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5 plastic shops
gutted in city

By Staff Correspondent

Five plastic shops were gutted yesterday afternoon in a fire at Haider Baksha Lane near Urdu Road in the city, according to fire department sources.

The cause of the fire, which started at around 3:05 pm, could not be known. Two units of the Fire Brigade brought the fire under control in 45 minutes. An inquiry into the incident is underway, the sources said.

Girl chopped
to death

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 24: An eight-year-old girl was chopped to death by rival group at Anupur village in Saitkhana today. The girl Kukhla was killed during a clash over land dispute, sources said. Her mother and sister were also injured.

A case was lodged. However, none was arrested so far.

Two killed in
road accident

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 24: Two people were killed and another was injured when a bus hit them on Bogra-Nagarbari highway today. Witnesses said Sanwar Hossain, 28, and Abdur Rashid, 20, died on the spot as a Bogra-bound night coach from Dhaka hit them at around 5 pm. They were waiting at the Khudur Daulatpur bus stand in Raiganj thana at around 5 am, reports UNB.

50 hurt in clashes

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Feb 24: At least 50 persons were injured, 13 of them seriously, in two separate clashes in Kalapara Thana of Patuakhali district today. In the morning, the armed people of Sekendar Sarder and Aziz Howlader clashed following the dispute over a piece of land at Latachpalai union.

While in the afternoon, the people of Sahajan Mia and Manu Khalifa clashed at the Dhulashar Union as a sequel to previous enmity. The injured were admitted to Kalapara Thana Health Complex.

20 die in Tamil
Nadu road mishap

NEW DELHI, Feb 24: Twenty people were killed and 30 injured when a bus and a lorry collided and caught fire today in the southern state of Tamil Nadu. The United News of India reported, says Reuter.

Matiya Chowdhury arrested 100 hurt on first day of non-cooperation

By Staff Correspondent

At least 100 people including 6 newsmen were injured in sporadic incidents of bomb blasts and clashes on the first day of the Opposition-called 3-day 'non-cooperation' programme yesterday that paralysed life and disrupted communications across the country.

In the city, Opposition activists clashed with police in front of the Secretariat and with BNP activists at Earl Mohakhali and at several other places. At least 25 people were injured.

The Opposition

virtually took the form of a hartal in the city with motorised vehicles staying off the roads and most businesses remaining closed.

Police arrested 20 people including Awami League leader Matiya Chowdhury, ward commissioner and secretary of the city unit of Mohila Awami League Nasima Mantu and another party activist Sajeda Begum.

Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami, which had boycotted the February 15 parliamentary polls called the non-cooperation programme

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Pickets hurled bombs at the policemen near the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

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US Congressman
arrives in
city today

By Staff Correspondent
US Congressman Bill Richardson arrives in the capital today on a two-day trip.

A personal friend of president Bill Clinton, the US Congressman is known to be an influential member of the US Congress where he also serves as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Bill Richardson is also the House chief Deputy Whip, Vice President of the Democratic National Committee and is also a member of the Helsinki Commission on Human Rights. During his short trip Richardson is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and will call on Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina.

Initially, his visit was planned to take a first hand

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Hasina demands
release of
Matiya, others

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina in statement yesterday condemned the arrest and repression on opposition leaders and workers during the non-cooperation movement in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country and demanded their immediate release, reports UNB.

She protested the arrest of Awami League Agriculture and Cooperative Secretary Begum Matia Chowdhury, Dhaka City Corporation Commissioner Nasima Mantu, party workers Sajeda Begum, Anis Ahmed, Rafiqul Islam, Majuddin Maju, Mabubul Alam, Nazrul Islam.

Police raid
Suranjit's
house

By Staff Correspondent

Police raided the city residence of Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta last night, family sources said.

According to Sengupta's wife, a group of about 10 policemen entered his Jhigatola residence at around 12:15 am and searched for the AL leader for about 20 minutes.

Sengupta was not present in the house during the police search.

8 held for showing
black flag during
PM's Feni visit

FENI, Feb 24: Police today arrested eight people — three of Sadar thana and five from Daganbhulay on charges of showing black flag and throwing bombs at the Prime Minister's motorcade during her recent visit to the district, reports UNB.

In a pre-dawn raid, police picked up Jahangir Alam, former chairman of Tarahipur union parishad in Sadar thana, from his village residence.

Two others, Sumon and Mizan, both activists of the Awami League-backed Chhatri League, were arrested early today from their Masterpara residences in the town.

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Saddam's sons-in-law, 7 others shot dead



Family picture of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (C/foreground). Standing from left are, Saddam's daughter Raghda, son Uday (c), other son Qussai, and son-in-law General Hussein Kamel Hassan. Saddam's wife is on his right.

— AFP file photo

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