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## BNP rejects standing bodies

**By Staff Correspondent**

BNP has rejected the formation of 14 parliamentary standing committees on ministries, terming those as illegal and incomplete.

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday constituted the parliamentary standing committees on 14 ministries with the main opposition BNP continuing its abstention from the House, but keeping provisions for accommodating the BNP and the Jamaat-e-Islami in those committees.

BNP's rejection came at a press briefing held at the chamber of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury.

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## Govt conspiring to close hardrock, coalmine projects, says Khaleda

**DINAJPUR, Nov 16:** BNP Chairperson and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has accused the government of conspiring to close the Madhyapara hardrock and Barapukuria coalmine projects initiated during the BNP regime, reports UNB.

"They have stopped the work on the coalmine to facilitate import of Indian coal in the country," she told a public meeting at Gora Shalid Maidan here today on the last day of her 4-day tour of the northwestern region on a mass-contact campaign.

Begum Zia said Awami

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## One held from secured area of Dhaka Cantt

Military police yesterday rounded up a person from a highly secured area of Dhaka Cantonment, reports UNB.

The person was identified as Abu Taleb. He was later handed over to Cantonment thana who showed him arrested under Section 54 for suspicious movement.

Police said Abu Taleb, aged about 40, was shouting nonsense in front of BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia's Mainul Road residence at the Cantonment at around 2 pm.

Abu Taleb, who was wearing a shirt and trousers, has recently returned to Bangladesh after passing several years in Saudi Arabia. He reportedly hails from Chittagong district.

Cantonment thana police said he was being questioned under their custody. He might be brought on remand for further interrogation, they added.

## Ismail takes over as IGP

M Ismail Hossain yesterday took over as Inspector General of Police (IGP), replacing M Azizul Haq, reports UNB.

After taking over the charge, he went to Rajarbagh Police Lines and laid wreaths at Shaheed Minar.

He also addressed the senior police officials at the police headquarters and later visited the DIG (Dhaka) office.

The Daily Star on the Internet <http://www.dailystarnews.com>

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# Seventh session prorogued JS standing bodies on 14 ministries formed

**By Staff Correspondent**

Parliamentary standing committees on 14 ministries, out of a total of 35, were formed last night, shortly before the prorogation of the seventh session of Jatiya Sangsad by the President.

The committees were approved by the House with the major opposition party in parliament, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), remaining absent from the House.

However, the committees approved yesterday remained incomplete as names of seven members of each of the 10-member bodies were announced yesterday, giving a clear hint that the rest would be taken from BNP.

The parliamentary bodies were constituted for the first time with non-minister MPs heading those. A few months back, certain provisions of the Rules of Procedure of Jatiya Sangsad were amended to change the provision of ministers heading the committees on their ministries.

In her winding up speech, Leader of the House and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hoped that the rest of the committees would be constituted during the



## Mini-WC cricket Dalmiya arrives today to assess feasibility

**Jajmohan Dalmiya, president of the International Cricket Council, is scheduled to arrive in the capital today to assess feasibility of hosting the proposed mini-World Cup cricket in Bangladesh next year.**

In his brief visit to Bangladesh, the world cricket supremo is also expected to meet President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Begum

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## Steps to be taken for free, fair UP polls: Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government would take all-out measures for holding Union Parishad elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner, reports BSS.

Addressing the Awami League Parliamentary Meeting at the Sangsad Bhaban, the Prime Minister directed the party MPs to remain alert in their respective areas against the violence.

She said the main opposition

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## Prime Minister urges BNP Shun conspiracy, return to House

**By Staff Correspondent**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the Opposition BNP to shun 'conspiracy' against the country and return to parliament so that all standing committees on ministries could be formed.

The Prime Minister was delivering her winding-up speech at the last sitting of the seventh session of Jatiya Sangsad.

Expressing her dismay, Sheikh Hasina said that in absence of the opposition BNP, some parliamentary standing committees were formed yesterday "though we had waited a long time for them and sought list of their nominees for constituting these committees".

"The Opposition should know it well that a movement could not be built up by creating

## Hearing of contempt charges today Sharif faces biggest crisis of career

**ISLAMABAD, Nov 16:** Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif faces the biggest crisis of his political career as he appears before the Supreme Court here tomorrow on charge of contempt of court, and if convicted he might face disqualification that could endanger his nine-month old government, reports PTI.

Sharif, who will become the first prime minister to appear in a court, has decided to contest the charge rather than apologise that can lead to further confrontation between the judiciary and the executive.

The Prime Minister has indicated a counter-offensive by calling urgent sessions of both houses of parliament later in the day.

Sharif along with 11 others will be appearing before a five-member bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah.

The Supreme Court Bar Association filed a case against him for making derogatory statements against the court and the Chief Justice in the wake of the apex court's decision to suspend the operation of an anti-defection law passed by the government.

The Prime Minister is not going to apologise before the apex court but will defend himself by explaining his point of view on the allegations of contempt of court, the media quoted a close aide of Sharif after an emergency cabinet meeting here yesterday.

Meanwhile, a senior minister in Sharif's cabinet, Sheikh Rashid, has called upon President Farooq Leghari and army chief, General Jehangir Karamat, to intervene and solve the crisis.

A defiant government has already summoned an emer-

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## Repatriation of tribal refugees resumes Nov 21

**From Staff Correspondent**

**CHITTAGONG, Nov 16:** Authorities have started preparatory work to resume repatriation of tribal refugees from Tripura, India, scheduled to begin from November 21, official sources said.

The preparatory work began after a five-member Bangladesh team headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachhari Md Ismail returned home from Tripura last night.

The Bangladesh delegation went to South Tripura three days earlier to finalise the Modalities for resuming the much expected refugee repatriation process.

A list of 1216 families of tribal refugees comprising 6,684 members, scheduled to return to their homelands in CHT from November 21, was handed over to the Bangladesh team by the South Tripura administration in the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner said.

The team also received a complete list of 44,345 tribal refugees now staying in camps across the border, he added.

Talking to this correspondent, the Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachhari said that the repatriation process would continue unhindered.

He said this time the repatriation would begin through Talchhari point of Khagrachhari from Shlichhari

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Vendors are continuing their business, almost blocking an entrance of the underpass in Gulistan area of the city. — Star photo



## Anniversary of Bhasani's death today

**By Staff Correspondent**

The 21st death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani will be observed today.

Different political and socio-cultural organisations have drawn up programmes to observe the day.

The day's programme include discussion meetings, Seminars, milad mahfils and placing of wreaths at the mazar of the great leader.

On the eve of the day, President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

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## Baghabari plant 2 cos withdraw from bidding process

**Star Report**

Two foreign companies which were shortlisted for the 100 mw Baghabari power plant project withdrew from the bidding process in the last one week, sources said.

The Power Cell of the Energy Ministry today opens the technical offer of the remaining three companies for the project.

US company Coastal withdrew yesterday citing some technical grounds, but sources said that it was sceptical about the transparency in the private

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## 3 drown, 12 hurt as trawler sinks in Barisal

**From Staff Correspondent**

**BARISAL, Nov 16:** Three children drowned and 12 other persons were injured when a passenger trawler sank in the Sandhya river in Babuganj following a collision with a timber loaded trawler this afternoon, according to police and witnesses.

The three drowned were Niru, 10, Sashi, 12 and Miraz Molla, 13. The injured persons were admitted to Barisal Medical College Hospital and Babuganj thana health complex.

The passenger trawler had sailed from Sikarpur for Jahapur.

A case was filed with Babuganj thana. Police arrested four persons including the operator of the timber loaded trawler, Harun-ur-Rashid. The trawler was also seized. Police Super of Barisal visited the spot.

## Home-made mobile planetarium

**By Reaz Ahmad**

A low-cost 'classroom planetarium' will be launched in the city today.

The planetarium, built at a cost of Tk 50,000 only using home-made 'Dholakhal' technology is a noble venture of the Bangladesh Astronomical Association.

The planetarium, named after late astronomer M A Jabbar, is formally going to be launched to BUET seminar room in the city at 5:30 pm today.

For the last two years, members of Bangladesh Astronomical Association mobilised their savings to make a planetarium.

Talking to this correspondent at his mini-workshop housed inside the garage of a Dhanmondi residence, young amateur astronomer Md Azad Rahman described how for the last eight months engineer Shukailyan Bacchar, himself and some other enthusiastic youths worked day and night, developed design and used 'Dholakhal' technology to make the planetarium.

Displaying the device Azad said, "if we can go for commercial production, high school and college students would be benefited and can gaze at stars in makeshift skies 'inside classrooms'".

"First we conceived the idea by a meticulous observation of the planetarium in the Science Museum. Than, engineer Bacchar did the job of drawing and design. We used 'Dholakhal' technology and made it at cost of Tk 50,000 whereas, such a classroom planetarium costs

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Md Azad Rahman with the planetarium. — Star photo

## Kuwait against military action US sends more fighter jets to Turkish base

**ANKARA, Nov 16:** The United States has flown in more planes to a southern Turkish airbase, strengthening the fleet of fighter jets there amid rising tensions between Iraq and the United Nations, a US official said today, reports AP.

"We have just recently sent four additional F-16 fighter jets and three additional tankers planes for refueling," said Air Force Capt. Rene Stockwell, spokeswoman for the base, told The Associated Press.

Incirlik, near the southern city of Adana, was used by the United States and its allies during the 1991 Gulf War to launch air raids on Iraq.

But Turkey has indicated that it would not be willing to allow use of the base again for attacks on Iraq.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah also said today his country does not support military action against Iraq over the latest standoff with the United Nations.

Al-Sabah also said that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein should comply with the Security Council's resolutions.

But British and US forces teamed up with Kuwaiti forces from three armies for a joint exercise in the Emirate yesterday, a Kuwaiti military official said.

Meanwhile, the aircraft carrier USS George Washington sailed through the Suez Canal

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## Gold worth Tk 7 lakh seized at ZIA

**By Staff Correspondent**

Customs authorities recovered gold chains worth about Tk seven lakh from a Bangladesh passenger of a Singapore Airlines flight at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) Saturday night.

The gold chains weighing 1,424 grams were recovered from batteries of two recharge-

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