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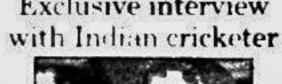
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NEWS BRIEFS

BCL calls hartal in Natore today

From Our Correspondent NATORE. Feb 4: The district unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has called a half-day hartal from 6 am in the district tomorrow to profest the arrest of its general secretary Sharitul Islam Ramjan and harassment of opposition leaders and activists in the name of recovering illegal weapons.

22 arms recovered

The law enforcing agencies recovered 22 firearms of different types, seven bullets and four explosives yesterday, the 46th day of nation-wide illegal arms-recovery drive. A total of 344 people were also arrested on various charges. including possession of illegal weapons, reports UNB.

BB accepts bids for Tk 25cr

Two bids for a total amount of Tk 25 crore was received at the 9th auction of the 90-day Treasury Bill yesterday and all the bids were accepted, a Bangladesh Bank press release said. Face value of the bids accepted was Tk 25 crore. The weighted average price of the accepted bids was Tk 98.54 per 100 taka. The corresponding yield is 5.92 per cent per an num reports BSS.

Sehri, Iftar timings			
Ram	Feb	Sehri	lftar
15	5		5 :51
16	6	5:16	5:52
17	7	5:15	5:52

100 vehicles damaged in Ctg

3 more candidates beaten up, dist EC office burnt

Star Report

Three more candidates were beaten up, a district election commission office was set ablaze and 35 people were injured as anti-election violence continued in different parts of the country yes-

The EC office at Natore was set afire by some unidentified people yesterday morning, causing damage to documents and furniture.

Ten persons, each were injured in Chittagong. Narayanganj and Kulaura.

In Chittagong, opposition activists protesting the 'oneparty election damaged more than 100 vehicles. Witnesses said that at least 10 people were injured during violent demonstrations. Our Staff Correspondent reports.

Different professional

groups in a meeting with

Sheikh Hasina yesterday lent

support to the current oppo-

sition move to resist 'one-

party' elections, reports UNB.

the meeting at the Engi-

neers' Institution expressed

solidarity with the agitation

for election under caretaker

government and vowed to re-

union leaders, lawyers, writ-

ers, poets, dramatists and in-

tellectuals gave a joint call to

build a united resistance

against this "farcical" polls

and to realise the demand for

election under a neutral

people to boycott the

concerned with the election

process not to assist this

government in holding the

immediate halt to the "one-

party" election, resignation of

the Prime Minister and fresh

The meeting demanded

"voterless" election and all

It also called upon the

caretaker government.

the "mock vote" under

The meeting between the Awami League chief and trade

Leaders of the groups in

Traffic movement in the port city was badly disrupted during the 2-hour rampage by Opposition activists. Police and witnesses said that some taxis parked on the Laldighi Road suddenly came under attack by processionists. Immediately after the incidents, the taxi drivers gheraoed the Chittagong City Corporation

The drivers later dispersed when they learnt that the Mayor, also General Secretary of the Chittagong City Unit of Awami League, was

not in his office. Violence also spread to the city's Shaheed Minar, Bipani Bitan crossing. Station Road and Commerce College Road areas.

According to UNB, three

schedule of election under a

dent called upon all the pro-

fessionals to resist the "one-

party farcical election" under

the BNP government to save

the electoral process of the

going to destroy electoral

process by staging this mock

election to protect its illegal power," she said exchanging

views with the leaders of

election at all, people had al-

ready rejected it as there is

no scope for the people to

elect anyone according to

their choice because all the

She said the declaration of

opposition parties stayed out

49 BNP candidates elected

unopposed proved that every

thing was pre-set and the fi-

nal list had already been pre-

how many voters are going to

cast their votes is prepared.

she told the gathering.

adding that calculation is

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"Even the list for showing

Hasina said this is not an

professional groups.

"The BNP government is

The Awami League presi-

caretaker government.

Move to resist 'one-party' polls

Professional groups

back Opposition

country.

candidates for the upcoming parliamentary elections were allegedly assaulted by angry opposition candidates in the district yesterday.

Abdul Majid, from Sirajganj-6, an independent candidate, was caught by a group of people at Chowhali boat ghat. He was then forced to dive into a pond. His election posters were also thrown into the water.

A meeting of independent candidate Habibur Rahman of Sirajganj-3 was foiled by opposition supporters at Magura-Mukondo under Tarash thana at noon.

Protesters also manhandled Shamsul Alam, another independent candidate from Sirajganj-4. in Baromahal See Page 12 Col 1

Opposition announces programme today

By Staff Correspondent The three major opposition political parties are expected to announce their fresh agitation programme today with only 10 days remaining for the February 15 parliamentary elections.

The Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami are scheduled to announce their identical programmes through separate press conferences in the capital.

The three parties were scheduled to announce their programmes yesterday. The announcement would be made after finalisation of the programmes through a joint meeting of the three opposition parties at 10:00 am today, senior Opposition leaders said. Meanwhile, opposition

sources indicated that their fresh programmes might include a 48-hour hartal with breaks at iftar-time on February 14 and 15, laying a siege at the residence of the Prime Minister on February 11 and holding separate grand rallies on February 10.



RAMADAN 15, 1416 HIJRI

Mohammedan's wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu put the bails off to mark the dismissal of Ababani's skipper Akram Khan (not in the picture) as Manzoor Akhter looks on during their Navana Premier Cricket League match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. MSC won by 1 wkt. - Star photo by A K M Mohsin

BNP finalises election manifesto

By Nazmul Ashraf The ruling BNP has fi-nalised its manifesto for the coming parliamentary elections, party sources said last

The manifesto is likely to be announced by party Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar at a press conference in a day or two, the sources told The Daily Star.

Begum Zia discussed the manifesto and her campaign tours with senior party leaders at her Tejgaon office yesterday afternoon.

An official of the Prime Minister's Secretariat told this correspondent last night that the PM had taken up a short tour programme to campaign for her party.

According to press reports. Begum Zia is scheduled to visit Feni, where she is contesting from two constituencies, on February 7. She would also go for electioneering at Rajshahi on February 10 and at Sirajganj

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4 Bangladeshis killed in road mishap in KSA RIYADH, Feb 4: Four

Bangladesh nationals were killed in a road accident near Taif on Friday when they were returning to Riyadh after performing Umrah at the Holy Kaaba, reports BSS. Bangladesh ambassador to

Saudi Arabia Meer Mohammad Nasir Uddin visited the house of the deceased and assured all possible help and cooperation to the families of the victims.

The victims were identified as Abdul Hoque, 46, son of Mohd. Yakub of Hathazari, Chittagong, Mohd, Abul Kalam Azad, 34, of Barisal, Mohd Solaiman Hossain, 46. of Natore. Hajohahi, and Eng Nahidul Islam of Bogra.

4 get life-term for killing JCD leader

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET. Feb 4: Four persons have been awarded life imprisonments on charge of killing Nuruzzaman Dulal. president, Sylhet Government College unit of the

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. A K M Salimullah, additional district and sessions judge, third court, Sylhet in his judgement today also ordered each of them to pay a fine of Taka five thousand in default to suffer imprison-

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JCD-BCL gunfight rocks DU campus

By DU Correspondent

Rival activists of the Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) clashed on the Dhaka University campus vesterday.

According to witnesses, the rival groups openly traded gunfire during the clash, spreading panic in the entire area.

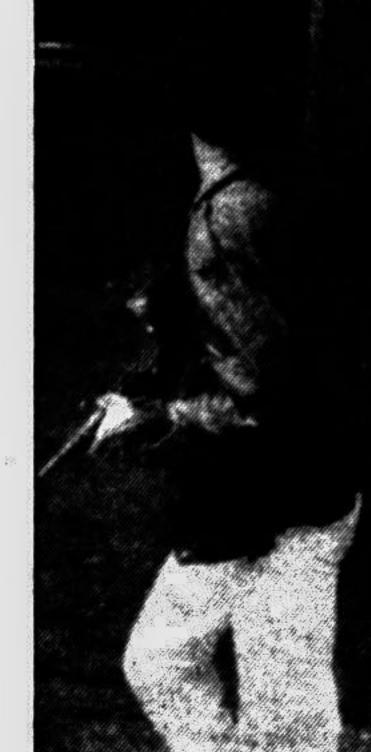
A rickshawpuller received bullet injury during gunfight and a number of students were hurt while running for safety. The rickshawpuller was hit on his left leg in the crossfire. The pro-BNP JCD and the Awami Leaguebacked BCL traded over 70 rounds of gunshots during clash which lasted for over 30 minutes, witnesses said.

At least four press photographers were also assaulted by a group of unruly youths near the Aparajeo

Campus sources said, at around 12:25 pm, several rounds of shots were heard from the DU Central Library area when two separate rallies of JCD and BCL were in progress at DUCSU Bhaban and Aparajeo Bangla premises respectively.

In an instant, tension gripped the campus as armed BCL cadres reportedly started chasing the rival JCD activists, who were also equipped with arms. The BCL cadres moved in front of the Administrative Building firing several rounds of gunshots while the JCD activists took shelter at the nearby Surja Sen Hall, retaliating with counter-fire.

A heavy contingent of police guarding the campus. went into action lobbing See Page 12 col 7





Riot police were deployed on the Dhaka University campus after a gunfight between activists of two rival student organisations yesterday (above); an activist with a firearm in hand during the fight (top): --- Star photo

Joint body to probe Sonargaon incident

By Staff Correspondent

A joint committee comprising two members each from the Bangladesh and Japanese sides would be constituted to probe the January 30 incident at the Sonargaon Hotel, Mosharafullah. Managing Director of the government-owned Hotels International Limited (HIL). parent company of the hotel, said here yesterday.

This was decided in a meeting between Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka, Yoshikajo Kaneko and State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Maj (retd) Abdul Mannan on Saturday last, he said at a press conference at the hotel.

He, however, said the HIL has not formed any inquiry committee of its own to probe the incident. But he added. "Law will take its own

Mosharafullah said another meeting which was attended by the General Manager of the Sonargaon Hotel Yoji Hamano, decided that three senior executives of the hotel would be withdrawn for the period of inquiry in the interest of free and fair inquiry and status-quo would be maintained in the hotel till completion of the inquiry.

On January 30 last, the employees of hotel reportedly beat up a number of executives after an employee was terminated. The General Manager of the hotel, a Japanese national, was also allegedly manhandled. According to the MD, the Room Division Manager and a Duty Manager are still undergoing treatment.

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Book fair: Turnout poor, sales dull

By DU Correspondent scheduled to participate in

The turnout of book lovers as well as sales at the Ekushey Book Fair at the Bangla Academy are less this year compared to last years.

Though the number of visitors is increasing day by day, it is not up to the expectations of the organizers, book publishers and stall owners. one stall owner told the Daily Star yesterday, the fifth day of the month-long fair.

"At the end of the day, our total sale was six hundred taka only," said the owner of the stall of Ananna Publishers. But we are optimistic of bigger turnout in the coming

The discussion meetings organised by the Academy is also drawing less audience because many of the discussants have cancelled their scheduled programmes. Dr Shahida Akter who was

yesterday's discussion on *Folklore Books published by Bangla Academy: An Evaluation" was absent Prof Zillur Rahman Sid-

dique, earlier scheduled to preside over today's discus sion on "Translated Book's published by Bangla Academy: An Evaluation" and Prof Sayed Monjurul Islam, the key-note speaker have already cancelled their programmes. Thirteen teachers of the

Dhaka University and some others from some cultural organisations earlier notified the Director General of the Academy cancelling their participation in discussion programmes protesting police atrocities on the students of the Dhaka University on Wednesday last.

Lively gossips at the writ-See Page 12 col 8

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