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BNP, 6 other
parties call
half-day hartal
in city today

Main opposition BNP and its
six allies called a half-day hartal
in the city today that coincides with the opening of a two-day Aid Group meeting, being held for the first time in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The 6 am to 1 pm shutdown was jointly called by BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, Jatiya Party (Zafar-Moazzem), Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (Jagpal), Democratic League, Progressive Nationalist Party (PNP), and National Democratic Alliance.

According to a BNP press release vehicles of law enforcing agencies and newspapers, fire brigade, ambulance, hospitals, medicine shops and garment factories will be exempted from half-day hartal.

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia has called upon the people of Dhaka city to

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Bail petitions
of 21 BNP
men rejected

By Court Correspondent

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court yesterday rejected bail petitions of 21 BNP leaders and supporters who were arrested during Sunday's clashes with police in the city.

Police accused them of rioting, hurling explosives at police, damaging and setting fire to vehicles after police foiled their bid to demonstrate on city streets.

They were sent to Dhaka Central Jail. The court also rejected a prayer by police for placing them on remand. Advocate Saanullah, Advocate Habibur Rahman Mandal and others appeared for the accused.

Corruption case

Dr Mosharraf, 8
others granted
ad-interim bail

By Court Correspondent

Former Energy Minister and BNP leader Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, MP, and eight co-accused were granted ad-interim bail in a corruption case by the Divisional Special Judge, Dhaka.

They were accused by the Bureau of Anti-corruption of the financial benefit by paying extra compensation to Sipem. The company claimed the compensation for the delay in completion of a gas pipeline project during the previous government.

BNPPP meet adjourned again

By Staff Correspondent

The BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) met briefly at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday and the meeting was again adjourned until November 9.

Chaired by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof Badruddin Choudhury, the meeting started at 7:50 pm and continued till 8:10 pm. Chief Whip of the Opposition Khandaker Delwar Hossain.

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Aid Group meeting begins in city today

Star Report

The Aid Group meeting for Bangladesh starts today for the first time in Dhaka amid a seven-hour hartal called by the opposition BNP.

Donor representatives from 15 countries and 12 international development agencies will sit with the government side at 9 am at the Sonargaon Hotel. The meeting will be coordinated and chaired by World Bank Vice-President for South Asia Mieko Nishimizu.

The business of the two-day event will begin with a review of the macroeconomic situation of the country, the issue of governance, public sector management and local government reforms, project implementation, privatisation and private sector development.

According to donor sources, development partners are

likely to urge the government to create an enabling environment for curing the deep seated structural weaknesses, including infrastructure bottlenecks and deficiencies in the public sector institutions responsible for implementing policies and regulations governing private sector activities.

A strong emphasis would be given on fine tuning of trade and industrial policies and carrying forward the banking reform, needed to sustain rapid economic growth.

The donors would suggest framing a clear policy to boost industrial activities and sustain economic growth against the backdrop of declined manufacturing growth — 3.6 per cent

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Khaleda turns down diplomats' plea to call off hartal

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday turned down requests from the representatives of some major western donor countries, Japan and international financial institutions to withdraw the seven-hour hartal in the capital today.

The ambassadors of the United States, Japan and Sweden, the High Commissioner of the United Kingdom, the local mission chief of the World Bank and a top level representative of the Asian Development Bank met the BNP Chairperson at her Cantonment residence.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and party standing committee member Saffur Rahman were also present during the meeting that began at 6:00 pm.

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Alleged bid to show suicide as murder
Salman Shah's parents, 3 policemen may face trial

By Staff Correspondent

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