By Rafiq Hasan and Govinda Shil, back from Dinajpur

gaon have made alternative owners. "So, the makers of arrangements due to a severe the notes are sure of their crisis of 'taka two' and 'taka early use," said Abdur Rouf, a one notes.

At least 50 shopkeepers, owners of hotels and restaurants have been using their self-made Tk 1 and Tk 2 notes, for the last six months, local people said.

While visiting the area, The Daily Star team found that restaurant owners and shopkeepers were transacting business using these 'notes' - pieces of paper carrying individual seals and

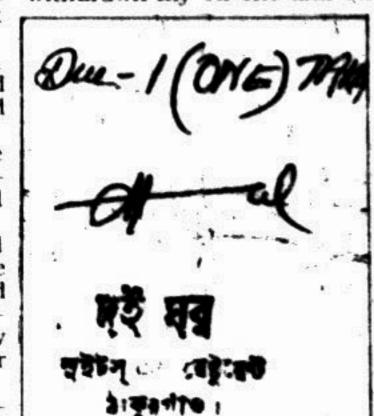
signatures. Many local people alleged that taking advantage of the non-availability of Tk 1 and Tk 2 notes, some public sector banks were unofficially charging 'commissions' for giving the notes.

The manager of a local hotel said I know this is illegal but I have no option but to to no effect as yet.

Local consumers said that having such 'personal notes' among a specified group o to spend those at certain hotel owner.

Shopkeepers in Thakur- shops, and benefiting their student.

Some of the shopkeepers have already withdrawn their 'alternative notes.' "I have withdrawn my Tk one and Tk



make and issue Tk 1 and Tk two notes because I was not 2 notes. He further said he satisfied from legal points of had informed many govern- view," said the owner of a big ment officials and those of store. "These notes were bebanks about the situation but ing copied frequently by young boys," he added.

"The notes are acceptable made it obligatory for them shops and restaurants," said a

## PM warns 'anarchists'

From Page 1 could change that in the future," she added.

The Prime Minister was addressing a public meeting held amidst tight security at the Rajshahi Madrassah ground this afternoon in the final round of her electioneering tour.

Begum Zia said her party, if voted to power again, will wage a movement against terrorists, killers of democracy, and conspirators against the independence and for production and development of the country.

She warned that those who are trying to foil the coming elections and causing people's sufferings through terrorism, anarchy and hartal would be severely dealt with.

"Everything has a limit. the Prime Minister said adding that the government would take strict measures if good sense does not prevail upon the opposition parties.

"Those who are betraving with the nation and creating violence and anarchy all over the country will be punished. We will teach them a lesson after the February 15 election," she said.

Cautioning the people about "evil designs of three vested political parties." she urged them to resist those parties unitedly by participating in the election. "The three parties have been united to kill democracy and destroy the country."

Begun, Zia said one o those parties had killed democracy, banned all par ties and established oneparty rule after the independence and enchained the na-

tion under slavery. Another party, she said, imposed a nine year autocratic rule after unseating an elected government in 1982. The third party which opposed the Liberation War does not believe in the existence of the country, she

said. "These three evil forces have been united in the name of establishing the right of franchise and democracy. In reality, they have become active to destroy the two," she added.

She urged the people to vote for the 'sheaf of paddy' --

the election symbol of BNP for continuation of the current trend of development. safeguarding the country's independence and sovereignty and continuation of the Constitution and democracy.

### Blasts at rally

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Opposition activists were admitted to private clinics to avoid arrest, Opposition leaders later said.

Police arrested 12 persons from different spots in the city.

A BNP procession towards the PM's meeting from a city suburb reportedly came under attack by the activists of Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami at Binodpur near Rajshahi Univer-

Earlier, as the Prime Minister's motorcade from the airport passed through the cordoned Greater Road towards the circuit house. Left Democratic Front activists demonstrated with black flags in the Saheb Bazar area.

Another group of Opposition activists tried to go near the PM's motorcade when it has passing through the TD Mor at about 12-45 pm, about 200 yards from the meeting venue. BNP activists resisted them and a clash ensued. The rival groups exploded hand

Since morning, the Opposition activists blasted scores of handbombs and brought out several processions in the city ignoring police, BDR and Army patrol. Stray clashes took place in different parts of the cay with the law entorcing agencies.

Rajshahi has been in the grip of widespread violence for the last three days centring the Prime Minister's visit as the mainstream opposition mounted protests and called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the district today. Complete hartal was ob-

served in the city at the call of the Awami League, Jativa Party and Jamaat-e-Islami.

Begum Zia carried here by Biman at 12-30 pm and went straight to the mazar of Hazrat Shah Makhdum (R) at Dargahpara in the city.

# Hartal at Sirajganj

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University College, the venue for her public meeting. scheduled to be held at 2 pm tomorrow.

Begum Zia reached Sirajganj Circuit House at 10:30 pm amid sporadic cracker blasts at different parts of the

The PM reportedly diverted her route on her way from Rajshahi to Sirajganj to avoid a black flag demonstrations by the Opposition activists at Natore. The demonstrators also damaged vehicles at the Kanaikhali bus stand and exploded crackers in Natore.

Prior to her arrival here. at least 15 persons were injured in clashes between the activists of the ruling BNP and the mainstream opposition parties boycotting the

February 15 polls. The anti-polls activists also set fire to the district election commission office. the pourasava office, a restaurant and ransacked several election camps in and outside the town while the local Awami League office was also attacked by the pro-election political activists. The town was also rocked by a series of explosions during the day.

The clash between the activists of BNP and the opposition parties took place at around 7:30 pm at Suhrawardy Road. The BNP

workers brought out a procession to welcome the PM's visit while the Opposition activists of the AL, Jatiya Party and the Jamaat were staging black flag demonstrations to protest Begum Zia's electioneering tour.

Opposition parties have also called hartal from 2 pm to 10 pm at Tangail district headquarters tomorrow to protest the PM's visit in the district. She is scheduled to address a election rally at Tangail during her return to

anti-polls activists stormed afterwards.

rally of a BNP candidate was attacked and two shops were damaged at Belkuchi thana while a Progosh candidate in the polls, Gulzar Hossain, was beaten up in the same area. The election camp of Gulzar

was also burnt.

#### one very bright white floodthe capital tomorrow. light. The official rainbow According to police and colours of Wills will be seen.

World cricketing gala opens today Time. From Page 1 dium will be shown from the sky. There will be no other light in the stadium except

witnesses, a group of militant the local election office and set fire to three sacks containing ID cards and other official papers and furniture of the office at around 8:30 pm. They also set fire to the municipal office and a restaurant at the Station Bazar shortly

will be played. Meanwhile, the election 6:31: All the twelve teams in coloured attire will enter the ground. Their entry will be projected on the giant screen. 6:32: The names of all 168 players will be readout. While announcing the names a

Freedom Party candidate from Ullapara, Abul Kashem, has today announced his withdrawal from the election

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### JN hall incident GF may form people's inquiry commission

By DU Correspondent A delegation of the Gano Forum, led by its president Dr Kamal Hossain, yesterday visited Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University and exchanged views with the provost, house tutors and members of hall students. union about the police attack on the students.

Dr Kamal assured them that he would try to form a people's inquiry commission for quick investigation into the incident.

Police attacked the students of the Jagannath Hall on January 31 and beat them up mercilessly. About 200 students were injured in the

Dr Kamal Hossain stressed the need for uniting all secular and pro-liberation forces for establishing the rule of law in the country.

## Khulna AL blames

JCD for 'terrorism' KHULNA, Feb 10: Local leaders of the Awami League and its front organisations here today accused the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of unleashing terrorism in the city, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference, they alleged that the student front of the ruling party had attacked the homes of local BCL leaders Sheikh Mohammad Zahangir, Taslim Ahamed and Saiful Islam and tortured Juba league leaders Shaeed lobal Bither and Babloo.

They also alleged that the BNP terrorists, who had killed about 50 opposition leaders and workers in last five years, were moving scot free at the very nose of the law enforcers.

#### Russian envoy to Vatican quits

MOSCOW, Feb 10: Russia's ambassador to the Vatican has offered to resign after describing President Boris Yeltsin as power-hungry, a news report said today, reports AP.

Vyacheslav Kostikov, a former presidential spokesman, has written a letter of resignation, the Interfax news agency said.

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Meanwhile, three BCL

leaders were arrested in Si-

takund in connection with

yesterday's killing of JCD

ported from Khulna that a

bomb was hurled on the resi-

dence of Mayor Shaikh

Tayebur Rahman and several

others on the residence of

BNP candidate A U Ahmed at

the Mayor's residence, the

driver of A U Ahmed was in-

jured in the attack, allegedly

made by anti-election ac-

reported from Sylhet that a

meeting and ifter party of

BNP nominee Ebadur Rah-

man Chowdhury was foiled by

anti-polls activists at

Dakhinbhag Bazar in Barlekha

thana in Moulvibazar district

yesterday. They also dam-

aged a microbus of the can-

also foiled a polls projection

meeting of Ebadur Rahman at

mission office at Barlekha

was set ablaze Saturday night.

Some important documents

Sunamganj-5 Abdul Majid

Master was manhandled at

Shetarpara village in Chhatak

thana Friday afternoon.

BNP nominee from

At Nabiganj thana, a meet-

6:30 pm: The Flower Sta-

6:30: The west Bengal

Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu will

enter the ground with his

escort, former Miss Universe

Sushmita Sen. When the two

will enter the ground, there

will be twelve 'Googlee's, the

official mascot, on the large

circular dais. The 'theme

song of the Wills World Cup

spotlight will be focussed on

each one's face. The twelve

captains will appear on the

stage one by one to receive

6:43: Jyoti Basu will de-

6:44: Basu and Sushmita

clare the Wills World Cup

Sen alongwith the players

will leave the dais amidst

The start of the Cultural

6:45: For thirty seconds

the mascot 'Googlee'.

glittering show of light.

Show.

The thana Election Com-

Shahbazpur bazar.

and files were burnt.

The Opposition activists

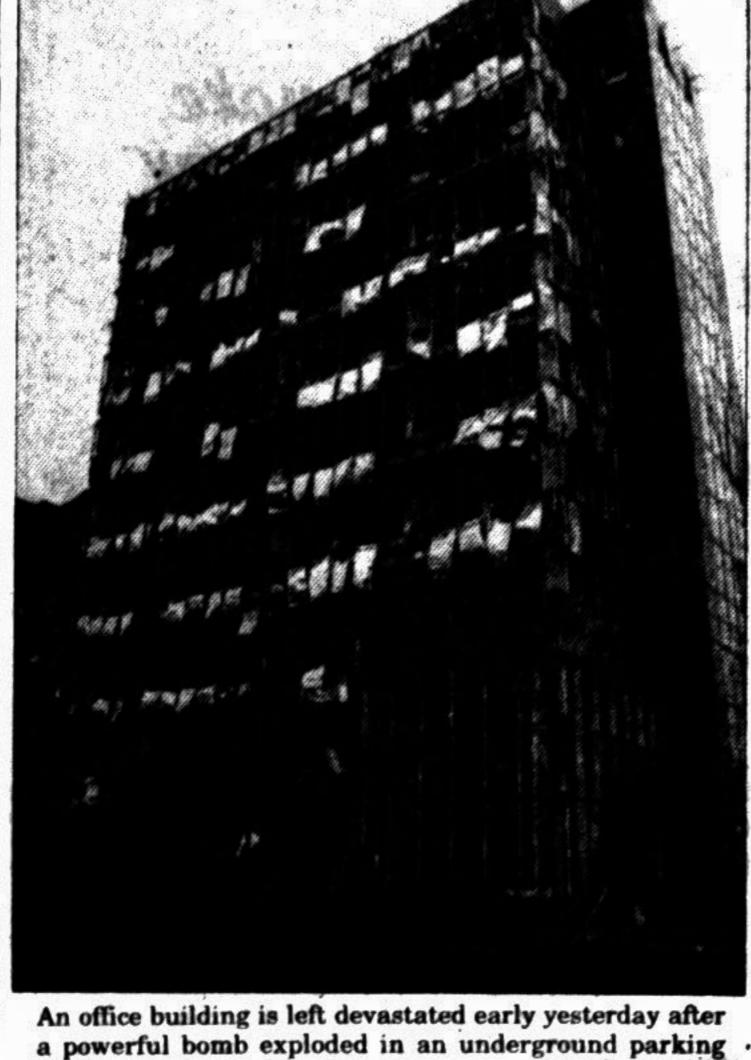
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While none was injured at

around 9 am yesterday.

Our Correspondent re-

leader Altaf Hossain.



in east London. - AFP/UNB photo

#### Deaths of 11 protestors in police firing

### Court orders UP govt to pay \$28000 to each family

Pre-polls violence continues

NEW DELHI, Feb 10: An Indian court has accused a state government of violating human rights and ordered it to pay some 28,000 dollars each to the families of 11 protestors shot dead by the police two years ago, reports

The Allahabad High Court, in a verdict late Friday, also ordered the northern state of Uttar Pradesh to give an equal amount of money to women who had been raped by policemen, newspapers here reported.

The court, located in the Uttar Pradesh city of Allahabad, also announced compensation of 50,000 rupees (1.420 dollars) to 250,000 rupees (7.140 dollars) for those injured in the police action on October 2, 1994. Thousands of men and women on their way to New

ing of BNP nominee Sheikir

Imambari Bazar in the after-

date Foizul Islam Babul from

Sylhet-3 withdrew his candi-

dature yesterday at a press

conference saying that the

ensuing election would not

ers were hurled on the resi-

dence of BNP candidate Ad-

vocate Atique Ullah at Anan-

dapur on Friday night. Ullah

is contesting from Habiganj-3

reportedly injured in the at-

tack made allegedly by Chha-

tated BCL activists of Nabi-

campaign office of Jatiy-

atabadi Awami League candi-

date Sheikh Azizul Haq in

Habigani-1 constituency and

set ablaze election banners

foiled a meeting of BNP can-

didate Sheikh Sujat at Kha-

reported from Barisal that at

least 20 persons were in-

jured, seven of them seri-

ously, in an hour-long clash

and cracker blasts at around

11 am yesterday at the Mu-

an anti-polls procession of

BCL came to the college and

blasted crackers and at-

the stadium will be at a'

ject the images of the great-

est cricketing heroes of the

6:49: First laser show. A

6:50: The whole stadium

bat, a ball and a prism of light

will gradually move to the

flower at the centre of the

will be lit up. The laser ball

will approach towards the

middle of the flower. There

will be a sudden fountain of

som. Three hundred dancers

emerge from the national

flags of the twelve participat-

will be dark. Only five

coloured spotlights will be

there. Suddenly a helicopter

will appear hovering above

the stadium, which has al-

ready taken the shape of a

SACK will be released from

leave the stadium. NINJA

WARRIOR SACK will open up

reaching the centre of the

stadium. A female figure clad

wholly in black will emerge

out of the sack. A brief dance

6:56: NINJA WARRIOR

6:57: The helicopter will

will enthrall the spectators.

6:51: The flower will blos-

6:54: A new design will

6:55: The whole stadium

6:46: The laser will pro-

The clashes began when

ladi Degree College.

stand-still.

stadium.

ing countries.

laser ball.

the helicopter.

last twenty years.

The BCL activists also

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ganj thana ransacked the

Atique Ullah's wife was

In another incident, agi-

In Habigani, some crack-

solve the present crisis.

constituency.

Friday night.

gaura Bazar.

tra League activists.

Meanwhile, NDA candi-

Sujat Miah was foiled at

Delhi to demand a separate state in the hills of Uttar Pradesh were fired upon on a highway in the state's Muzaffarnagar town by the police. leaving 11 people dead. Dozens of others were in-

jured. Policemen also chased several women protestors into fields and raped them, sparking nationwide condemnation.

The police action coincided with the October 2 anniversary of the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian independence hero and apostle of non-violence.

Allahabad High Court judges Ravi S Dhavan and AB Srivastava said in their 272page ruling that they considered rap to be as harsh as murder, and were ordering equal compensation in both

tacked an on-going workshop

Later. JCD activists re-

sisted the attack in which 20

persons were injured. Seri-

ously injured Sohel, Alamgir,

Mukul, Rashid, Golam Mos-

tafa. Idris and Ruman were

admitted to Muladi Thana

Health Complex. Police was

deployed in the campus to

tivists went on a rampage at

about 7 pm and damaged two

vehicles. In Hizla, anti-polls

activists blasted cocktails at

an election meeting of

former BNP MP Mosharraf

Hossain Manju in the after-

In Barguna at least 12 per-

A car and a motor cycle

Our Gaibandha Correspon-

sons were injured in three

were damaged and later set

ablaze at Chalitakhali bazar

when a BNP election cam-

paign meeting was arranged.

dent reports: Opposition ac-

tivists foiled a workshop on

election at Gobindagani

Thana Parishad premises

the auditorium, threw away

loud speakers into a nearby

pond and snatched away

election booklets from there.

tor cycle of BNP candidate

Abdul Mannan Mondal, con-

testing from Gaibandha-4

performance. The twelve

scarves in the fray will ex-

hibit the colours of the na-

tional flags of the twelve par-

ticipating countries. The fe-

male figure will release the

fully lit up. Former Miss Uni-

verse will be on the stage

adorned by the flags of the

twelve participating coun-

announce the names of the

twelve countries and will in-

troduce Sushmita Sen.

gather on the stage.

itage of the nation.

captains.

smoke.

the stage.

7:00: The moderator will

7:01: The twelve captains

7:03: Each captain will be

7:05: Sushmita Sen will

followed by a troupe of 35

dancers, performing dances

depicting the cultural Her-

give away the respective na-

tional flags to the twelve

7:11: Sushmita will disap-

7:12: The mascot 'Googlee'

7:16: 'Googlee' will also

7:17: A fountain of glass

suddenly appear before the

twelve captains. The fountain

will drench the three hun-

pear in a cloud of white

will sing the official theme

disappear. A huge bottle of

champagne will appear on

6:59: The stadium will be

scarves one by one.

tries.

They also set ablaze a mo-

The activists ransacked

In Barisal town, BCL ac-

avert further clash.

separate clashes.

noon.

vesterday.

constituency.

on election training for offi-

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) yesterday expelled five district and thana level leaders with immediate effect on charges of disobeying party decision and engaging in activities contrary to the party disci pline, a party press release said lastnight, reports BSS.

The expelled persons are: Khurshid Alam, vice-president of Luxmipur District committee. Shafiqul Islam Shafiq, president of Sonatala Thana committee. Sved Ahmed Majumder, member of Chhoddagram thana committee. Kalimuddin Milon. member of Chhatak thana committee, and Giasuddin, member Bhairab Thana committee.

### FEMA won't monitor polls

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) announced yesterday that it would not proceed to monitor the February 15 elections. says a press release.

However, it will continue to gather information from across the country and report on the election process.

FEMA revised its earlier plan at its National Committee meeting held yesterday.

FEMA reiterated its extreme disappointment that the government and the opposition have been unable to resolve the political crisis. It feared for the safety of its volunteers and expressed concern that election day will be marred by disruption of polling, violence and attempts by some parties and candidates to manipulate election results.

#### Clinton signs Defence Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb 10: President Bill Clinton signed a major defence bill into law today, despite objections to a measure that requires the armed forces to dismiss US service members infected with the AIDS virus, reports

Clinton, calling the AIDS provision blatantly discrimi natory and highly punitive. said he had taken steps to assure any ejected soldiers would be financially and medically cared for. He also said his administration would not defend the provision in the face of expected court challenges.

Jhenidah: Anti-election

activists yesterday damaged a

car of NDA nominee from

Jhenidah-4 constituency An-

headquarters was rocked by

people were hurt and six ve-

hicles damaged during

clashes between anti and

pro-election activists in dif-

ports from Brahmanbaria:

Three persons were injured

when anti-polls activists

hurled cocktails on the resi-

dence of BNP nominee

Harun-Al Rashid near Sadar

Hospital in the evening. The

injured persons were: Ismail

(30), Shafiul Alam officer of

Titas Gas and the wife of an

aged some seven motor ve-

hicles belonging to Rashid in

contesting from Brahman-

The activists also dam

Our correspondent re-

ports from Netrokona: Five

persons including a police SI

and a constable were hurt in

clashes between pro and

anti-election activists yester-

day evening. Over a dozen

shops were also damaged

when anti-election activists

clashed with processionists

of BNP candidate Haji Mo-

brought the situation under

dred dancers present on the

Suddenly the bottle of Cham-

pagne will get enlarged. Then

the bottle somersaults several

times in the air and will un-

cork. The following message

will emerge out-CRICKET IS

SPORTS, SPORTS IS

MOVEMENT, MOVEMENT

IS ART, ART IS LIFE AND fi-

7:41: End of fireworks.

'Googlee' will reappear on the

as the middle portion of the

be played. Thousands of

white pigeons will fill the sky

amidst brightly coloured

The Child and Cricket will

be displayed. It is a symbolic,

story of the dreams and

hopes of millions of children

playing cricket in the streets

fireworks. THE END will be

inscribed in the sky in yel

tta is contemplating several

changes in the planned

(More on pages 10-11)

7:51: With the help of

However Gianfranco Lune

7:46: Third laser show.

7:28: Display of fireworks.

7:43: Sushmita Sen and

7:44: They will disappear

7:45: The theme song will

nally CRICKET IS LIFE.

7:25: Another laser show.

The clashes occurred

Police intervened and

engineer of the gas field.

baria constituency.

during the clashes.

harnmad Abu Abbas.

control.

stage.

light.

of Calcutta.

lowish letters.

schedule.

stage will sink.

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ferent parts of the district.

blasts at night.

war Zahid. Shilakupa thana

In Sherpur at least 16

# 5 more expelled The Widnight Bile

#### 2 killed in Grozny during demonstration

MOSCOW, Feb 10: At least two people - a woman and a child— were killed today by gunfire during a pro-independence demonstration in the central square of the Chechen capital Grozny, witnesses on the scene told AFP.

## Ban defied: 100 hurt

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branch of Uttara Bank at Kalabagan were gutted partially when opposition processionists allegedly set fire using home-made petrol bombs.

damaged.

Managing Director of Uthe added .

smashed window panes. of damage.

Jatiya Party marchers heading for the PM's residence turned violent when intercepted by police at Far-

At least 30 people were police and JP activists there rubber bullets.

rickshaws at Green Road.

strong police action, ransacked the nearby makeshift iftar shops and damaged a Chinese restaurant and a sweetmeat shop. They also damaged neon

Earlier: at its rally, JP expressed its firm resolve to resist the ensuing elections. AL president Sheikh Hasina, in a statement last

From Our Correspondent BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 10: Valuables worth about Tk two lakh were gutted at the babytaxi stand on commercial road here at around 3-15 pm today. According to witnesses, the fire originated from a oil shop.

#### Amitabh returns to silver screen

MUMBAI, Bombay, Feb 10: Hindi cinema's megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who become India's highest-paid actor in the 80's, signalled his return to the silver screen by facing the camera here last night after a self-imposed exile of four years, reports PTI.

Leading movie personali-

birthday. "It is a chance of a lifetime

to work with Amitabah in a movie, an excited and thrilled Madhuri, the most successful heroine of the 90's, said.

### Narayanganj

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- Barek (28), Nurul Islam

vailing in the area till the writing of this report late last night

one week. In another clash between

them on Tuesday last, a col lege student was critically in jured. He died the next day at the DMCH

is now playing with fire."

night, said "the government

scheduled peaceful AL rally

by those in power without

any provocation left at least

150 workers of the opposi-

tion parties and other peo-

rally at Russel Square. AL

presidium member Tofael

Ahmed called upon the peo-

ple to form resistance squads

to foil the one-party elec-

Earlier, addressing the

The attack on the pre-

branch at Shukrabad and a

Besides scores of vehicles and some shops at Alhaj Super Market at Sobhanbagh and a clinic building at the Panthapath intersection were

tara Bank M Aminuzzaman, while visiting the gutted branch at Kalabagan told newsmen that the Branch Manager's room, furniture and cash counters on the ground floor of the twostorey office were burnt. The processionists' bid to loot the valuables and cash, however, failed as they could not break through the collapsible gates,

A police official said petrol bombs were hurled inside the bank branch through

Manager of the gutted Janata Bank branch at Shukrabad Abdus Salam Khan said, the bank staff jumped out from the first floor of the two-storey office when processionists threw petrol bombs inside. He, however, could not confirm the extent

njured in clashes between while some 20 others were hurt while running helter skelter to escape tear gas and Panic gripped the Airport

Road. Green Road and Panthapath areas thick smoke spread all around. Shopkeepers hurriedly downed shutters and passersby ran for shelter. The demonstrators then set fire to a truck loaded with potato, three autorickshaws and a tempo, besides ransacking a number of While fleeing in the face of

signs of a number of organisations on both sides of the Green Road.

### Valuables worth Tk 2 lakh gutted

The fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze.

ties from all sectors of the film trade applauded as the actor led his co-stars in the movie Madhuri Dixit and Aamir Khan onto the specially-erected stage on the lawns of a five-star hotel and rendered a hymn to invoke the blessings of the almighty for the mahurat shot.

The yet untitled film, produced by Amitabh Bachchan Corporation Limited (ABCL), is directed by Indra Kumar. who has 3 big hits to his credit "Dil" "Beta" and "Raja." All featuring Madhuri. On the occasion, Amitabh celebrated his director's birthday by cutting a huge cake. Indra's earlier three successful films were also launched on his

(20), Bulbul Islam (18). Harun (17) and Manik Mia (40) - have been sent to the sadar thana. No case has yet been filed against them, police said. A tense situation was pre-

The two gangs have been at loggerheads for the past

Acting Chairman of the JP. addressing the party rally from a truck at the Panthapath said holding of polls under this government will not Matiur Rahman Nizami,

told his party's pre-march rally at Moghbazar crossing that the people had already built up resistance against the 'one-party farcical' elections. Later, unidentified groups set fire to hurled crackers at

evening. The pumps which

tween police and anti-election activists continued in Gulistan area from the evening till the filing of this report at 11:30 pm. An autorickshaw driver. Awlad Hossain, was beaten up and his vehicle was damaged at around 7 pm at Panthapath. Another two persons -Abdul Khalek (35) and Abdur

same area. The activists of the Awami League-backed Chhatra

from different parts of the country we will have to fax or telephone those offices and then they would air them." an EC official said.

It was also learnt that unlike previous years, the results would only be announced until midnight, then the process would be taken up next morning. In the past election results were announced non-stop giving minute-to-minute develop-

procedures regarding holding the parliamentary elections scheduled for next pleted.

the country." said the official.

The official added that for

completion. "Over 4.7 crore ballot papers have been printed and we have sent ballot papers to every district except for eight to ten places but we intend to complete the process shortly," the official said.

In the 252 constituencies, the official added that there were 98.710 booths in the 21,106 polling centres. Every centre will be manned by 13

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sue through arbitration with the International Chamber of Commerce. In defence, Aqua Foods

But the EPB, taking a tough stance on the issue.

had rejected Aqua Food's explanation on the ground that pre-shipment inspection covers only ten per cent of the goods. Moreover, since frozen shrimps are preserved in ice blocks, these are not checked by melting the ice. leaving scope for fraud. The USA is the biggest

importer of Bangladesh frozen foods taking 30.43 per cent of the export. The country exported frozen foods worth 79.32 million dollars to the US in 1994-95 which is 16.32 per cent higher than the previous year s. The companies which

have lodged the complaints are leading importers of frozen foods, and also influential members of the Na tional Fisheries Institute (NFI) of USA which can take up the matter with the government there, said a source

# be allowed.

ple, she alleged.

Secretary General of Jamaat,

four other pumps late

were partially affected were one in Mohakhali, two in Motifheel, and another near Joy Kali Mandir in the old part of the city, according to the Fire Department. A petrol bomb explosion in the Stadium area at around 9 pm left nine people injured while sporadic clashes be-

Rouf (40) — were injured when cocktails were hurled at a tempo in Gulistan area. Rickshawpuller Suruj (37) was hit by a stray bullet in the

League (BCL) set fire to three vehicles and damaged at least 10 others in the Dhaka University area yesterday evening.

Radio, TV now From Page 1

ment. Meanwhile, almost all

Thursday, has been com-"We have sent nearly all the necessary materials to the 21,106 polling centres of

the 4.74.24874 voters in the country (after deduction from the original 5.6 crore voters due to candidates elected unopposed from 48 constituencies) the preparation and distribution process of ballot papers are also nearing

#### people. Frozen food firm

had pointed out that its cargo had undergone pre-shipment inspection by Lloyds and so the quality of its items conform to the agreements with the importers.

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