

**Scrap Special Powers Act: LDF**

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) has demanded immediate cancellation of the repressive Special Powers Act and release of all political prisoners, reports UNB.

A rally of the LDF in the city yesterday also called for scrapping of all undemocratic provisions in the Constitution, including the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th amendments.

Their other demands included, among others, cancellation of section 99 (ka) of CrPC, section 505 (ka) of Bangladesh Penal Code and clause 19 (ka) of the Labour Act, halting police action on democratic movements, and introducing uniform civil code and state prisoners' act for political detainees.

LDF's central coordinator

Bimal Biswas read out the announcement of the rally at Noor Hossain Square in the city yesterday, the 13th day of the front's resistance fortnight.

City coordinator Abul Hossain also addressed the rally, where front leaders Hasanul Haq Inu, Shahidullah Chowdhury, Sharif Nurul Ambia, AFM Mahbul Haq, Shuvrangshu Chakravorty, Nayeem Jahangir, Moinuddin Khan Badal and Saiful Haq were present.

LDF, an alliance of eight left leaning parties, will hold another rally against communalism, fundamentalism, fatwabaz and repression on women at the same venue today the concluding day of the 'resistance fortnight.'

**BPA condemns attack on paediatrician**

**By Staff Correspondent**

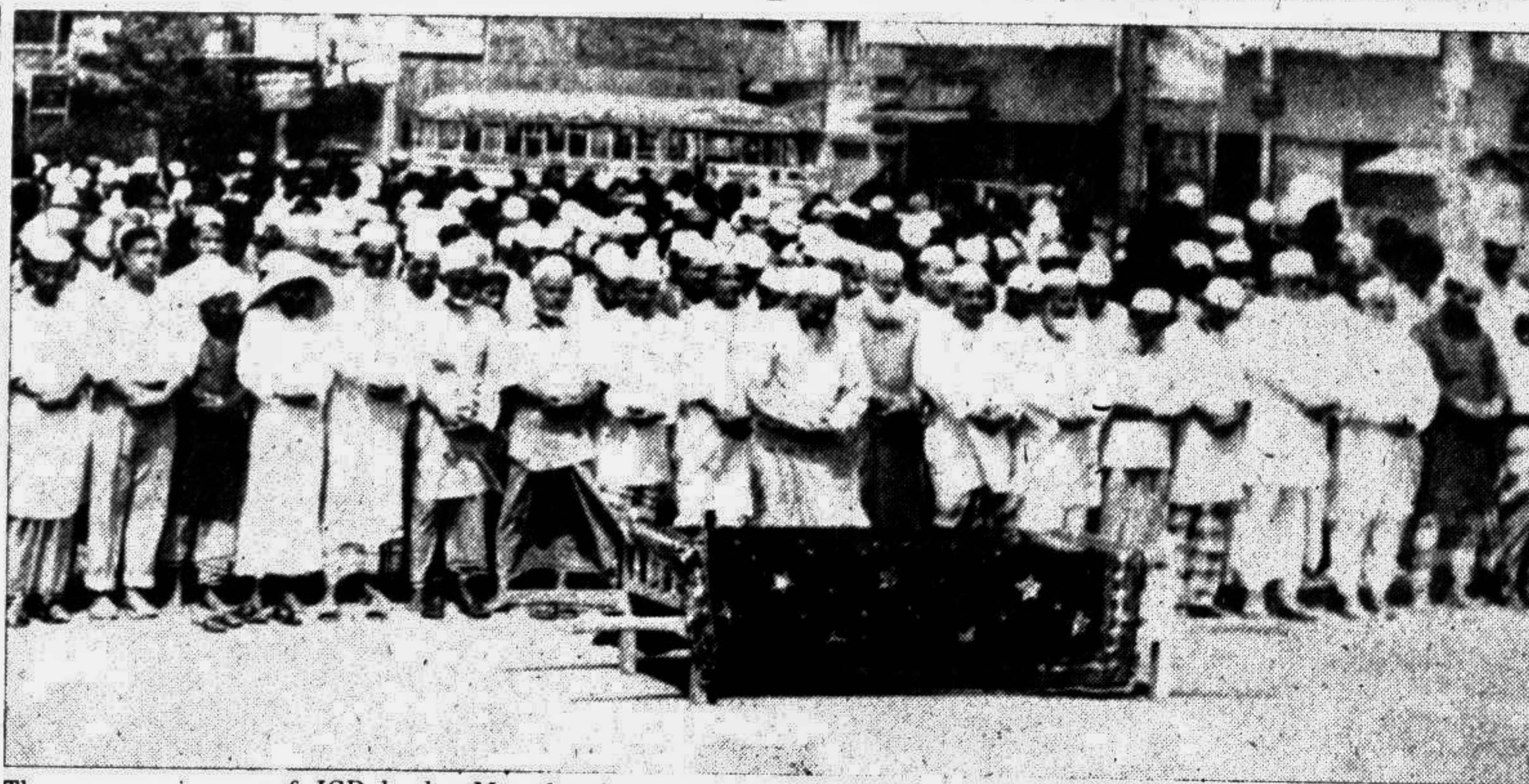
Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) has expressed concern over the recent incident of attack on paediatric consultant of the Rajbari District Hospital Dr M Mutannabi by some miscreants.

In a statement issued to the press yesterday, BPA secretary-general Professor Sirajul Islam demanded judicial enquiry into the incident.

**Probe into Benapole incident demanded**

Bangladesh Motor Parts and Tyre Tube Merchant Association called for forming an inquiry committee to probe the loss in auto-rickshaw, cycle and motor parts damaged on Monday's devastating fire at Benapole in Jessore, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday the association urged the authorities concerned to compensate their loss and requested its members to contact with them with necessary documents.



The namaz-e-janaza of JCD leader Masudur Rahman Anik was held at Narayanganj yesterday. Anik was 'gunned down' during a clash between the ruling party and opposition activists. — Star photo

**Anik's janaza held**

**From Our Correspondent**

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 23: The namaz-e-janaza of a local JCD leader, killed yesterday, was held today after Zohr prayers at the Mission Para BNP office. A tense situation was prevailing here following the murder.

The general secretary of the Narayanganj College Chhatra Sangsad, Masudur Rahman Anik, 25, was shot dead in a gun-battle between Opposition and ruling party activists at Chashara yesterday afternoon.

Masudur was buried at the Mazdar cemetery and a condolence meet was held at the BNP office this evening.

Meanwhile, a protest rally demanding the immediate arrest of the killers of Munir Hossain, the AL activist whose alleged murder sparked off Friday's incident, was organised by the opposition at Channari this evening.

**Body found**

**From Our Correspondent**

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 23: The naked and mutilated body of an unidentified male, aged around 35, was recovered from the Bata Company canal in the Shitolakhya area of the district by the Narayanganj Police this morning.

The head, hands and legs, severed from the body, were retrieved separately from the canal. However, no pieces of clothing or other personal items, that might help police identify the deceased, were found.

The victim is thought to have been dead for at least 2 days, according to preliminary examinations by the police.

The body has been sent to the Narayanganj District Hospital morgue for autopsy and a case has been filed with the thana.

**Salam deplors roughing up of MPs**

BNB secretary general Abdus Salam Talukder in a statement here last night called upon all level of party units and front organisations to celebrate with due respect the silver jubilee of the country's independence, reports BSS.

Special programmes are being chalked out to celebrate the occasion at national level, he said.

Talukder in a separate statement condemned the harassment of Shajahan Omar MP, and leading businessman Prof Rezaul Karim MP in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

He said that the miscreants in the name of non-cooperation had resorted to terrorism and anarchy in the country and made the life of the innocent people miserable. He demanded immediate arrest and punishment to those involved in the incident.

Meanwhile, BNP Chandpur district committee president SA Sultan, in a statement expressed his deep resentment and condemnation over the news published in a section of the press that six MPs of Chandpur district were declared 'persona non grata.'

**Ill-fated girl**

Rina, a 7-year-old girl has been admitted to Pangu Hospital following a road accident recently, hospital sources said, reports BSS.

The unfortunate baby could not tell the names and address of her parents.

Parents or relatives of the ill-fated girl have been requested to contact her at Bed No-G 11, Ward-GH.

**Resignation of MPs demanded**

**By Staff Correspondent**

The MPs of the present parliament should resign and a caretaker government should be formed immediately, said a statement of 'Swadesh Chinta Songho' yesterday.

The Songho whose president is Dr Ahmed Sharif and has a political front whose convenor is Lt Col (ret'd) Kazi Nuruzaman in a statement asked that elections be held within May.

The MPs of the next parliament should solve the political crisis facing the nation, the statement added. However, before the next elections all participants must come to an understanding that they will discuss the legality of the sixth parliament. This parliament should be allowed to make major decisions through simple majority and should also be able to make changes in the Constitution.

The statement observed that the suggestions made may look unconstitutional and beyond normal norms but 'it must be remembered that people are supreme and the state affairs must be conducted according to their wishes.'

**JCD rally today**

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) will hold a rally in front of the Aparajayo Bangla on the Dhaka University campus today, at 10 am in observation of the 'Black Day', reports BSS.

According to a JCD press release yesterday, the venue of the meeting has been shifted from in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Chhatra Dal president Fazul Haq Milan, MP urged all to attend the rally.

**Lightning kills 2 in Pabna**

PABNA, Mar 23: Two day labourers were killed in lightning near the mental hospital at Hemayetpur, eight kilometre off the town on Friday, reports UNB.

Local residents said Hujur Ali, 35, son of Solaiman of Hemayetpur, and his uncle, Lokman Kader, died instantly as lightning flashed on them during a short spell of nor-wester at around 9 pm.

They met with the tragic end of life while taking a cow back home from the field. The cow also died in the lightning.

A general diary was filed with sadar police.

**Weather**

**Thundershower likely**

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Sylhet, Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says one or two places of Barisal and Chittagong divisions may also experience rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen predicted that rain or thundershower will continue. Giving an extended outlook for another five days Met office forecast gradual improvement in weather.

Meantime, Faridpur experienced the highest 21mm rain yesterday. Madaripur and Ishurdi had 14mm each, Dhaka and Sylhet 8 each, Jessore 7, Comilla 4, and Chandpur.

Chuadanga, Rajshahi and Bogra each had 3mm shower during the period.

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 17.2 degrees also at Rajshahi.

The sun sets today at 6:12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:01 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	34.0	21.5	75	64
Chittagong	30.5	25.2	80	82
Rajshahi	35.2	17.2	77	
Khulna	34.8	23.5	64	63
Barisal	34.5	24.2	67	53
Sylhet	31.5	20.5	76	67
Cox's Bazar	31.4	24.5	85	

**Civic Watch concerned at people's plight**

Civic Watch-Bangladesh expressed its grave concern and anguish over the massive economic and social sufferings of the people and closure of all educational institutions due to unending political standoff and non-cooperation movement, reports BSS.

It appealed to all the political leaders to deal with political matters politically and not to subject the common people to such intolerable sufferings. While people are for establishing voting rights, they do not want their other rights to be ignored or violated.

Civic Watch-Bangladesh earlier on March 15, appealed to the President for making immediate reference on the caretaker issue to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

As the country is already at a very critical stage, immediate action must be taken to establish non-political caretaker government for holding general election within May. While forming of the caretaker government is of utmost impor-

tance and immediate concern, the mechanism to achieve this could probably deserve lesser attention at this stage of political turmoil. Indeed, legal opinion may be sought on whether referendum on the caretaker issue (for that matter on another issues) could be avoided because of the urgency of the situation by suitably incorporating an amendment in the present bill, a press release said.

It appealed to the ruling party to immediately give the president a definite time-table with fixed dates for passing of the bill, dissolution of the present parliament, resignation of the government, formation of the caretaker government and holding of the next general election before the end of May. The president, on receipt of such time-table should hold discussions with the opposition parties and give them assurances to stick to the time-table agreed upon.

The President, in the meantime, should call upon all the opposition political parties to end the non-cooperation movement which will bring great relief to the people. Once the non-cooperation programme is called off, army's assistance to the civil administration would no more be needed, the press release said.

**Attack on BJA chairman slated**

The Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) in a statement yesterday condemned the attack on Prof Md Razaul Karim, MP, Chairman of the association, says a press release.

Some miscreants assaulted Razaul Karim on Thursday near the Jatiya Press Club in the city, said the press release.

**One succumbs to injuries**

**By DMCH Correspondent**

A young man injured in a crossfire near Abahani playground in the city on Monday succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Habibur Rahman, 25, son of Karam Ali of Sankar, Dhanmondi sustained bullet injuries in his back and belly during an exchange of gunfire between two local groups near Abahani playground in the area Monday afternoon, police said.

Habib died at the DMCH at about 12:30pm yesterday.

None was arrested while a case has been filed with Dhanmondi thana in this connection.

Meanwhile, one Monir Hossain, 26, received serious bullet injuries when some unidentified gunmen fired on him at Kathalbagan under Dhanmondi thana at around 4 pm yesterday, police and medical sources said.

Monir, a readymade garments trader in Gauchhia Market, resides in Free School Street. He sustained wounds in his chest and had been under treatment at the DMCH till last night.

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Police rounded up this mugger from city's Zero Point yesterday. — Star photo

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- Quotation Notice No: 05/JRD of 1995-96 (2nd call).
- Name of work: Quotation of lease for toll collection from all kinds of eligible vehicular traffics at the rate fixed by the Government for crossing the Jamalpur-Sherpur RHD Ferryghat located at 2nd KM of Jamalpur-Sherpur-Bongaon Road on old Brahmaputra River under Jamalpur Road Division during the year 1996-97.
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- Last date for selling of quotation: On 6-4-96 (during office hours).
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- Date and time of opening of quotation bids: On 10-4-96 at 11-00 AM.
- Date & time of lottery (if necessary): On 11-4-96 at 11-00 AM.

N.B. All quotations will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Jamalpur on due date & time fixed for opening all together after collecting the quotation (if any) from other quotation receiving offices in sealed condition.

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