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DOWN TO EARTH

City's Livability At Stake

By ASM Nurunnabi

The livability of the Dhaka

Of these factors, the too

prominent one that emerged

is the dreadfully burgeoning

servers, the continuity of the traffic mess is no less damag- city has been steadily coming ing in its impact on the under a serious threat. The economy than the absence of city's population will cross adequate communication in- the 10 million mark by the frastructure with the north- turn of the century, accordern region of the country ing to the United Nations (which the Jamuna Bridge is Population Fund. But to visudesigned to improve).

signed to improve). alise any corresponding im-The stupendous magni- provement in the services of tude of the city's traffic mess public utility seems to be an can be gauged from an inter- idle dream. Already the qualesting remark made by an ity of life in larger parts of observer to the effect that the city has deteriorated to one who can solve the mess an alarming extent owing to a deserves a Nobel Prize. It is multiplicity of factors which felt that the most urgent call are fully identified in course of the moment is for mea- of detailed discussions thsures based upon both short rough various media and at and long-term approaches in different forums. a fashion that ensures proper functioning of existing facili-

While we are loath to learn traffic jams that bedevil alabout city management from most the entire network of the rest of the word and city roads. The rates at which polemics in this respect may the city population and the continue in terminably, it is road transports are increasreassuring to learn that un- ing, one need not have much der the aegis of the UNDP, a foresight to predict that the crash programme for im- city's livable prospects may provement of the traffic sys- be jeopardised in the near tem of the city has been future unless adequate meataken in hand. Work is re- sures are timely taken to portedly underway for con- meet the challenge. The perstruction of underpass near vasive traffic jams are daily Gulistan, Gabtoli bus stand affecting the life of all classes and Kawranbazar. Besides, of people in such a manner there are approved proposals that the resultant losses in for construction of over- terms of time and money are bridges near Malibagh cross- incalculable, and causing ing. Ilysium Hotel premises, grievous inertia in the eco-Ittefaq crossing. Banani-Ka- nomic life of the country. In koli crossing. GPO-Yeamani the opinion of serious ob-

ANKARA. Feb 2: Prime

Motherland's leader Me-

Minister Tansu Ciller today

abandoned attempts to form

a government with the cen-

ter-right Motherland Party.

sut Yilmaz rejected all my of-

fers." Ciller told reporters at

the end of her 40-minute

Ciller said she would for-

mally notify President Suley-

man Demirel tomorrow of

her failure to form a gov-

down Ciller because she in-

sisted on remaining premier.

She is serving in a caretaker

second in general elections

six weeks ago behind the

the 550-member Parliament

Amu demands

probe into

Ashraf's death

Awami League leader Amir

Hossain Amu today de-

manded an enquiry into the

death of a Juba League

worker in Nalchiti thana of

from his village home on

January 30. He died on the

same day. The post-mortem

report said he was tortured

meeting here in the morn-

ing, Amu demanded exem-

responsible for the "killing".

plary punishment to those

ernment for failure to main-

tain law and order in the

country and said the glorious

role of the Army has been

dwarfed by calling them out

in the name of arms recovery.

Awami League president Ad-

vocate Shahjahan Ashraf, the

meeting was also addressed

by district Ameer of Jamaat-

e-Islami, Advocate Haider

Hossain and CPB leader Bimal

Kumar Saha Meanwhile, a gayebana

janaza for Ashraf was held in

front of Jhalakathi Battul

Mukarram mosque today.

Amu and other opposition

dence of Ashraf at Baraikaran

village in Nalchity thana and

conveyed sympathy to the be-

AL demands arrest

of SA Khaleque

Secretary Zillur Rahman yes-

League, Rafigul Islam of Ch-

hatra League and many others

presence of police fired un-

provoked on the procession-

were injured in the firing.

Awami League General

reaved family members.

Amu also visited the resi-

leaders attended the janaza.

Presided over by District

He blamed the BNP gov-

Addressing a condolence

to death.

Ashraf Ali was picked up

the district, reports UNB.

JHALAKATHI Feb 2

Ciller's True Path came in

Yilmaz said he turned

meeting with her rival.

reports AP.

ernment.

capacity now.

Ciller has failed to

form coalition govt

market crossing, Bangsal crossing and Dainik Bangla crossing. These measures, when completed, will, however, serve as palliatives only in solving some of the city's traffic problem.

But to many, the villain of the story is said to be the massive presence of rickshaws in the city. To deal with it as a priority matter, it is felt desirable to phase them out gradually from the main arterial roads of the city. To reduce the backlash from the rickshawpullers, it has been suggested by some that they may be allowed incentives in such cases where they volunteer to ply on side streets and minor lanes, Such rickshaws may be painted with a different colour and the pullers of such rickshaws may be given benefits such as free schooling for their children, wheat for work, training facilities for switching over to auto-rickshaws with provision of loans on easy terms for hire purchase of

such vehicles. Dhaka's population is growing at the rate of 6 to 7 per cent each year. At this rate, the city's inhabitants will be doubled in the next 10 years. Against this background, there is no cause for illusion or complacency in the relevant quarters as to how to cope with the attendant problems that such a growth will bring about.

Radio, TV to air speeches of

Necmettin Erbakan failed to form a coalition. Both Ciller and Yilmaz rejected Welfare for its antisecularist policies. Ciller offered Motherland

Ciller received the man-

date after Welfare's leader

form a government alone.

a coalition partnership in which both the prime minister and the deputy prime minister, two posts that would be shared between Ciller and Yilmaz, would have equal responsibilities.

Demirel told reporters today that he would designate Yilmaz next. Motherland has 133 deputies.

Ciller said it would be pointless for Yilmaz to start negotiations with her. Nothing is left to talk about pro-Islamic regime Welfare between us," she said.

Ciller claimed that Yilmaz Welfare's 158 deputies in turned her down because he was inclined to form a coaliremained far less than the tion government with Wel-

required majority of 276' to fare. "We have not ruled out coalition partnership with Weifare although it is going to be very difficult to reach common ground with it, Yilmaz said.

2 candidates

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Police lobbed tear gas shells to disperse Awami League, Jativa Party and Jamaat activists who foiled Yasin move to open the office ransacked the dais erected for the programme and damaged several vehicles on the Comilla-Feni road.

Our correspondent from Rangpur reports: Some unidentified men hurled four homemade bombs at the Senpara residence of Moktarur Rahman, a BNP candidate from Rangpur-3 (sadar thana). None was injured.

In another incident in Lalmonirhat. Chokdar Abdus Sattar, a candidate of Islamic Shashintantrik Andolon from Lalmonirhat-3 constituency, was manhandled by some an anti-election activists near his house at Sattana in the town yesterday morning.

Greeting card

From Page 1

president and prime minister by including such a photograph in the cards, it said. The Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi refused to comment about Khokhar's meeting with Haider.

India and Pakistan have fought two wars over Kashmir, a Muslim-dominated region that is now divided between them by a cease-fire

Schoolboy

terday demanded arrest of From Page 1 BNP candidates SA Khalegue for firing on a peaceful anti-Sohel's mother Selina Pathan lodged a General Dielection procession at Harirumpur in Mirpur conary (GD) with the Gulshan stituency, reports UNB. thana a day after. Police found In a statement he alleged a body floating in a ditch in that Nasir Uddin member of the area yesterday morning. Awami League, Apu of Jubo Sohel's mother identified the

Sohel was the son of Alal Pathan who hails from Srina-Zillur said SA Khaleque in gar of Munshigani district. A case has been filed with Gulshan thana against six youths in this connection.

body, police sources added.

Police arrested Sohel's three friends -- Khokon, Ripon and Rana -- for their alleged involvement in the murder.

11 party chiefs

The Election Commission yesterday sent letters to the leaders of 11 political parties and alliances, who have fielded 30 or more candidates in the coming Jatiya Sangsad elections, asking them to submit the scripts of their speeches to the commission by February 5, Election Commission sources said, reports BSS.

The leaders of those parties and alliances will get the opportunity to address the nation over radio and televi-

Radio and television will simultaneously broadcast the speeches of the party chiefs from 6:30 pm each day from February 8 to 12.

The sources further said the leaders would be allotted time varying from 10 to 40 minutes to highlight their party objectives and manifestoes.

The parties and alliances are: The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), seven-party alliance. Freedom Party Bangladesh Khelafat Andolan, National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Bangladesh Muslim League (Jamir Ali). National Democratic Party (NDP). Progotishil Ganotantrik Shakti (Progos), Janadal. Jatiya Nagorik Sanghati and Gano Adhikar Front.

10 hurt as JCD, BCL clash in Cox's Bazar.

COX'S BAZAR, Feb 2: At least 10 people, including two policemen, were injured during a clash between pro-Awami League Chhatra League and ruling party's Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal in the town

today, reports UNB. The clash began when the Jubo Dal and JCD processionists hurled derogatory remarks at Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina this evening. Chhatra League workers protested the remarks and attacked the processionists.

Police rushed to the spot and charged batons to disperse the feuding groups. The ruling party supporters brought out the proces-

sion in protest against ransacking of the BNP office on Thursday. Two injured police offi-

cers were admitted to Sadar Hospital. Tension was prevailing in the town.

Fire leaves in Keraniganj

By DMCH Correspondent A fire reportedly sparked off following a blast in a gas line left at least ten people including five children injured yesterday at a house at Par Gandaria under Kerani-

ganj thana. The fire broke out after the gas line behind the house exploded, according to the injured and police.

Of the injured, three women and their five children were identified. They are Nazma, 32, Fatema, 25, Jotsna, 30, Parul, 5, Sumon 5, Al Amin, 4, Badrul, 3 and Rina, 3, were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), hospital sources

In another incident, a fire broke out at a slum near the Kutcha Bazar at Zigatola in the city at around midnight last night.

Fire fighting units from Mohammadpur and Pallasey rushed to the spot immediately and extinguished the fire, according to police sources.



A bus plunged into the DND canal at Conapara near the city yesterday. - Star photo

lence in the city had now

subsided to a large extent.

"Life is quite normal now in

killed in ethnic, political and

sectarian violence in Karachi

in 1995 and more than 100

most of the violence on the

MQM. which speaks for

Karachi's majority Urdu-

speaking Mohajirs, who mi-

grated from India at parti-

tion in 1947, and their de-

scendants. The MQM blames

GCO calls strike

at DU today

By DU Correspondent

Oikya (GCO), a combine of

some left leaning student or

ganisations, has called a

strike at the Dhaka Univer-

demanding exemplary pun-

ishment to the persons re-

sponsible for barbaric attack

on the DU students and res-

ignation of the Vice Chancel

Priyanka India's

heartthrob

love letters for six years. But

it's not the first time police

have stepped in to protect

Ms. Gandhi. Love missives

and marriage proposals regu

larly arrive at her high-secu-

rity home, newspapers re-

however, denied the report

and students and faculty at

Jawaharlal Nehru University

- named for Ms. Gandhi's

great grandfather — went on

strike to protest police ha-

portable cassette player

wanted her to listen to 10

songs he had composed for

her. Security guards have

recorded at least six in-

stances of men trying to ap-

proach her, the Asian Age

many Indians as a potential

political leader. Her father,

grandmother Indira, and

great grandfather Nehru

were prime ministers for a

tures became will known

after Rajiv Gandhi was assas-

sinated in 1991, though she

is rarely seen in public for

idea of what her suitors are

up to. "Neither Priyanka

Gandhi nor any member o

her family had any knowl-

edge, whatsoever, of the let-

ters allegedly written by Pro-

fessor S S Maitra," said

Victor George, a family aide.

But she apparently has no

Ms. Gandhi's angular fea-

Ms. Gandhi is regarded by

One person carrying a

Professor S S Maitra

The GCO called the strike

sity today.

ports AP.

ported today.

rassment

daily reported.

total of 38 years.

security reasons.

The Ganotantrik Chhatra

the security agencies.

The government blames

About 1.950 people were

Karachi," he said.

have died this year.

Pakistan to seek Altaf Hussain's extradition

KARACHI, Feb 2: Pakistan said today it would seek to extradite Altaf Hussain. leader of the ethnic Mohajir National Movement (MQM). who lives in self-exile in Britain, reports Reuter.

Pakistan has no extradition treaty with Britain, but Interior Minister Nasserullah Babar told reporters: "The government is working on the extradition of Altaf Hussain. It will take some time to

He said the government had compiled evidences, including confessions of arrested MQM members. against Hussain whom it accusing of directing violence in the city of Karachi.

Babar said about 600 people, including "terrorists," had been arrested in Karachi since July 1 last year and vio-

Asian FMs meet to set agenda for ASEM

PHUKET, Thailand, Feb 2 Foreign ministers of 10 Asian nations gathered today in an unprecedented meeting to set an agenda for the region's first-ever summit talks with European leaders next month, reports AP.

The first Asia-Europe Meeting — ASEM — will take place in Bangkok March 2-3, to be attended by heads of state of ten Asian and 15 European countries.

The warm-up meeting on this resort island 690 kilometers south of Bangkok gives the Asian nations a chance to finalise their agenda and plot strategy for the summit.

"The historic significance is that for the first time you have the ASEAN countries, with China, with Japan and the Republic of Korea meet ing together, talking about political and economic issues in preparation for a meeting with the European Union, said Philippine Foreign Minister Domingo Siazon, Jr.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, includes Thailand, Singapore Indonesia. Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei and the Philippines.

Indian rupee falls to all-time low

NEW DELHI, Feb 2: The Indian rupee fell to a new alltime low against the dollar today despite efforts by the country's central bank to stop

the slide, reports AP. Traders said heavy dollar demand continued to outweigh sporadic dollar sales by the Reserve Bank of India, pushing the currency

to around 36.80 rupees. They added that the outlook for the currency remains bleak, despite continuing comments from Indian officials that present dollar levels aren't justified by the current economic situation.

Dealers widely agreed that the heavy dollar demand has been prompted by the Reserve Bank's failure to intervene strongly to protect the

From Page 1 till last night whether the driver of the bus was alive or was killed in the accident.

a crane, in the afternoon.

way in Natore yesterday.

the afternoon.

the bus and seized the bus and the two trucks but drivers of both the trucks managed to escape.

in Sylhet adds: A 45-year were injured in an accident A Sylhet-bound truck col-

Moinu Bibi, 45, died on the The body was sent to the MAG Medical College Hospi-

54 DU students still in jail

NEW DELHI, Feb 2: The daughter of the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has become india's heartthrob, re A university professor who was detained this week re-

portedly has deluged Priyanka Gandhi. 24, with sity source. on bail on Thursday.

the heinous attack on Wednesday, the sources said.

proving.

Fulchand Bepari. Bhuiyan Trust.

and 20 thousand bags of salt sources said.

living in the area have been evacuated to safe places.

The fire brigade, salvaged

and an unidentified man aged about 40 were killed in two road accidents at two points on the Dhaka-Rajshahi high-Nasimon Beowa died when

Police held the driver of

woman was killed and two on Sylhet-Moglabazar road. lided head on with a 'tempo'

tal morgue here for autopsy.

By DU Correspondent

Fifty four students of the Dhaka University who were arrested during the raids on the Jagannath and Salimullah halls and sent to the central jail were not released till last night, according to a univer-

A total of 95 students were arrested during the raids. The rest were released

devours 2 salt crushing mills

Two salt crushing mills were devoured and five pucca godowns collapsed on the western bank of the river Sitalakhya due to erosion at Old Bank near Tanbazar during the last two days, reports According to a source of

One lakh bags of fertilizer

Hawala Case: Sharma seeks first-hand details of probe

President Shankar Dayal Sharma has sought first-hand details of a probe into a giant bribery scandal which has claimed the scalps of several top politicians and threatens dozens of others, reports

The Times of India today quoted top sources as saying that Sharma "wanted to ensure that the rule of law prevails and the corrupt are brought to book." Sharma, a former member

NEW DELHI, Feb 2: Indian

of the ruling Congress (I) Party, had on the eve of last week's celebrations marking India's declaration as a republic, urged a mass drive against corruption, saying it was neither "endemic nor insoluble."

He had also appealed to top leaders and bureaucrats to set a "salutary example of rectitude, high standards of personal conduct and accountability. Sources at the presidential palace here told The

Times that Sharma, who held

a one-to-one meeting with

Minister

Narasimha Rao last Wednesday, was miffed with the delayed inputs he was receiving about the case. Sharma was, however, not taking sides, they added.

"The effect it (the scandal) is having on the country's polity is a matter of concern for all institutions of the case. The president's concern for accountability should be seen in this regard," a sources said on condition of anonymity.

Soldiers' mutiny in Guinea: 8 killed

CONAKRY, Feb 2: At least eight people were killed in Guinea's capital Conakry today in a mutiny by soldiers demanding more pay, president Lansana Conte said. adding that some of the mutineers had been trying to take power, reports Reuter.

fied by Monday. As for those

who want to take power

in a broadcast on state radio.

leave them to me," Conte said

· "As far as your demands for wages and supplies are concerned, you will be satis-

India's Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to widen its probe into the 20-million-dollar scandal and look into "every accusation against each and every person irrespective of position and status. "Be you ever so high, the

law is above you," the judges said, provoking an immediate demand from the opposition that Rao resign. They charge Rao with having received money from the key suspect, an allegation he denies. Three members from

Rao's cabinet facing corruption charges have resigned and the leader of the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (Indian People's Party BJP) and an MP from the main centrist group quit par liament last month. The scandal stems from

the seizure of diaries from a businessman named Suren dra Jain four years ago in which he is said to have recorded coded payments to 115 politicians and bureau crats between 1988 and

Bus plunge

the badly damaged bus, using . Our Natore Correspondent

reports: A 70-year-old woman

she was run over by a Raishahi-bound bus at Kanaikhali. The man, along with his bicycle, was sandwiched between two trucks from coming opposite directions at Char Baiddiyanath in

Our Staff Correspondent

at Lamabag at about 2-30 pm.

ployed the army not to recover any illegal weapon, but to protect the electoral activities across the country. N'ganj Jubo League

workers clash with From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Feb 2: At

Most of the students had left the Jagannath hall after

Meanwhile, the condition of the students who were in jured during the attack and admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital are im-

Sitalakhya

NARAYANGANJ, Feb 2

the business community, the Chand Salt Mills and Janata Salt Mills which were devoured are owned by late godowns are owned by A R

were there in the godowns

A large number of people

13 DU teachers From Page 1

buses and ten rickshaws.

General of the Academy informing him of their deci-In the letter, they also

condemned the police action preventing the teachers from entering the Academy premises in a silent procession on that day. Signatories to the letter

are Prof Sayed Monzurul Is-

lam, Prof Kabir Chowdhury Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof Siran Chowdhury, Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim, Rafique Islam, Rafigullah Khan, Khandkar Asraf Hossain, Mohammad Moniruzzaman. Shahed Hasan, Humayun Azad. Abu Mohammad Delwar Hossain, and Dr Sonia Nisat.

Bangabazar From Page 1

Experts believe the fire could have broken out due to use of some explosives. They however, ruled out the use of any petroleum substance. The experts apprehended use of gun-powder or some explo sives of that kind.

"A sabotage or subversive act of this magnitude is not possible without the involve ment of some people of the market," opined an expert. Some shopowners and union leaders talked to con-

fided to this correspondent that they believe the incident was an act of sabotage But they declined to explain "Everybody knows it police law enforcing agencies Home Ministry officials are aware of the persons behind this act why they want us to identify them - we have our business here we want security said one of the umon leaders

Syria urges US to put pressure on Israel

DAMASCUS, Feb 2: Syria urged US Secretary of State Warren Christopher today to put pressure on Israel to drop demands which are standing in the way of peace. Christopher is to visit Damascus and Jerusalem next week to take stock of the two countries latest peace negotiations which ended on Wednesday outside Washington, reports AFP.

Intra-party rivalry

From Page 1

Rangunia demanding cancel-

lation of Adil's nomination.

is facing a challenge from

removed from the post of

WP slates three

opposition

parties

By Staff Correspondent

vesterday said that the three

major opposition parties have

set "a shameful example" of

seeking foreign assistance in

At a meeting, the polit-

buro of the WP criticised the

Awami League, Jatiya Party

and the Jamaat-e-Islami for

competing with each other

to gain favour from the donor

secretary Rashed Khan

Menon, the meeting ob-

served that the ruling BNP

has virtually become isolated

because of its efforts to hold

the February 15 elections

that the ruling party has de-

police: 15 hurt

least 15 people were injured

and five motor vehicles dam-

aged in a clash reportedly

between Jubo League activists

Three persons, who re-

and police in the town this

ceived bullet wounds, were

identified as Motiur Rahman.

Kamal Ahmed and Badal Roy.

They were under treatment

shorts during the clash that

erupted while the Jubo

League workers who were in

a procession started damag-

ing vehicles near No 2 Rail

Gate area at about 6:45 pm.

out the procession demand

ing cancellation of the one

party general election on

Chamber Road, DIT market,

and its adjacent areas, wit-

nesses added. The proces

sionists damaged at least five

The clash created panic in

The Jubo League brought

Police fired at least five

The statement alleged

Chaired by WP general

countries.

unilaterally.

efternoon.

in a local clinic.

witnesses said.

February 15.

resolving the political crisis.

The Workers Party (WP)

Chittagong court.

merce and Industry, at last Consequently, intra-party had an understanding with feud climaxed and the situaadvocate Kabir Chowdhury tion in Rangunia is still leader of the splinter faction. volatile, party sources said. Kabir had submitted nomina-BNP's action against the distion paper as an independent sidents had little impact on candidate but withdrew rechecking the rivalry. cently after intervention of In Banskhali, BNP nomi Communication Minister Oli nee Jafrul Islam Chowdhury

But there is still disconadvocate Abu Saleh who was tent among the supporters of Kabir. Nizam now faces the 7the president of the party's Chittagong-South unit until party candidate Mohammad his expulsion recently for Hossain. contesting the poll as an in-In 1991 election Kabir dependent candidate failing had lost to his AL rival Akto get party nomination. Adtaruzzaman Chowdhury with a vocate Saleh was not only ex small margin. pelled from the BNP he was

Ahmed.

In Fatikchhari BNP candidate Nazibul Bashar public prosecutor (PP) in Maizbanderi is expected to face a tough contest from in-In Anwara, BNP nominee dependent candidate Farid Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury who was earlier a supporter

Sarwar Jamal Nizam who is

the president of the Chit-

tagong Chamber of Com-

and other parties are campaigning against Nazibul Bashar, sources said. Meanwhile, out of 15 constituencies in Chittagong BNP candidates including Oli Ahmed were unofficially elected uncontested in six

of BNP, sources said. Besides,

supporters of Awami League

12 more expelled

constituencies.

From Page 1 tee, Haji A B M Mainuddin Hossain, member, Chandpur district committee, Barrister S Golam Nabi, member, Ishwargani thana committee. A K M Ruhul Amin, member, Ishwargani thana committee, Akhtar Hossain Bhuiyan, member Ishwargani thana committee, Abdus Salam, member. Ishwargani thana committee and A K M Mohiuddin Patwary, member, Chandpur

Polls manifesto

district committee.

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anonymity, said the manifesto might contain a broad-based outline on the pressing issues with the neighbouring and other foreign countries.

When reminded of the BNP chief and Prime Minister's recent announcement that they would not go for renewal of the treaty, the minister said that any decision for or again this would be taken in future on the basis of political reality in the

country. The friendship treaty was debated time and again in the political arena by different parties including the ruling BNP and the opposition

Awami League.

AL chief Sheikh Hasina, whose party is often blamed by the opponents for signing the accord in the post-liberation period, said recently that if her party returned to power it would not renew the treaty.

Later, similar announcement was made by BNP chief and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Meanwhile, none of the political parties contesting the forthcoming polls announced its election manifesto until vesterday although only 11 days are left for the February 15 polls.

The election manifesto of

the BNP is now under prepa-

ration and it is expected to

be finalised in a couple of days, said Nazrul Islam Khan. Office Secretary of the ruling We'll announce the manifesto at a press conference

soon." he told this corre-

spondent Thursday night. Half-day hartal

From Page 1 injured on Wednesday in clashes with police at the Dhaka University campus during raid on two DU halls.

In a statement on the eve of the hartal, the AL chief Sheikh Hasina said that the use of force for PM's opening of be ! fair at the Bangla Academy bee smeared the spirit of the historic Language Movement. The inaugural function had

virtually become a congregation of the BNP Jubadal and Chhatra Dal activists which. she said, was shunned by the writers, poets, publishers and diplomats Meanwhile, 10 people

were injured, when police used teat gas and batons to disperse an Awann League torch procession brought out in city in support of the har tal vesterday

China From Page

total state owned cable tele vision station told Renters Several advacent buildings were hadly damaged The officials said there

in Shaoyang that the blast was set intentionally in an act faver ners strong de

was widespread speculation

find that so a githeren seed the blast was maler marsh

ists who spontaneously protested the one-party farcical election. He demanded exemplary punishment of the BNP candidate. **Editor: Mahfuz Anam** Printed & Published by A. S. Mahmud, Managing Director, on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd, 52, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, from City Publishing House Ltd, 90 Kakrail, Dhaka-1000. Editorial, News & Commercial Offices: House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka-1205. PABX: 500092-4, Commercial: 500091 (Direct), Fax No: 88-02-863035, GPO Box No: 3257, Cable: DAILYSTAR, DHAKA.