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## Help bring back all convicts, foreign missions urged

Bangladesh yesterday urged the foreign governments not to give shelter or protection to the convicts in Bangabandhu Murder Case who are on the run abroad, reports UNB.

The appeal was made by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad during a briefing for heads of diplomatic missions and international agencies at state guesthouse 'Padma'.

"We request you all not to give any shelter or protection to these convicted persons in any manner... Help us get back the absconding convicts," Azad said.

As many as 12 accused, all former army officers who were tried in absentia, had been hiding in different countries, including USA, Canada and See Page 12 Col 7

## India keen to put money in joint power projects

By Sharier Khan

India has recently become very keen to invest in the power sector in Bangladesh and specially in integrating the power grid system between the two countries, sources said.

It has sent various proposals to the government for setting up power plants and cross-border power distribution network.

Earlier, when the Bangladesh authorities took interest to import power from India in a bid to find a short-cut to solving the nagging power crisis, India did not show much interest. But there had been talks over setting up inter-regional power grid since 1995.

The Asian Development Bank subsequently expressed its keen interest in making this happen. Earlier this year, it funded a "techno-economic feasibility study" to see the problems and prospects of power purchase from India.

The Indian interest has increased in recent months, according to the sources.

The National Thermal Company (NTC) of India has expressed its interest to set up a 500-megawatt power plant. In its brief proposal, the NTC said that the excess power generated by that power plant would be exported to India through an international power grid.

Several Indian teams also held talks with the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh in recent months.

The Indian Power Minister on November 6 last said that New Delhi had plans for hydro-power generation linking India and Bangladesh. He also said that discussions between the two countries were continuing for having transmission lines for common use.

The Indian Power Minister also said that there would be two sub-stations in Assam and two within Bangladesh according to proposal. He also spoke of developing a SAARC power grid.

In October 1996, Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) had taken an initiative to purchase power from India. A team headed by the PDB chairman visited India for the purpose. Later the PDB pursued a proposal under which Bangladesh would purchase 200 megawatts of power from India See Page 12 Col 1

## Survey 87 pc against hartal, barricade

About 87 per cent people are against extreme political programmes like hartal and barricade, said a survey report published in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) conducted the survey among 1,600 people in six divisional headquarters, including Dhaka.

However, 13 per cent of the respondents gave their opinions in favour of hartal and barricade programmes for realisation of political demand.

Lawyers, journalists, teachers, physicians, college and university students, businessmen, bus and truck drivers, NGO workers and housewives were the respondents in the survey.

Most of the respondents said the extreme programmes are pushing the country towards economic disaster.

According to them, other areas affected severely due to hartal are education and transport.

## Khaleda tells diplomats, donors Hartal or no hartal, it all rests on govt behaviour

By Special Correspondent

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia has told diplomats that it is "upto the government's policy and behaviour whether there would be hartal or no hartal".

"If the opposition parties and people are not obstructed to exercise their rights and movement, there will not be any hartal," she was quoted as saying while exchanging views with heads of diplomatic missions and donor agencies at her official residence at Minto Road yesterday evening.

Briefing newsmen after more than two hours of meeting, Rezaul Karim, foreign affairs adviser to the Leader of the Opposition, said that she also told the diplomats that "Awami League cannot be trusted".

"The ruling party had failed to honour even written agreements. They cannot be taken on their words. The differences in their words and actions had been there from the onset," Karim quoted her as telling the diplomats.

The diplomats sought her opinion on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's announcement at a meeting with editors on Saturday that Awami League would never call hartal.

As the diplomats emerged from the meeting, making their way through scores of BNP supporters, US Ambassador John C Holzman declined to make any comment. "I have nothing to say," he said.

Earlier they had a briefing meeting with Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad.

The meeting at 29 Minto Road started at about 6 pm and ended at around 8:12 pm.

Karim said the "tea meeting" was held at the request of Khaleda Zia. It was scheduled on November 8 to brief them on the "attacks by ruling party goons and police that foiled her rally on November 7 at Paltan Maidan". It was postponed for a number of reasons, he added.

He said the BNP chief told the diplomats on their query on the PM's comments that her party had offered from the very first day of meeting in parliament to cooperate with the government. Hartal is not the policy of BNP.

"Hartal was given only when democratic rights of the people — meetings, rallies, processions and peaceful movement — were curtailed by letting loose the ruling party and law and order agencies," she said adding that a few hartals that they were forced to be called were nothing in comparison to 173 hartals enforced by the ruling party when it was in opposition.

Karim said that Khaleda Zia apprised the diplomats of the prevailing situation in the country, the detention of two See Page 12 Col 4

## Writ challenging lease-out of oil, gas blocks

By SC Correspondent

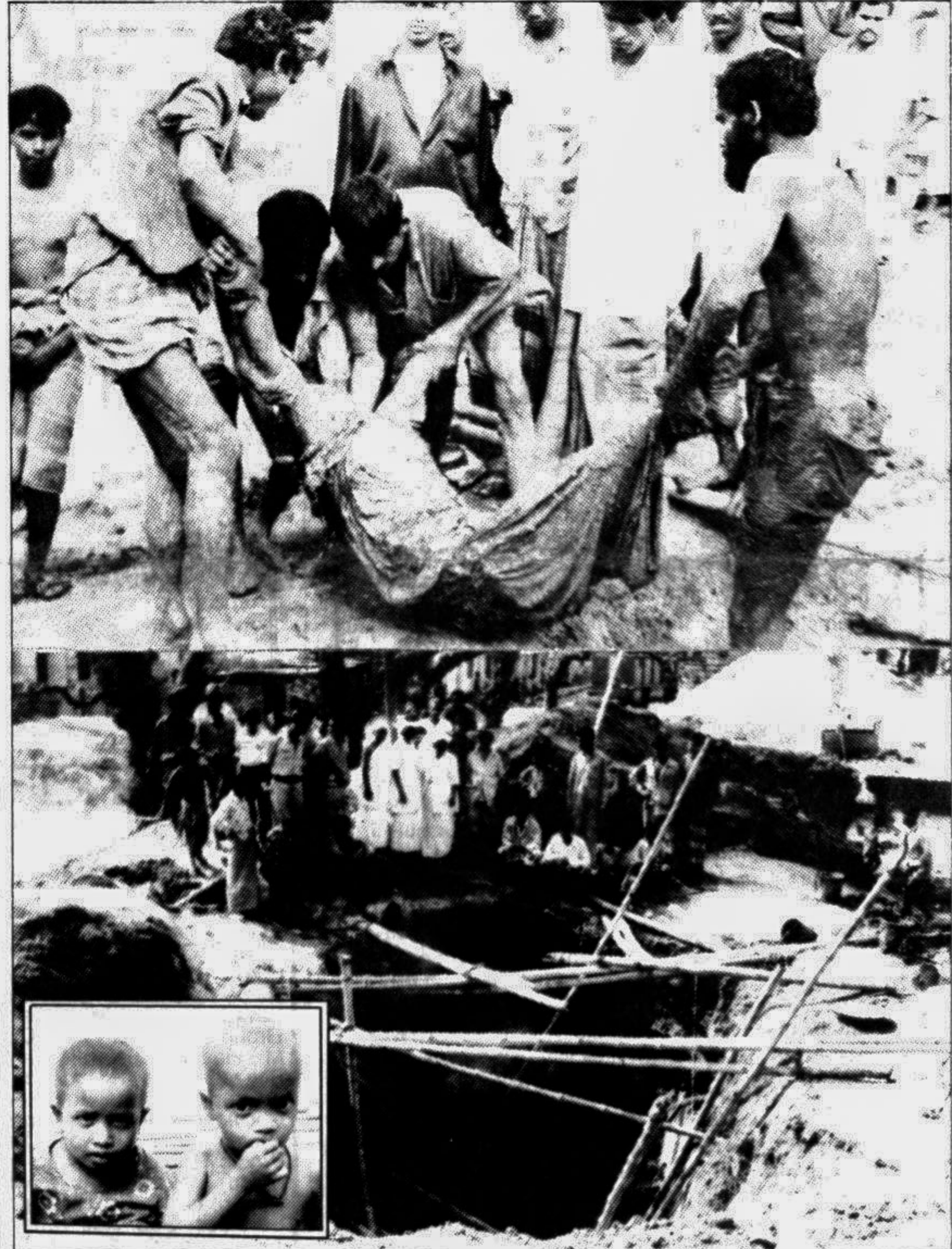
A writ petition challenging the planned lease-out of remaining 15 oil and gas blocks out of 23 to foreign exploring companies was filed yesterday in the High Court.

Shah Abdul Hannan, Chairman of the Centre for Human Rights, Sadek Khan, a newspaper columnist, Amanullah Kabir, President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dr Mohammad Abdur Rob, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Environment, Dhaka University claiming themselves as "public spirited citizens" filed the writ petition.

The hearing on the writ petition began yesterday in the division bench of the HC comprising Justice R M Hasan and Justice Muhammad Abdul Quddus. It will resume on Thursday.

Dr. M Zahir, one of the counsels of the petitioners made his submission on the locus standi of the petitioners.

"As conscious citizens of the country the petitioners feel duty-bound to perform public duties and protect public property as enshrined in Article 21 See Page 12 Col 8



**DEATH TRAP:** Body of one of the two women construction workers, who fell under an abandoned septic tank when it collapsed at the Chest Disease Hospital premises on Monday, being recovered yesterday, (Top) and the site of the incident (Above), and the poor children of the victims (Inset).

## They died and fire fighters felt 'helpless'

By Staff Correspondent

Bodies of the two female construction workers, who fell under an abandoned septic tank after it collapsed due to weight of earth heaped on it at Chest Disease Hospital premises Monday, were recovered yesterday.

The dead were identified as Aztron, 30, wife of Omar Ali and Johura, 25, wife of Jamal. The bodies were recovered from mud about 20 feet under the surface of the tank.

Local people and witnesses alleged that the rescue operation was delayed due to negligence of members of Fire Service and Civil Defence.

The team took about 15 hours to recover one of the two bodies since a portion of earth heaped about 15 feet high suddenly collapsed and went under the tank on Monday at about 4 pm.

When asked, an high official of Fire Service and Civil Defence preferring anonymity See Page 12 Col 4

## Rallies, not agitation, says Shantu Larma

From Shuvra Jyoti Chakma

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov. 17: PCJSS chief Jyotirindriya Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma today denied press reports that his organisation would announce an agitation programme on December 2, for proper implementation of the CHT peace accord.

"PCJSS (Parbatyia Chatterajana Sanghati Samity) has no plan to launch an agitation programme on December 2," Larma said while talking to this correspondent over telephone today.

But he said they will stage public rallies at the three hill district headquarters and at thana level on December 2, the day the peace accord was signed between the government and the PCJSS a year ago.

Shantu Larma said he will address a public rally at Rangamat on that day. He will explain to the hill people the position of PCJSS vis-a-vis implementation of the peace accord, he said.

Other top leaders of the PCJSS will address rallies at two other district headquarters and at thana level, he said.

Meanwhile, Convener of the Liaison Committee on CHT



Shantu Larma

Hangsha Dhaj Chakma has said he will meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on implementation of the peace accord.

"Both the sides will have to consider in implementing the peace accord," he told the correspondent. "Let the peace accord be implemented properly," he added.

Since signing of the accord PCJSS has been alleging that the government is not implementing the accord properly and so they rejected the CHT Interim Regional Council, formed on September 6.

Officials at Khagrachhari See Page 12 Col 1

## A night of heavenly display

By Special Correspondent

The last meteorite shower of this millennium has drawn a large number of enthusiasts out in the open to watch the heavenly display defying the glow of sodium lights, neon signs and thin veils of stray clouds over the city sky.

Binoculars and telescopes were the most sought-after things in the city last night. Some gathered at the camp of watchers set up by Bangladesh Astronomical Society in an open space at Sher-e-Bangal Nagar where fairs were also held.

They joined people and astronomers from the world over, scanning the horizon for the showering meteors from the space, the dusty elements from the tail of comet Temple-Tuttle, burning fiercely as they hurtle See Page 12 Col 3

## Annan's Dhaka visit postponed

Kofi Annan, the Secretary General of the United Nations has postponed his visit to Bangladesh. The visit was scheduled for December 1, reports BSS.

Sources at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the crisis over UN arms inspection in Iraq has compelled the Secretary General to postpone the visit.

## Business leaders welcome PM's no-hartal call

Business leaders have welcomed the Prime Minister's no-hartal call, urging the ruling party and the opposition to make sincere efforts towards reaching a consensus in this regard, reports APB.

They termed the Prime Minister's announcement as "historic step".

A delegation of different chambers and trade bodies called on Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria at his office yesterday and discussed different ways to avoid hartal.

The minister told the business leaders that the government on its part would take all possible steps so that hartal was cast aside once and for all by all political parties to ensure an investment-friendly environment in the country.

Both the Finance Minister and the delegation agreed that all political parties should be sincere for reaching a consensus to avoid hartal.

The business team included See Page 12 Col 8

## Sharif wants Taliban-style justice system in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Nov 17: Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said he wants his country's justice system to be like that of the hardline Taliban Islamic militia in neighbouring Afghanistan, a Pakistani newspaper reported today, says AP.

"Today in Afghanistan, crime has virtually stopped," Sharif said in remarks reported by the leading English language daily The News.

"I have heard that one can safely drive a vehicle full of gold at midnight without fear. I want this kind of system in Pakistan," Sharif said in Urdu at a meeting in Mohmand Agency, a remote tribal area 45 km from Peshawar—the capital of North West Frontier Province.

Under Taliban rules women may not study or work outside their houses, and all kinds of light entertainment including music are banned. Men must grow beards of a certain length and criminals are subjected to amputations and public executions.

Sharif said public punishments of criminals are necessary to end crime.

Sharif introduced a controversial constitutional amendment in August to scrap any remaining British laws in Pakistan and replace them with amounts, while not decided, are often around 2.5 per cent per year of savings and jewelry. Sharif has not yet explained how much, if anything, non-Muslims would have to pay.

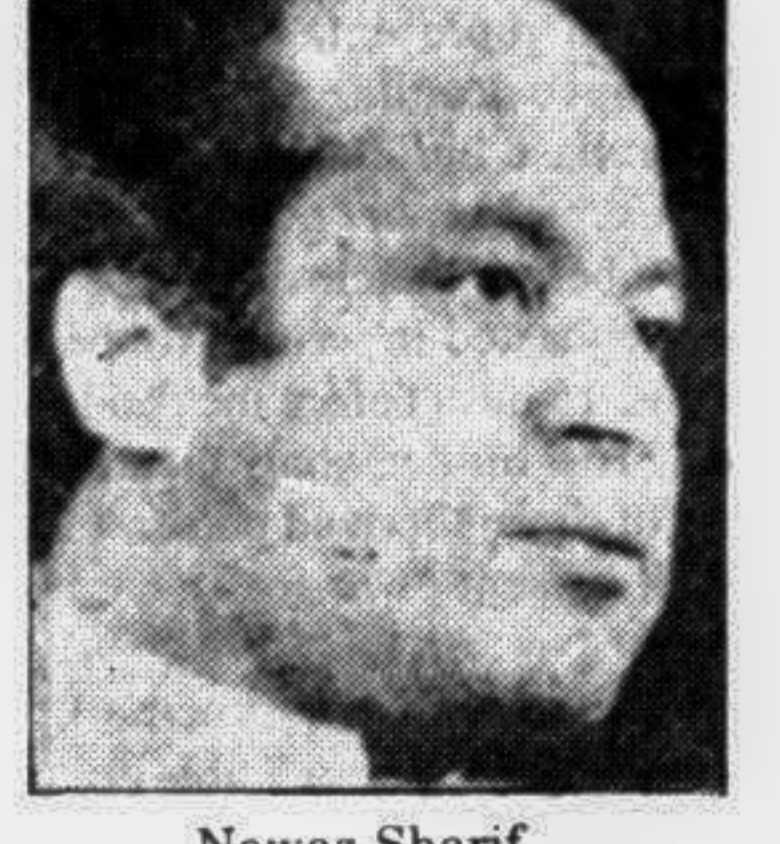
The National Assembly (lower house), where Sharif enjoys absolute majority, passed the amendment in September. Now the amendment waits for an approval from the Senate (upper house) before it can become law.

But Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League does not enjoy a two-third majority in the Senate, so it is uncertain if the amendment will pass, despite Sharif's lobbying of religious leaders and militant Muslim organisation to build pressure on senators.

Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto in a statement on Tuesday said Sharif is "exploiting the sacred name of Islam to subvert the constitution" and the ideals of the country's founders who wanted a pluralistic, liberal and democratic society.

"(Sharif) regime is bent upon turning Pakistan into an authoritarian, theocratic and unitary rouse state poised against the people," said Benazir.

But Sharif says the enforcement of Islamic laws will provide speedy justice to the people and end exploitation.



Nawaz Sharif

## 4 Bangladeshis shot dead by BSF

SHERPUR, Nov 17: Four Bangladeshis citizens were shot dead by Indian border guards in two separate incidents at the frontier villages in Nalitabari and Jhinaigati on Sunday and Monday, reports APB.

BDR and Nalitabari police sources said the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot Anwar Hossain, 25, Samar Ali, 22, and Babul Mia, 20, near pillar No 1111 at Samuchura village when they went there to cut wood at about 7 am on Sunday.

All the three victims died on the spot. BSF fired at them without any provocation, witnesses said.

The BSF men took away the bodies from Bangladesh territory in an apparent bid to hide those.

Indian authorities, however, confirmed the incident and agreed to return the bodies at a flag meeting between BDR and BSF on Monday afternoon.

In another incident one Nurul Zaman, 30, of Barorangia village was killed by BSF near pillar No 1107 at a border village in Jhinaigati on Monday.

Witnesses said BSF personnel took away the body.

## 2 kidnapped girls rescued in city

By Staff Correspondent

A teenage girl and her 12-year-old cousin, who were allegedly abducted from her residence at Sidheswari area in the afternoon, were recovered and an alleged abductor was arrested from the city's Mohammadpur area yesterday.

The arrested was identified as Rakib Chowdhury, 30, an employee of a garment buying house at the city's Banani area, police said.

Quoting the FIR, lodged by father of the 17-year-old girl, police said Rakib kidnapped the girls from the Sidheswari residence at about 1:30 pm.

Police recovered the daughter of the Bangladesh official, a student of HSC, along with her cousin and arrested Rakib from mess on Sher Shah Shuri Road at about 4:30 pm.

Rakib is likely to be produced before the CMM's Court today. A case was registered with Ramna thana accusing Rakib.

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
**জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড**  
 ঢাকা

প্রদেয় আয়কর ও সম্পদ কর পরিশোধ করুন এবং  
 দেশের অর্থনৈতিক কর্মক্ষেত্রে আপনার অবদান রাখুন।

**আয়কর ও সম্পদ কর বিটাৰ্গ জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ হচ্ছে ২২ শে নভেম্বর**

১৯৯৮-৯৯ কর বৎসরের জন্য সাধারণ ও স্বনির্ভরশীল উভয় প্রকার আয়কর বিটাৰ্গ জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ হচ্ছে ২২শে নভেম্বর, ১৯৯৮ ইং।

বিদ্যমান করদাতা ছাড়াও যাদের বার্ষিক মোট আয় ৬০,০০০/- টাকার বেশি হয়েছে, তাদেরকে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আয়কর বিটাৰ্গ জমা দিতে হবে এবং বিটাৰ্গের ভিত্তিতে কর পরিশোধ করতে হবে।

মোটোপলিটান সিটি এলাকা ও জেলা সদরের পৌর এলাকা অধিভূক্ত ১৬০০ বর্গফুটের অধিক আয়তনের (plinth area) একের অধিক তলাবিশিষ্ট গাছ বা বাড়ি বা গাছ এ দুটো যে কোন একটি বা উভয়ই করো মালিকানাধীন থাকলে স্বশ্রুতি আয় বৎসরে তার আয় যাই থাকুক না কেন, তার জন্যও নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আয়কর বিটাৰ্গ দাখিল বাধ্যতামূলক।

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এ বছরের জন্য সাধারণ ও স্বনির্ভরশীল উভয় প্রকার সম্পদ কর বিটাৰ্গ জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ হচ্ছে ২২ শে নভেম্বর, ১৯৯৮ ইং।

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নির্ধারিত সময়সীমার মধ্যে আয়কর ও সম্পদ কর বিটাৰ্গ দাখিল বাহে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ব্যক্তিকে খেলাপি করদাতা হিসাবে অভিহিত করে জরিমানা করা যেতে পারে।

সরকার আশা করছেন, বিটাৰ্গ দাখিল করতে হবে এক্সপ করদাতাগণ নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আয়কর ও সম্পদ কর বিটাৰ্গ দাখিল করবেন এবং কর প্রদেয় হলে তা পরিশোধ করবেন।

কিস্তিতে তথ্যের জন্য ১৩০, নিউ বেইলি রোডস্থ কর পরামর্শ কেন্দ্র, ফোনঃ ৪১৭৩৩০ অথবা স্বশ্রুতি কর কমিশনার বা নিকটস্থ কর অফিসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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