the AL office, assaults on leaders like Matia Chowdhury and party workers, and by clearly giving her opinion against the caretaker government issue.  
 Because of students' examinations, Hasina said that her party will not call any hartal till the December 5. She would announce the next course of action of the party from a city rally at Panthapath on November 24.  
 "Our next course of action will be determined by the actions of the government," Hasina added.  
 "There is no time for any by-elections now. And she (Prime Minister) has left no room for dialogue. Therefore, we shall continue our movement until the elections are held under a neutral and non-partisan caretaker government," she said.  
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Sheikh Hasina addressing a press conference yesterday. — Star photo

**VC threatened over telephone**  
**Fresh Shibir bid to capture JU halls**

By JU Correspondent  
 A large group of rival activists, allegedly belonging to the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS), tried to storm the Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus in the early hours of yesterday.  
 The attackers, dividing themselves into five groups, came from the western side of the university chanting slogans 'Naraye Takbir' and fired around 20 rounds of shots and blasted some 30 cocktails, witnesses said.  
 The panicked students ran helter-skelter while the leaders and activists of the All Party Students Unity (APSU) took positions on the roof-tops of the dormitories to counter the attackers.  
 In face of the APSU challenge, the attackers retreated after about 30 minutes of stay on the western side of the Al-Beruni Hall and Bhasani Hall.  
 The ICS activists, meanwhile, have threatened 'action' against Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury.  
 University officials told this correspondent yesterday that some people, introducing themselves over telephone as ICS activists, are accusing the VC of "not helping the ICS" in their abortive bid to capture JU halls on Nov 9 and since then they are threatening 'action'.  
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**28-pt charter of demands**  
**Ctg Mayor threatens to stop goods movement from port**

From Staff Correspondent  
 CHITTAGONG, Nov 16: Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury threatened to stop transportation of goods from the port unless the government accepts his 28-point charter of demands for the development of Chittagong.  
 "If my demands are not met by the government I will stop transportation of goods from Chittagong port to other parts of the country and I know how to realise my demands," said Mohiuddin while talking to the newsmen at his City Corporation office today.  
 Mohiuddin announced the 28-point charter of demands on October 30 at a rally held at Laidighi Maidan, with a December 16 deadline to the authorities to fulfil the demands.  
 Mohiuddin, however, agreed to sit with government representatives to discuss the issues.  
 "I am willing to sit with any body authorised by the Prime Minister or her government to resolve the issues otherwise I will stick to the agitation programmes to press home the demands," he said. "These are the demands of the people of Chittagong," he added.  
 He announced that a month-long signature collection drive in support of the demands has been launched here from today. He alleged that he had been facing "disturbance from a local minister" in running the city corporation office.  
 Turning to the increasing acts of terrorism in the port city, Mohiuddin felt the necessity of forming law and order committees, in every ward by local people to curb crime.  
 He alleged that the terrorists had become active here in collusion with police personnel.  
 He also reiterated his earlier announcement of stopping payment of all land tax from Chittagong from January 1 if the demands are not met

**PM announces discovery of gas reserve at Shahbazpur**

SHAHBAZPUR (Bhola), Nov 16: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today formally announced the discovery of a new gas reserve at Shahbazpur in this island district, reports BSS.  
 "I am very happy to be able to inform the people of the country about the news of the discovery of new gas reserve," she said while visiting the site of the new gas field here, which will be the 18th gas discovery of the country.  
 Expressing gratitude to the Almighty Allah for endowing Bangladesh with another gas reserve Begum Zia said, "The discovery of this new gas reserve is yet another grace of the Almighty Allah for the people of See Page 8 Col 6

**Six-day hartal ends**

By Staff Correspondent  
 The last day yesterday of the six-day hartal, called by the major opposition political parties, passed off peacefully, barring some stray incidents.  
 A few crackers blasts at Narayanganj during the dawn to noon hartal left at last 16 people injured. Anti-hartal activists damaged an autorickshaw at Agargaon in the city. At Moghbazar, three crackers were exploded near a police vehicle. One person was picked up by police following this.  
 With yesterday's hartal, the current phase of the opposition agitations came to an end. The six-day hartal that began with a dawn to dusk shutdown on November 11 was part of the oppositions' three-week programme launched late last month.  
 The major opposition parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami — called the hartal to press their common demand for holding general elections under a non-partisan caretaker government. Rajshahi Division has been exempted from the hartal because of the recent floods there.  
 Picketing in the city was See Page 8 Col 4

**Raushan begins fast unto death**

By Staff Correspondent  
 Begum Raushan Ershad, wife of former President H M Ershad and three other members of her family began a fast-unto-death yesterday evening demanding his immediate shifting from Dhaka Central Jail to hospital for treatment.  
 "My family members and I will continue the hunger strike unto death if Ershad is not shifted to hospital outside the jail," Raushan told newsmen just before she began the fast at the Jatiya Party's Banani office.  
 "My husband has been suffering from serious type of jaundice... The man is dying due to lack of treatment," Raushan said claiming that even the medical board suggested his immediate shifting.  
 She criticised the government for its 'negligence'.  
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**HC asks govt to submit Ershad's latest medical report on Sunday**

By SC Correspondent  
 The High Court Division yesterday directed the government to submit the latest medical report on former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad on Sunday next at 10:30 am.  
 "But it will be too late," said Khandkar Mahub Hossain, Chief Counsel for Ershad before the court just after pronouncement of the order.  
 The division bench of the HC comprising Justice M M Hoque and Justice Mahfuzur Rahman acted on the petition filed by Ershad seeking a direction to arrange proper treatment for him at the Post Graduate Hospital. After a hearing, the Court also fixed the matter to come up at the See Page 8 Col 8

**Another feather in the cap**

By Al-Amin  
 Thousands of Bangladeshis once again burst into jubilation when the local Under-19 team recorded a sensational two-wicket win over the visiting West Indies at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.  
 With the second victory in a row our youngsters firmly planted yet another milestone in the nation's cricketing history.  
 In a gripping finish, ninth-down Jewel Hossain flicked West Indies paceman Reon King across the deep square-leg boundary to send a 20000 strong crowd into rapturous jubilation. Bangladesh, chasing the total of 196 for eight in the allotted 50 overs, had reached the victory target with 14 balls to spare.  
 The memorable victory



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A smart piece of work behind the wickets from Bangladesh Under-19 keeper Atiar has Windies U-19 batsman Murphy stumped, much to the delight of the local skipper Durjoy who was bowling during yesterday's day-night match at the Dhaka stadium. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

was an object lesson for those cynic patriots who expressed guarded optimism about our cricketing standard after Bangladesh Youths had won their limited-over exhibition match last Tuesday against the fancied Caribbean juveniles. The visitors are in the capital on an eight-day visit after a successful tour of Pakistan.  
 On a true one-day wicket, though a few pseudo cricket-intellectuals still dub it as docile, Bangladesh made a jumpy start losing their opener Sajid Hossain with only nine runs on board. The home side fought back gallantly with Mustadir Litu and one-down Al Shahriar Rokon putting on 83 runs for the second wicket to lay a fortified foundation.  
 Make-shift left-handed opener Litu, who was pushed up in the batting order after Shariar Hossain Biddyt suffered an injury while fielding, more than justified his promotion with a courageous 45 off 88 balls embellished with two sweetly-timed hits to the rope.  
 On the other hand, a lanky Al Shahriar, who was crushing comfortably against a fired-up West Indies pace battery, scored an aggressive 40 off 64 deliveries before being carried away to the extent of offering a high catch to the West Indies wicket-keeper Vishal Nagamootoo while trying to hit off-spinner Gareth Breese out of the ground.  
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**Windies take on BCCB XI today**

Sports Reporter  
 The visiting West Indies under-19 team will take on a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) XI in an exhibition match at the Dhaka Stadium today. The match will get underway at 8:00 am.  
 Meanwhile, the BCCB has announced a 14-member team, mainly comprising of players from the youth and under-19 teams.  
 The players are: Selim Shahed (captain), Jahangir Alam, Mehrah Hossain, Al-Shahriar Rokon, Naimur Rahman, Khaled Mahmud, Khaled Masud, Mohammed Rafique, Mostadir Litu, Sajal Chowdhury, Mohammed Salahuddin, Zakaria Intiaz, Abdul Hassan Nahid, Jewel Hossain.  
 Radio Bangladesh will air running commentary.

**PM asks rest of tribal refugees to come back**

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 16: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today called the rest of tribal refugees back home from camps in India to live in peace and dignity in their native land, reports UNB.  
 She said the government was providing with various facilities for the hill people to lead a sound life and asked the refugees to take part in ongoing development endeavours by availing the incentives.  
 Begum Zia made the call while visiting the Betchhari area in Khagrachhari hill district where the tribal refugees who returned home were being rehabilitated by the government.  
 More than 5,000 families have so far returned from shelters in the eastern Tripura state of India. They have already been rehabilitated in different parts of the district.  
 During her visit to the area, the Prime Minister found the returnees leading life in their rebuilt homes peacefully. They are farming, weaving clothes and their children going to schools, she witnessed.  
 Begum Zia visited a number of tribal homes at Betchhari and talked to the family members. She enquired about their wellbeing.  
 The Prime Minister also addressed a spontaneous gathering of the returnees at Betchhari. She said: "I am happy to see you live with honour in your native land. Living as refugee abroad is not honourable to anyone."  
 Begum Zia told them that it gave her immense pleasure See Page 8 Col 1

**EC to hold meet with political parties tomorrow**

The Election Commission (EC) will hold a meeting with political parties tomorrow to discuss matters relating to the next parliamentary polls, reports UNB.  
 The EC will exchange views with the political parties on maintaining law and order during the elections, appointment of election officials and setting up of voting centres.  
 The Commission has urged each political parties to send two representative to the meeting to be held at the conference room of NEC at 11:30 am.

**Attack on AL office**  
**Case filed against 4 police personnel**

An Awami League leader yesterday filed a case with the CMM court against four police personnel for beating up leaders and workers in the party central office on November 8, reports UNB.  
 The accused are: Assistant Commissioner of Motijheel thana Abdul Malek Biswas, AC of Ramna thana Abdul Halim, OC of Motijheel thana Mohammad Mohiuddin and Sergeant Saheed of Motijheel thana.  
 City Awami League Joint See Page 8 Col 6

**BSF abducts 2 Bangladeshis**

LALMONIRHAT, Nov 16: Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) kidnapped two Bangladeshis youths from the border area in Kaliganj thana of the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.  
 Witnesses said Saiful Islam, 20, son of Abdul Aziz and Liakat Ali, 21, son of Mofizuddin of Natabar village were watching the erection of barbed-wire in the Indian side at about 10:00 am on the day.