

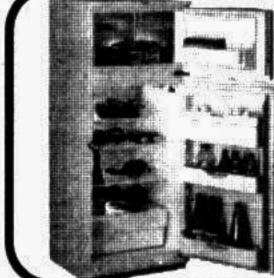
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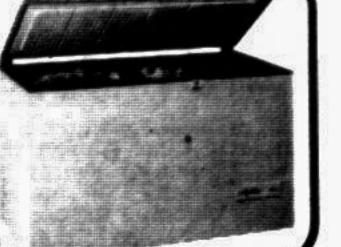


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## AL to observe Shokrana Dibas Friday

Shokrana Dibas (gratitude day) on Friday as the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman have been awarded capital punishment, reports

will be offered at all mosques, temples, mandirs and pagodas to mark the day.

On the yesterday, members of AL Working Committee, Advisory Council, Cabinet members and MPs will visit Tungipara to pay tributes to the fa-ther of the nation, and offer fateha at his mazar.

## BGMEA appeal to Hasina, Khaleda

BGMEA has appealed to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition to sit across the table to solve the political crisis which it said already endangered the country's export-oriented garment industry, reports

"Garment factory owners are concerned about the future of the export of readymade garments and 15 lakh labourers of the sector due to hartal and such politics," said BGMEA President Mostafa Golam Qud-

ing the confidence of foreign buyers and fearing to lose the international export market of the largest foreign exchange earning sector. The garment industry could not yet overcome the damage it

incurred by 170 days of hartal and one months stoppage of port activities during the period of the previous government, Quddus said.

hartals further added to the miseries of the RMG sector, he observed.

Quddus posed a question to both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. Attack on CMM's office

From Staff Correspondent

noon on Sunday. The OC of Kotwali thana who

was assaulted by the same group of Juba League activists at the same time also filed a case on Sunday night.

But police are yet to arrest any one as none but Shajahan

## Sylhet

shells to disperse the warring groups, said a police official.

At about 1:45 pm the district Awami League held another tomorrow morning at the Registry Maidan.

The BNP also held a rally in the Court arch with district BNP chief M A Haque in the chair. It was also addressed by district BNP Secretary Ariful Haque Chowdhury, Badruzzaman Selim, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and others.

er speakers alleged that ruling party activists, under the shelter of police, attacked the Opposition's peaceful proces-

They also called upon the people to make the hartal a suc-

"We took the body from the morgue after paying the money," he said.

Meanwhile, more than one hundred activists of Awami League backed Chhatra League of Dhaka University tried to snatch the body of another hartal-victim Abdus Salam from the DMCH morgue, sources at the DMCH and witnesses said.

Chanting anti-hartal slogans, the BCL activists tried to enter the DMCH morgue at about 4 p.m. But police deployed there earlier did not allow them

inside the morgue. The activists then staged a sit-in there for about an hour and left the scene firing several blank shots.





Awami League will observe

Special prayers and munajat

They will also join a milad

mahfil there.

He said the exporters are los-

Besides, flood, cyclone and

"Now where will we go?"

## Juba League activist sued

KHULNA, Nov 9: Personal

assistant to Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) has filed a case today with Kotwali Thana accusing Juba League activist Shajahan and 50 others for insulting the CMM P.R. Chakma and ransacking his office at

has been named in the FIR.

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The trouble started at about 12:45 pm when the district Awami League was holding a protest rally in the Surma Market area. A small procession of JAGPA was then passing the District Judge Court area. All of a sudden, it came under attack by a group of BCL activists, witnesses said. The attackers chased the processionists and reached the Court area where a meeting of district BNP was gong on.

The rival groups then fell upon each other and clashed for about half an hour before police

Police lobbed five tear gas

Huda, the prime minister also sought co-operation of some protest rally in the Surma other countries, where 11 other Market area with its district killers are now sheltered, for unit president and PP advocate their deportation. Syed Abi Nosor in the chair. It "I appeal to the conscience of was also addressed by district the world for deportation of the AL secretary A N M Shafique killers for the sake of justice and Special PP Misbahuddin and rule of law in the country. Siraj. They blamed activists of Killers and conspirators can be JCD and BNP for the attack on threats any country," she noted. BCL activists. The ruling party Reiterating her commitment will also hold a protest meeting for trial of the killers of former president Ziaur Rahman, Col.

face trial. Criticising Khaleda Zia for her "unwillingness" in the trial of Zia's killers. Sheikh Hasina said, "I don't understand why she did not go for trial of her husband's killers while in

power? Perhaps, she feared to lose power." "I expected to be thanked by Bribe Khaleda Zia and receive co-operation from her after I made From Page 1 the announcement for the trial. But she reciprocated with threats on my life. I don't care for life which the almighty Al-

> ing the August 15 murders of her father and other family members. Earlier, the prime minister expressed gratitude to the Almighty and the people of the country for justice done in the Bangabandhu murder case and recalled the sacrifices of thousands of her Awami League workers who laid down their

lah is to protect," said an emo-

tionally charged Hasina, recall-

lives and faced oppression in the struggle for the trial. "With the trial, the nation has been relieved of a stigma it had been bearing so long," she

# Post-flood rehab ordn `

# House rejects motion seeking disapproval

By Staff Correspondent parliament.

Arguing in favour of imposi-

tion of duties and surcharges.

the minister also said: It is only

natural that the foreigners, who

have come forward to help us

after the flood, would like to see

that we are also trying to mo-

bilise domestic resources for

the rehabilitation programmes.

position resolution by voice

standing committee on the

Ministry of Communication

presented its report on the Ja-

muna Multipurpose Bridge Au-

thority (Amendment) Bill

appointment of two MPs as ad-

visers to the Authority.

members to five.

University.

Hartals aim to shield

The report recommended

Another parliamentary

body on Education presented its

report on the University Grants

Commission of Bangladesh

(Amendment) Bill, 1998. The

report okayed the education

ministry suggestion to increase

the number of commission

S H K Sadek introduced five

bills seeking appointment of

'more than one' pro-vice chan-

cellor in five universities. The

Universities are Jahangirnagar

University. Khulna University.

ShahJalal University, Agricul-

ture University and Islamic

three similar bills on Thursday

seeking to increase the number

of pro-vice chancellors in

Dhaka University, Chittagong

University and Rajshahi Uni-

versity. The House yesterday

sent these bills to the parlia-

mentary standing committees

said adding the trial was a must

for restoration of rule of law,

democracy and constitutional

In her 35-minute speech.

punctuated by thumping by her

Treasury bench colleagues,

Sheikh Hasina spoke in an

emotion-choked voice when-

ever she referred to the grue-

some killings on the fateful

post-1975 governments for

blocking the trial and reward-

ing the killers until her AL re-

floor after Water Resources

Minister Abdur Razzak, Indus-

tries Minister Tofael Ahmed.

Telecommunications Moham-

mad Nasim, her parliamentary

affairs adviser Suranjit Sen-

gupta and other Treasury bench

members ABM Abul Kashem

and Abdul Latif Mirza spoke on

the judgement in the Banga-

bandhu murder case and the

The discussion took place af-

ter the day's scheduled business

in the House was over. MPs be-

longing to the BNP and Jamaat-

e-Islami remained absent from

the House on the day when the

opposition parties enforced

hartal across the country. The

Jatiya Party lawmakers were

Farashuddin

given 3-yr

contract

Dr Mohammad Farashud-

din. Vice-chancellor of the East

West University, has been made

governor of the Bangladesh

Bank, an official announce-

ment said yesterday, reports

into effect from November 29

with the retirement of Lutfar

Rahman Sarkar, the central

economist, has been given a

three-year contract for the

highest post of the country's fi-

nancial services' watchdog and

monetary policymaker.

bank's incumbent governor.

His appointment will come

Dr Farashuddin, a renowned

opposition hartals.

however present.

turned to power in June 1996.

She was critical of all the

The prime minister took the

early morning of August 15.

concerned for scrutiny.

rule in the country.

The minister had moved

Later, Education Minister A

The House rejected the Op-

Later, the parliamentary

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday rejected an opposition motion seeking disapproval of the Presidential ordinance that recently imposed additional surcharges and duties on some services and imports.

while leading the rally in a jeep.

The Sangsad also witnessed introduction of five bills with the Opposition Bench empty. However, 17 lawmakers, 16

from the BNP and one from Jatiya Party had moved the resolution on Thursday seeking disapproval of the ordinance called Post-flood Rehabilitation (Domestic Resources Accumulation) Ordinance,

With the BNP calling hartal across the country, its lawmakers did not enter the House yesterday. Jatiya Party legislator Rustam Ali Farazi opposed the ordinance but the Sangsad rejected his arguments by voice

The JP legislator said that the recent devastating floods had affected all sections of the people. "The fresh taxes and duties have appeared to be an additional burden to the flood affected people.'

He further argued that imposition of taxes by Presidential ordinance had amounted to undermining the parliament. Appproval of the ordinance would only mean this parliament is a rubber stamp.

Replying to his contention. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khashru argued that the President had promulgated the ordinance absolutely within the ambit of his constitutional power. Quoting certain provisions of the Constitution, he said: When the President duly promulgates an ordinance, it enjoys the strength of a law enacted by

From Page 1

They should rather resist such

programmes," she said and

called upon the BNP chief to

withdraw the current hartal

and not to side with the killers.

ties for deporting one of the 15

killers. Major (retd) Bazlul

Taher and Major General

Manzur, a determined prime

minister told the Sangsad amid

thumping from Treasury mem-

bers that those who committed

crimes against humanity

democracy and rule of law must

Thanking the Thai authori-

## Hartal sees 2 killed From Page 1 and AL units of different thanas

A SHOW INDEED: A view of the motor rally brought out by Awami League MP Dr HBM Iqbal in the city during hartal hours yesterday, and (right) the physician-turned-lawmaker waves

was standing at the Navabazar Park at about 3:30 pm. He was taken to the DMCH and later shifted to the Chest Diseases Hospital. Doctors said that the victim was in a critical condi-

A number of others were injured there and fourteen of them were admitted to the DMCH, hospital sources said. Five policemen were also injured in the area during the Unidentified gunmen also

looted goods from a boutique shop on Mirpur Road near the Dhaka College, witnesses said. When contacted, owner of the shop said that the locks of the shop were broken and the furniture were also set on fire. Auto-rickshaws carrying

newsmen could not escape the wrath of activists. Shafiuddin Bitu, a photo-journalist of Inquilab, received bomb injuries at Nazira Bazar during a chase and counter chase between the rival groups. Amran Hossain, a photojournalist of The Daily Star.

was manhandled by armed activists when the BNP office at Nazira bazar was set on fire in the morning. The wind shield of his autorickshaw was smashed. Another three-wheeler of the same newspaper was also damaged at Bijoy Nagar. An auto-

rickshaw of Bhorer Kagoj was damaged at Mouchak. Dhaka city Awami League in the metropolis brought out anti-hartal processions.

Ruling party lawmaker HBM Iqbal brought out a big minibus procession. But most of the buses were almost empty.

Sylhet: At least 30 people were injured, 26 of them with bullet, as rival groups clashed in areas adjacent to the Judge's Court in the town, reports our staff correspondent. The injured included one po-

two JCD activists. The wounded were rushed to the MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. Chittagong: Delivery of goods at the Chittagong Port came to a standstill. Cargo handling continued inside the

liceman, five BCL activists and

spondent. Pro and-anti-hartal activists brought out separate processions and later held rallies. Blasts of crackers were also heard but the day passed off without any major untoward incident

jetties, reports our staff corre-

Police arrested 70 pickets from different areas in the city yesterday. They also said 50 others were picked up the night before.

Khulna: Phulbari unit office of BNP here was damaged allegedly by supporters of Awami League at noon yesterday, reports our staff correspondent None was present inside the office then. Police charged the at tackers with batons and drove

### The hartal hours passed off almost peacefully in this divisional headquarters. Port activities were normal as loading and unloading of goods continued uninterrupted.

Barisal: Over 100 people were injured, 11 of them critically, in a series of clashes between pro and-anti-hartal activities in Bhola town yesterday. Thell critically injured were admitted to Bhola Sadar Hospital, reports our staff correspondent from Barisal.

Mymensingh : At least 15 people were injured in sporadic clashes between pickets and anti-hartal elements in the town yesterday, reports our correspondent. Ruhul Amin. 27, a town committee leader of BNP and Ataur Rahman, 22, a pedestrian, were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Brahmanbaria: Clashes between pro and-anti-hartal activists took place in the town reports our correspondent. Vehicles were off the roads. Comilla: At least 10 people

were injured, three of them with bullets. The three were identified as activists of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, an agency report said. Witnesses said, the clash ensued when a 'sukria' procession of local AL supporters hailing the verdict in Bangabandhu murder case came under attack Chourangi area of the town.

Narayanganj: Hartal was partially observed in this river port town, reports our correspondent. No procession or rally of BNP was seen in the town. Rickshaws plied and some shops were found open. No heavy transport or long

distance bus operated. Adamjee Jute Mills and other factories were open. Attendance in the private factories was less. Trains plied between Dhaka

# DSE digs

floor of Amin Court Building. The room is adjacent to that of the managing director of the company, according to two DSE officials, who went to visit the

said that she was not using the connection for herself but had given it to another member. surveillance team sources said. Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, she confirmed her

had allowed the member to use the connection but was unaware of the fact that he had located it in the office of Olympic Indus-

"It's not illegal to use my connection as I have allowed him to do so. But, I don't think the connection detected by likely to be someone else's," she

But DSE Chief Executive GQ Chowdhury seemed uncon-

"Our IT officials traced the WAN connection and the traders were using her access code. When we went there we found no signboard of any stock broker. Soon after I came to know that the connection was in Olympic's office. I stopped the trading."

Sources said some quarters were active to suppress the issue by creating pressure on the surveillance officials. When asked about it, the CEO said, "I will stand up for truth.

Some senior brokers are saying that the matter should not be taken lightly and a thorough inquiry should be con-

## By-election to Pabna-2 seat December 10

-- Star photo

By-election to Pabna-2 constituency of the Jatiya Sangsad will be held on December 10 as per a schedule announced by the Election Commission yesterday, reports APB. The seat, comprising Su-

janagar and Bera thanas, fell vacant following the death of Ahmed Tafiz Uddin, a treasury bench member. The last date for submission of nomination to the Returning

cording to the EC gazette notification. The Returning Officer would scrutinise nomination papers on November 18 while the last date for withdrawal of candidature is November 24.

Officer or the Assistant Return-

ing Officer is November 17, ac-

## One stabbed to death in city By Staff Correspondent

A young man was stabbed to death by a gang of assailants at Bashundhara under Cantonment thana in the city yester-

day afternoon. Hospital sources identified the dead as Shafique, 26, son of Nazimuddin, a resident of Kuril

Shafique was killed following a row over digging earth in that area, police said. Quoting relatives of the vic-

tim, hospital sources said the gang, led by one Zakir, called Shafique out of his residence at about 10:30 am. Later, the gang took him to Bashundhara area and started stabbing Shafique indiscriminately before leaving the scene. Shafique was rushed to

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in a serious condition where the doctors declared him dead. The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy sources added.

## India in Coca Cola Cup final

SHARJAH, Nov 9: India defeated Sri Lanka by 81 runs to reach the final of the tri-nation Coca Cola Cup cricket tournament here today, reports PTI. BRIEF SCORES: India: 179 all out in 49.5

31, Wickremasinghe 2-27). Sri Lanka: 98 all out in 39 overs (Aravinda de Silva 29. Ajit Agarkar 3-35, Sunil Joshi 3-17. Javagal Srinath 2-20).

overs (Ajay Jadeja 64, Mohd

Azharuddin 26, Dharmasena 3-

From Page 1 Meanwhile. Ashraf Hossain, acting secretary general of BNP. in a statement yesterday strongly condemned what he said attempts to harass the Leader of the Opposition by set-ting up barricades on the ap-proach road to her house.

Khaleda

"We have no words to condemn such mean and autocratic mentality of the government," he said in the statement issued late last night. "Such attempts show that the government is conspiring to create obstacles to normal movement of Begum Khaleda Zia and her family members. Such actions reflect the fascist psyche of the government. The BNP leader urged the

government to put an end to such conspiracies against her and return to the path of trans-parent politics and show tolerance to the practice of democracy and democratic values. In a separate statement, city

BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka also condemned the attempts to set up barricade in front of her residence. A personal staff of Begum Zia said last night that a num-

ber of MPs were barred from meeting her. Reporters were also not al-

lowed to visit her residence.

### **UNB** reports BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia was learnt to have made certain "provocative remarks"

against the army for what she called not performing their assigned job. Competent sources said Khaleda Zia and her son Tarek Rahman blasted the army jawans and officers on duty in

front of her cantonment resi-

dence yesterday evening for extending a road divider near the They came out of their 7 Mainul Hossain Road residence at about 6:30 pm and wanted to know the reason for extending the road divider. Major (Rtd)

Tarek was learnt to have shouted and hurled abuses at the army. Brigadier Shahed Hassan rushed to the spot and tried to convince Begum Zia that it was done for her security.

Akhtaruzzaman, MP was pre-

As the BNP chairperson was excited and shouting at the soldiers, people started gathering there. Begum Zia told the crowd that the government has destroyed army.

der areas, and engaged them in controlling traffic in the city, she said. "What are you doing? Don't you want to continue your job in the army in future?" Begum

The government has with-

drawn the army from the Chit-

tagong Hill Tracts and the bor-

Zia asked the soldiers present She told them: "What you say, you do not follow."

Meanwhile, a government source dismissed the rumour that the BNP chairperson was put under house arrest.

## Noor Hossain

From Page 1 ment to step down and hand over power to the caretaker government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed.

President Shahabuddin

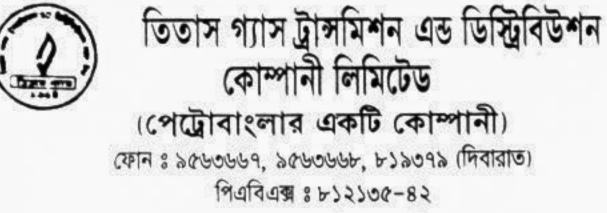
Ahmed. Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia have issued separate messages on the occasion. In observance of the day, different political parties, student bodies and socio-cultural or-

ganisations have taken up elaborate programmes. The programmes include laying wreaths at his grave at Jurain and Noor Hossain Square, where he was killed. and holding of discussions, processions, milad mahfil and

However, the day this year will be marked by a countrywide 48-hour hartal that began at 6 am yesterday and is being enforced by BNP-led sevenparty alliance.

Qurankhwani.



## বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি গ্যাস সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকরণ অভিযান

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The damaged autorickshaw of The Daily Star that came under attack from pro-hartal activists on North South road

BNP extends hartal From Page 1 or's residence fired shots on a BNP procession killing two young men. He claimed the dead

as BNP activists.

in the city yesterday.

Khoka also alleged that "ruling party terrorists and police" snatched bodies from Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue to hide the killings. Acting Secretary General of the party Ashraf Hossain alleged that AL activists attacked a BNP procession at Kuril, Gul-

BNP processions and party offices came under attack in different areas in the city including Demra, Sarulia, Shahjahanpur, Rampura and Bangshal, they alleged. They alleged that their party activists were picked up by po-

shan killing "one of our ac-

tivists named Shafiq Ahmed."

lice from Ward Nos. 35, 69, 70, 22 and Gulistan, Mirpur, Demra, Kallyanpur areas. BNP processions also came under attack and party activists were arrested in different districts - Chittagong, Khulna, Mymensingh, Rangpur,

Noakhali, Comilla, Barisal.

Ashraf Hossain further al-

-Star photo

leged that tear gas shells were lobbed to kill the party chief and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia when she was stepping down from the dais at the Paltan Maidan after Saturday's party rally was foiled.

Narayanganj and Gazipur, they

UNB adds: Jamaat-e-Islami also extended its two-day countrywide hartal by 11 hours protesting the killing of three people by "ruling party terror-

Besides, Jamaat will hold

zaman told a rally at Paltan Square yesterday. mourning programmes throughout the country on Wed-

BNP leaders Mirza Abbas, Shahjahan Siraj, Barkatullah Bhulu and Fazlul Haq Milan were present among others at the press briefing.

"The hartal programme will remain in force till Wednesday 5 pm," party assistant secretary general Muhammad Kamaruz-

ducted.

and Narayangani.

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When the surveillance team contacted Shafinaz Begum, she

statement to the surveillance Shaffnaz Begum said she

Surveillance team is mine. It is

He said that the investigation is still going on "as the matter needs further inquiry". "And at this moment we cannot say whether they were engaged in anything illegal."

My institution is more important than any individual."

When asked about this new incident, the SEC officials said that they were not aware of any such incident. The regulators do not have a surveillance software and use the DSE surveillance system to keep an on-line

গ্যাস অমূল্য সম্পদ। অবৈধ গ্যাস সংযোগ ও গ্যাসের অপচয় রোধকল্প

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