The Midnight Kile

Clinton orders series of

measures against Cuba

day a series of measures to be taken against Cuba in response

to its shoot-down of two US civilian aircraft during the weekend, the White House announced. The White House gave no

details on what steps Clinton had ordered be taken, reports

Shamim acting

JP secy-gen

By Staff Correspondent

secretary general of the Jatiya

Party: has been made the

party's acting secretary general

This decision was taken at

an emergency meeting of the

JP Presidium held yesterday

evening in the city with the

party's acting Chairman Miza-

nur Rahman Chowdhury in the

immediate release of JP pre-

sidium member Barrister

Moudud Ahmed and secretary.

general Anwar Hussain Manju

and other opposition leaders including Mohammed Nasim

It also demanded cancella-

JP leaders Shah Moazzem

tion of the results of February

15 polls and election under a

neutral caretaker government.

Hussain, Barrister Anisul Islam

Mahmud, Advocate Mahbubur

Rahman and Abdus Sattar at-

tended the meeting, says a

JP has shifted its today's

scheduled rally to February 29

in view of the extension of the

EC directive

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Meanwhile, legal experts

pointed out that since elec-

tions to any of the polling sta-

tions in the 10 constituencies

could not be held within the

stipulated time limit of 90

days after the dissolution of

the 5th Jativa Sangsad, there

is no scope to overcome the

of adjournment of elections to

10 constituencies also indi-

cates a change in the EC's in-

terpretation of the Constitu-

tion on the matter, noted an

the district commissioners of

Brahmanbaria and Gaibandha

informed an high official of the

EC about the difficulty in

holding the elections in two

constituencies of the districts.

DCs informed that elections in

any of the polling stations in

these two constituencies were

not possible, the EC official re-

sponsible for overall co-ordi-

nation of receiving election re-

sults directed them to hold

elections in at least one polling

station of both these con-

stituencies on grounds of

the 90-day limit to hold elec-

tions in at least one polling

station of the constituencies

was valid then why it should

not be valid for those 10 con-

stituencies where elections

could not be held at all during.

where elections could not be

held are: Gaibandha 2,3, 4

and 5 constituencies: Rangpur

3,5 and 6; Sirajganj 1 and 6;

and the Kishoreganj 1 con-

stituency, the sources said.

Repolling in over 2500 polling

stations of 74 constituencies

are to be conducted under this

same initiative, the sources

The .10 constituencies

The source questioned if

constitutional obligation.

the time limit.

added.

He added that when the

He said that on polling day

This latest announcement

constitutional limit.

EC source.

non-cooperation programme.

Meanwhile, the city unit of

and Matiya Chowdhury

press release.

The meeting demanded

in view of the detention of An-

war Hussain Manju.

Shamim Al-Mamun, a joint

WASHINGTON, Feb 26: President Bill Clinton ordered to-

Road, rail links in most places remain disrupted

By Staff Correspondent

Rail and road links in most areas of the country remained snapped for the third day yesterday of the Opposition-called non-cooperation programme while clashes and bomb blasts left at least 14 persons injured in the city.

Ten people were injured in a clash between opposition and ruling party activists at Sayedabad in the city. Police lobbed tear gas shells when the opposition activists tried to damage a double-decker BRTC bus ' near the Jativa Press Club.

A planned rally of Awami League could not be held in front of the Press Club due to police action. Bombs were also blasted at Topkhana, "GPO Crossing, Gulistan, Mirpur. Farmgate and some places in the old parts of the city.

FBCCI criticises political leadership

Salman F Rahman, the FBCCI president, yesterday delivered a damning criticism of the country's political leaderships and their handling of the agonising political crisis that persisted unabated, reports

In a press statement, he said that the situation had worsened to the extent where the functioning of civil society has come to a painful halt and the citizens at large have reached a point of intolerable trustration.

Responding to the extension of the "civil disobedience programmes by another two days. Salman said that the shutdown of normal economic activities was des'roying the country and causing great harm and pain to the people.

BNP call

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"so-called non-cooperation movement", a press release

The procession paraded through Nawabpur, Sadarghat, Nayabazar, Jatrabari, Postagola, Shympur, Hazaribagh, Shahjahanpur, Badda, Mouchak, Moghbazar and Bangla Motor areas in the morning.

The press release said BNP worker Yusuf was shot by armed hoodlums of opposition parties when an anti-terrorism procession was proceeding near Nayabazar. He was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain strongly condemned the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to those respon-

Dhaka University unit of the Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal also brought out a procession to protest against the so-called non-cooperation movement of the Opposition. The procession paraded Nilkhet. New Market, Science Laboratory and Elephant, Road and ended at Shahbagh.

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वाबी

জনাব মোঃ লুংফর রহমান

জনাব শফিউল ইসলাম

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কুতুবউদ্দিন আহমেদ

এন ভয় গ্রুপ

সমৰয়কারী ঢাকা

চট্টগ্রাম অঞ্চল

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बनाव वानवाकडेकिन वार्त्यम

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জনাব মোঃ এমদাদৃল হক চৌধুরী

জনাব কে, এম, জামান (রোমেল)

ভোট প্রদানের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হ'ল।

Police rounded up 18 people from different spots. Our DMCH correspondent reported that four persons were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bomb

Nine trains left Kamlapur station but only two of those could cross the Tongi junction before 9 am.

Railway sources here said that a group of people ransacked the Kustia rail station and took away signal resister and some keys needed for railway operations. Police cleared barricades on Dhaka-Chittagong rail line at Bijapur near Comilla Station at 10 am. But opposition activists put up barricade there again. Police removed it again around 11:30

In the western zone, only in the Khulna-Poradah route. trains moved normally for the second day vesterday.

Two international flights. one for Calcutta and the other for Singapore, and one domestic flight for Chittagong were

Our Khulna Correspondent reported that some bombs were blasted in front of the Picture Palace cinema in the

The Khulna Bas Association has decided to refrain from at tending courts protesting al leged intimidation by some

JCD workers. Our Staff Correspondent from Barisal reported that a half-day hartal was observed in the town at the call of the opposition there protesting arrest of Awami League and Jativa Party leaders.

Initiate dialogue to solve crisis: Gano Forum

The Gano Forum (GF) yesterday gave a fervent call to all concerned quarters to take up initiative for a dialogue to hold elections under a caretaker government on the basis of national consensus for peaceful solution to the political crisis. reports BSS

In a statement, the Forum said because of the political crisis for the last two years the people are passing days amid clashes, terrorism and economic hardship.

N'ganj clash

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Six shops were also ransacked during the clash. The clash started when the rival group of Nagarkhan area attacked the group of Chotto Maszid as a sequel to yesterday's clash. At least 50 persons were injured in the gun fight

vesterday. Police fired at least 7 rounds of shot guns today to bring the situation under con-

Despite heavy police deployment, people of the area are not going out of their houses because or the tense situation.

বিজিএমইএ নিৰ্বাচন ১৬

নির্বাচনের তারিখ পরিবর্তন

এতদারা বিজিএমইএ'র সকল সদস্যের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচেছ যে বিজিএমইএ'র নির্বাচন

অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ এখন ২৮ ফেব্রুয়ারী'৯৬ এর পরিবর্তে ২৯ ফেব্রুয়ারী বৃহস্পতিবার পূর্বনির্ধারিত

সময় অনুযায়ী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সকাল ৯ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ৫ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বিজিএমইএ কার্যালয়ে ভোট

গ্রহণ করা হরে। ২৯ ফেব্রুয়ারী নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে সকল ভোটারকে উপস্থিত হয়ে তাদের মূল্যবান

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অনিবার্য কারণবশত সমিলিত পরিষদ এর উদ্যোগে জনাব রেদোয়ান আহমেদ এর

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Police lobbed teargas shells to disperse the pickets in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

- Star photo

3 killed

From Page 1 erupted at noon when armed BNP supporters allegedly attacked the Chhatra League activists who were picketing in the district town.

The BNP activists attacked the pickets and ransacked the medicine shop of the district Awami League secretary, triggering the clash. Police at one stage lobbed tear-gas shells and fired rubber bullets to disperse the two belligeren

District BCL treasurer Abdur Rashid suffered bullet in jury when the Chhatra League activists came under fire, al legedly from the house of district BNP president Advocate Habibur Rahman in Madhapur

Rashid was first rushed to Sadar hospital. From there he was being shifted to Mymensingh Medical College

Hospital, but died on the way The news of Rashid's death ignited a stormy protest as several thousand people massed onto the house of district BNP president Habibur Rahman and set it on fire. They caught and chopped Rahman's grandson, Suman 28, to death

Police, however, managed to rescue the BNP leader and took him to the thana.

Meanwhile, at least 20 people were injured in clashes in Nokla thana in the district. In Nokla, BNP workers ransacked Muktijoddha Sangsad office and several shops while AL and BCL activists damaged the BNP

BDR-BSF flag meet held

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET. Feb 26: A six-hour flag meeting between the BDR and BSF was held at Sutarkandi border today.

Colonel Mohammad Nurul Islam, sector-commander BDR, Sylhet, led the Bangladesh side while SS Kakati DIG of BSF, Cachhar & Mizoram, led the Indian side.

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मा गुकी बनादान रेकाब्रगाननान (थाः) निः

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সমৰয়কারী চটগ্রাম

US Congressman

This is a great country that

since 1971. But I worry that

political divisions may be

harming Bangladesh interna-

tionally and harming its econ-

omy. The time has come to

have a political dialogue that

to come back to Bangladesh

again, he said: "I will report

back to the Congress and to

the administration about my

Merrill and Director General of

the Americans Desk in the

Foreign Ministry M Ashraf-ud-

Dowlah were present during

the briefing. Richardson left

for London on way back to the

more than one hour meeting

"I'h Prof Muhammad Yunus

when he visited the Grameen

Bank's head office in the city

longtime association with

Yunus, showed keen interest

in replicating some Grameen

projects in his constituency in

Yunus to visit New Mexico.

Yunus is due to visit Florida in

May this year at the invitation

of its Governor to deliver a

key-note speech on micro-

the global Micro-credit

Summit scheduled to be held

in Washington in February.

next year where a goal is ex-

pected to be set to reach mi-

cro-credit to 100 million

poorest families by the year

No alternative

to ousting govt:

Hasina

Sheikh Hasina yesterday said

there is no alternative to oust-

ing the government for saving

democracy, independence and

voting rights of the people at

the crucial juncture of the na-

stroyed if this government re-

mains in power... Neither

people's life and property, hor

democracy and independence

are safe under this govern-

ment," she said in a statement.

tion-sponsored non-coopera-

tion movement. Hasina

thanked the people for 'not

cooperating with the BNP gov-

continue the non-cooperation

movement till 2 pm tomorrow

to press for the resignation of

the 'autocratic government'

and fresh general elections

under a neutral caretaker gov-

.Commission of betraving with

the hopes and aspirations of

the nation by not cancelling

the 'farcical election' and an-

nouncing the result of that voting through gazette notifica-

Chittagong

that the clashes started when

police attacked their proces-

sons during the clashes there.

tween ruling party supporters

and Opposition activists took

place in the evening near the

Tiger Pass area, in which vice

president of Alkaran JCD unit,

Rafigul Islam Mitu received

bullet injuries. He was admit-

hospital.

ted to the medical college

at around 5 pm in Laldighi area

when a police van was at

this evening that Mayor Mohi-

uddin was arrested. But, when

Meanwhile, despite vigor-

brought under full operation

for the third consecutive day

today, due to shortage of staff

and other related agency peo-

providing strong security by

port office building the atten-

Port sources said despite

ple, port sources said.

15 per cent

Bomb blasts also occurred

A rumour spread in the city

Police arrested seven per-

Meanwhile, a gunfight be-

sion near the port area.

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Hasina accused the Election

She urged the people to

On the third day of Opposi-

"The country will be de-

tion, reports UNB.

ernment.

ernment.

Awami League president

They also discussed about

Richardson also invited Dr

Richardson, who had a

vesterday.

New Mexico.

credit programme.

Bill Richardson also had

US ambassador David I

Stating that he would like

will resolve these problems."

From Page 1 cal leaders and parties to seize has made enormous progress on this opportunity. And I hope they will do so. As not solving them will prevent Bangladesh from realising its full economic potential on which it has made such a promising start."

Stating that he come nei ther as an envoy of President Clinton nor at the behest of the US administration. Richardson said that he had not brought any prescriptions

"Foreign friends such as the US cannot act as substitutes for Bangladeshis' own initiative and ingenuity to solve problems. We offer help and advice only when asked," he added. He pointed out to the re-

cent US State Department statement that it is upto the the government, the Opposi tion and all Bangladeshis to solve Bangladesh's problems Asked how he viewed the

February 15 elections Richardson replied. "I fully support the Clinton administration's views as expressed recently in Washington that the recent elections had a lot to be desired and those elections had flaws in administra-

Responding to another question, Richardson said his meetings with Begum Zia and Sheikh Hasina, as "good and constructive.

There were candid and frank talks," he said. "I impressed the need for dialogue. Richardson said he met Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for an hour and had a meeting with the Awami League chief for nearly two hours.

The US Congressman who had earlier visited several countries including Pakistan, India and Nepal during his current tour said he had been interested in Bangladesh and its people for many years. He did a research paper on Bangladesh during his graduation also, he noted

Richardson, a Democrat from New Mexico, mentioned that he had two specific reasons for his current trip. First. he wanted to known more about the Grameen Bank, particularly its lending programmes to the poor without any collateral and that he had invited Dr Yunus to visit his home constituency to help replicate the programme. And secondly, he wanted to know first hand about Bangladesh's political situation and the state of its democratic institutions.

The influential US legislator who sits on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence said he had been able to learn a lot about Bangladesh, its problems and the issues it faces.

Hasina From Page 1

clear that the opposition would not accept the sixth Jatiya Sangsad, elections to which were held on February 15, because it was flawed, unilateral and heavily rigged by the ruling party, they said. AL insiders said that the Bill

Richardson suggested that talks between the two parties should resume immediately without any precondition. A member of the Con-

gressman's personal staff Calvin Humphrey, US Ambassador in Dhaka David N. Merrill and the Embassy's political councillor William Hill were present during the meeting. From the Awami League

side, General Secretary Zillur Rahman and central leaders Abdus Samad Azad, SAMS Kibria. Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Humayun Rashid Chowdhury were present.

3 leaders

From Page 1 Central Jail on 30-day detention orders.

contacted, his family sources brushed the rumour aside say-Begum Matiya Chowdhury ing they also had received a of the Awami League, who was number of calls from different picked up by police during Saturday's Opposition picketquarters in this regard. ing in front of the Secretariat, remained at the Dhaka Central ous drive by the three minis-Jail, according to the oppositers the port could not be

tion sources. They also informed that none of the arrested leaders were given division, which provides some privileges to

political prisoners held in jails. A senior official of the Home Ministry, however, said that arrangements were underway to give division to the arrested political leaders.

peacekeeping praised

US Congressman William Richardson yesterday said Bangladesh was playing an important role in the international arena for maintaining global peace, reports UNB.

The American lawmaker here on a two-day visit was talking to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia when he called on her at the PM office yesterday afternoon.

He especially mentioned that Bangladesh had played a generous role in the restorapeacekeeping in Bosnia The US Congressman

termed bilateral ties in different fields, including trade and commerce, as excellent and hoped that the Dhaka-Washington relations would strengthen in the days ahead.

told the Prime Minister that he met with the US First Lady. Hillary Rodham Clinton, before his Dhaka visit and she had given him a good brief about Bangladesh.

He said Hillary had apprised him that Bangladesh achieved a tremendous success in a good number of fields, such as free primary education, food for education and women edu-

Hawala scam From Page 1

Atal Behari Vajpayee, said three other Morcha MPs took money from the premier to shoot down the opposition censure vote aimed at ousting the Congress government.

offence and we will bring this bribery issue for a debate." Vasave government.

ister in the dock." Vajpayee angrily said and added that Mahato and his three Morcha colleagues accepted the bribe because they were tribesmen who did not understand the implications.

while the MP (Mahato) should be let off after a reprimand," added Ram Jethmalani, another BJP parliamentarian.

In parliament's upper house, members belonging to the centrist Janata Dal (people's party) and the Communist Party of India shouted "Hawala, Hawala" (illegal transactions), but Rao's Congress (I) party MPs shouted them down.

Dhaka's role in

tion of democracy in Haiti and

Richardson, a Democrat

cation, in recent years.

"Inducement is a criminal

ipayee said, accusing Rao of corrupting parliamentarians to "We will put the Prime Min-

"Rao should be hanged

Maghbazar

Dacoity at

By Staff Correspondent A dacoity was committed at the residence of a businessman at Maghbazar in the city early yesterday.

Ramna police said, a gang of five robbers stormed into the house of Ataur Rahman at 313. Boro Maghbazar, at around 4:30 am breaking a window and looted the money and ornaments worth over Taka two

The decoits tied the inmates of the house and decamped with the booties.

A case was registered with Ramna police but no arrest was made till late last night.

Programme

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Talking to The Daily Star. AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman said the Opposition programmes would continue till the 'illegal' BNP cabinet was dissolved and a fresh election held within 90 days.

Separate statements from the Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami said that the Opposition would stage street demonstrations and protest rallies across the country on February 29.

Does anybody

From Page 1 the people in general. In the

face of all such unpopular acts of the government, the opposition parties have embarked on this irresponsible act of calling for continuous work stoppage, and thereby bringing public anger on themselves. instead of the government. What will it take for the op-

position to understand that with growth of the private sector, with of larger and larger number of people who are self employed, and with more and more of the middle class getting into business, there is now a reasonably large economy outside the realm of the government. This sector. which is really the driving force behind Bangladesh's newly found growth impulse. and is the foundation for our future prosperity (if it is ever allowed to come), also gets hurt when frequent strike are called. There is no relationship between the government and this sector, and as such the opposition only ends up eroding its support base when it alienates this sector by adopting programmes that hurts it so much. To this group, if we add the day workers, the small shop owners, the rickshaw pullers, tempo drivers and street vendors, then we are talking about a sizable population whose support is critical for any mass movement. This support the opposition now risks losing.

Opposition must come to its senses and realise that in its total, uncontrolled and unthinking hatred of the government, it is taking actions and adopting policies that are destroying the very foundation of our country.

By its own excesses, the opposition is giving a new lease of life to the ruling party.

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তারিখ পরিবর্তন

আসন বিজ্ঞিএমইএ নির্বাচনে শ্রেমি মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের এক পরিচিতি সভা আগামী ২৭শে ফ্বেন্ড্রারী '৯৬ এর পরিবর্তে ২৮শে ফ্বেন্ড্রারী রোজ বুধবার সন্ধা ৬:০০ টায় ঢাকা শেরাটন হোটেল এর উইন্টার গার্ডেনে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত প্রার্থী পরিচিতি সভায় আপনার মূল্যবান উপস্থিতি একান্তভাবে কাম্য।

ফোরাম মনোনীত প্রাথীবৃন্দ

ঢাকা রিজিওন ক্ৰমিক নং

প্রাথীর নাম সাইফুল ইসলাম আনিসুল হক আলহাজ হাবিবুর রহমান এস, ইউ, হায়দার বে-নজীর আহমেদ মোঃ উজায়ের আফজাল, এফসিএ

চট্টগ্রাম রিজিওন

মোঃ আকবর খান খলিলুর রহমান লৃৎফি এম. আইয়ুব

মোহামদী এ্যাপারেলস লিঃ প্যানডেমিক ফ্যাশনস লিঃ রেডিয়েন্ট গার্মেন্টস লিঃ রেমন্ড গার্মেন্টস্ প্রাঃ লিঃ ত্তিমবাহ কোম্পানী লিঃ

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