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Opposition's 'Demonstration Day' today

By Staff Correspondent
The BNP-led opposition alliance will observe countrywide "Demonstration Day" today to protest the alleged attempts on lives of three senior BNP leaders during hartal on Monday.
As part of the programme, the BNP, Jatiya party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote will hold separate public rallies and bring out processions in divisional, district and thana headquarters.
In Dhaka, the BNP will hold a rally at Muktangan at 3:30 pm and later bring out a procession.
The JP will hold rally at Kalabagan, Jamaat at the North gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque and IOJ at Purana Palta crossing.
Meanwhile, an emergency joint meeting of the BNP National Executive Committee, city BNP and front organisations will be held at 11 am today at 29 Minto Road.



BNP brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday after gaybana janaza for the hartal victims. — Star photo

Sirajganj bypolls 8 including two from AL submit nominations

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Nov 10: Eight candidates, including two from Awami League, submitted nomination papers for parliamentary by-election in the Sirajganj-5 Constituency today.
None from opposition BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami filed nomination.
Hasibur Rahman Swapan and Choyan Islam submitted nomination papers from the ruling Awami League. Other candidates are Abdul Wadud Khokan of Jatiya Party led by Ershad, Amirul Islam of Jatiya Party led by Monju, Abdul Mohaimin of National Awami Party, Abdul Hye Sarker of Jatiya Samantantrik Dal and Ismail Hussain.
Two AL candidates submitted nomination papers separately. Hasibur Rahman Swapan who was voted to parliament on BNP ticket in the last general elections lost the seat, as he joined the government of Sheikh Hasina. However, he secured nomination from the Awami League Tuesday.

Warrants for arrest of 24 Probe body may submit report on Shikdar's beneficiaries today

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, Nov 10: Report of the three-member high-powered probe committee on beneficiaries of Ershad Shikdar was not submitted to the government today. The report will be submitted tomorrow, said a top ranking KMP official.
Ershad Shikdar will have to appear before the courts everyday from next month in connection with the cases so far filed against him.
Eleven cases have so far been revived and four more will be revived tomorrow, the source said.
Shikdar will again be brought to Khulna next month to enable him to appear before the courts, the source added.
Chuanganga Sadar thana police arrested another accomplice of Ershad Shikdar on Tuesday night. He was identified as Saidur Rahman Saeed, 32, of Roypara under Khulna thana, said a source in KMP.
DC (H) Abdullah Azad said today that Noor-e-Alam, chief bodyguard of Ershad, will be sent to Kushtia district jail tomorrow after recording another part of his statement under 164. He was brought here from Kushtia district jail last month to face Ershad during interrogation. He was arrested in August from Skid Ghat area.
UNB adds: Khulna Metropolitan Police have sent arrest warrants against 24 accomplices of Ershad Shikdar to all police stations across the country.
They were also involved in the criminal activities, including murders and went into hiding just after Shikdar's arrest," KMP sources said.
The accused are Jamai Farooque, Nasir Khan, Yunus, Berek Commander, Mujibur Rahman Shikdar, Ashraf Bara Mia (Shikdar's elder brother), Noori alias Noor Mohammad, Pheeni Monia, Joyal, Sohrab, Ayub Ali Munshi, Bappa alias Babu, Jalil, Nazrul Islam, M Arab Ali, Mona, Abdul Berek Khan, Mukto alias Mokhtar, Moon, Abdul Mannan Sharif, Moti, Alam, M Iskandar Ali and Habib Sardar.

Gayebana Janaza for hartal victims held

By Staff Correspondent
The BNP-led opposition alliance yesterday held a 'gayebana janaza' in the city for those killed during the three-day hartal.
The janaza was held at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Asr prayers for housewife Rina Begum, BNP activists Masudul Haq Shanto, Mohammad Babul and Zakir Hossain.
Jatiyabadi Ulema Dal leader Moulana Nesarul Haq conducted the janaza.
BNP leaders Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Tariqul Islam, Lt Gen (Retd) Mahabubur Rahman, M Shamsul Islam MP, M K Anwar MP and Amanullah Aman MP, Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad, central leaders Kazi Firoz Rashid and Moidul Islam, Jamaat leaders Mohammad Kamaruzzaman and ATM Azharul Islam, Jagga president Shaiful Alam Prohan, NDA chairman Nurul Haq Majumder and others attended the janaza.
However, Islami Oikya Jote leaders didn't attend the janaza.
Later, the BNP, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami brought out separate mourning processions wearing black badges which paraded main city streets.

VC: I'm frustrated

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cent past. Even the student organisations of ruling Awami League and opposition BNP brought out peaceful processions on the campus yesterday.
Asked to explain reasons behind taking examinations on the day certain students' organisations had called strike on the campus recently, the VC said, "Otherwise, the university will once again be exposed to serious session jam."
He however said arrangements will be made for those who could not sit for the examinations due to the strike.
Asked what is the use of antagonising certain student organisations if arrangements are to be made for the same examinations once again, Prof. Chowdhury said, "Well, the student bodies are now considering that they would keep examinations out of the purview of their strike. They recently told me so. This is, I think, the result of my decision to take examinations on those days."
Referring to a recent report in which the Dhaka University was ranked 37th among universities in the Asia-Oceania region, he said: "I am not complacent about it. But it is a very big news for us, especially when the country unfortunately has a much lower status across the globe."
In this connection he said that his administration had taken a lot of measures to improve academic atmosphere for both the teachers and the students. The measures include opening of certain new departments, increased allocation for research, computerisation of certain departments, linking the university library with world famous ones through internet.
Asked about the result of his more-than-one-year-old move to stop unauthorised consultancy by teachers, Prof. Chowdhury said, some 10 per cent of about 1000 teachers are still involved in unauthorised consultancy. "But the situation improved recently. In last two months, many teachers secured prior permission of the authorities concerned for doing consultancy."
He however admitted that a large number of heads of departments and institutes failed to submit lists of teachers involved in unauthorised consultancy. "We will soon institu-

Durban summit

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In one of many fringe events ahead of the November 12-14 summit, an international conference on small states takes place tomorrow here in Durban.
As the high-profile campaign reaches its peak, there have been suggestions that the two tough contenders be allowed to personally present their cases to the heads of government before the vote takes place, top Commonwealth officials here said.
If accepted, this would be a major shift from tradition in the 50th year of the London Declaration which gave birth to the modern Commonwealth.
"I feel the democratic principles should equally be applied to all areas. There's a need for the Commonwealth to be on sound democratic principles... if it is applicable to the national context it should be to the multilateral context as well," Sobhan said, commenting on the possibility of both candidates appearing before the heads of governments.
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrives tomorrow to attend the summit while the team of senior officials is already in Durban for tomorrow's meeting.

All set for Durban summit from tomorrow Civil society leaders call for stronger voice of the people

From Toufique Imrose Khalidi
DURBAN, South Africa, Nov 10: All Commonwealth roads are leading to the scenic coastline of this southern city as 54 heads of governments from former British colonies are meeting here for a three-day biennial summit to talk democracy and devolve the agenda for the new millennium.
In the build-up to the November 12-14 summit (CHOGM), there have been conferences and meetings galore bringing together hundreds of key civil society actors and organisations with Commonwealth-wide presence who have vowed to push for a more pro-people development agenda for the 1.7 billion inhabitants.
In one such key event, more than 250 civil society leaders from Commonwealth countries including Bangladesh ended their three-day deliberations Monday with a call for a stronger voice of the people on how they should be governed and what role they should play.
"The people sitting in those chairs are citizens just like us except for the fact we have elected them to run the affairs of the state," said Graca Machel, wife of Nelson Mandela and the former Mozambique first lady, in her stimulating concluding remarks to the gathering of NGO leaders.
The issue at stake at the Third Commonwealth NGO Forum was 'The People's Future: Citizens and Governance in the New Millennium'.
The CHOGM theme this year has the same tune: 'People Centred Development: The Challenge of Globalisation'. The host head of government, President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, has charted the



Bayes appointed acting JU VC

By JU Correspondent
Prof Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Abdul Bayes has been appointed Acting VC.
When contacted yesterday, Prof Bayes said he received the appointment letter signed by the Chancellor of universities.
Prof VC Alauddin Ahmed resigned on Tuesday to contest the forthcoming parliamentary election in Kishoreganj-1 constituency as Awami League nominee.
Prof Bayes will take charge today and continue as Acting VC until a new VC is appointed.
He joined the department of Economics at JU as a lecturer in 1975. He was also a member of JU Senate and Syndicate, Dean of Social Science Faculty and Chairman of Economics department.
He was Treasurer of the university before being appointed Prof VC on October 2 last year.
Prof Bayes is a member of the Panel of Economists for the FFYP, Securities and Exchange Commission, International Association of Agricultural Economists, Asian Society of Agricultural Economists and Bangladesh Economists Association.

Tender box looted from Dental College

By Staff Correspondent
Hoodlums broke open the tender box of the Dental College Hospital and snatched away the schedule papers from it yesterday afternoon, official sources and witnesses said.
Earlier, the authorities of the had invited the tender for shifting its medical equipment from its premises to its newly constructed building at Mirpur 14, officials said.

AM College BCL leader's hand, leg severed

MYMENSINGH, Nov 10: Armed hoodlums severed a hand and a leg of a BCL leader of Anandamohun College here this evening, reports UNB.
The victim was identified as Apu, a BCL faction leader of AM College.
Witnesses and police said the hoodlums caught Apu near Syed Nazrul Islam College in the town when he was going riding a motorbike. They severed his right hand and left leg by sharp weapon and fled the scene.
He was immediately admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. His condition was stated to be critical.
Police apprehended that rivalry between two BCL factions might be the cause behind the attack.
The seven students are -

Different Durban

Meanwhile, a strong security blanket wraps the city of Durban, home to more than a million people of mixed origin and known for its vulnerability to crime often accompanied by violence.
Officials tasked with protecting the heads of government say they are "taking no risks" and have planned "ultimate protection".
The authorities have blocked all roads leading to the major hotels where heads and other delegates will be staying.
As Durban wears a different look to greet guests who include Queen Elizabeth II, the city's disgruntled denizens lament the fact that the goods days would not last long. "Now that the Queen is coming, everything is cleared," said a 69-year old Jean Brown, fed up with the rising crimes and violence in this beautiful beach front city.

Attack on procession 21 BNP men sued in Khulna: 3 arrested

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, Nov 10: Abul Kalam Azad, convener of the city unit of Chhatra League has filed a case with Khulna thana police accusing 21 persons of BNP, JCI and Jubo Dal for launching an alleged armed attack on a peaceful procession during hartal on Tuesday.
The FIR-named accused include Syed Isa, former convener of the party's district convening committee.
Police arrested three activists of Jubo Dal soon after the case was recorded at midnight Tuesday night.
The arrested are Sher Alam Shantu, Abdul Jabbar and Noor Alam.
They were produced before a court today. Court rejected their bail and sent them to district jail.

ADB loan to upgrade power project

From Staff Correspondent
The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide US 157 million dollar loan for the proposed Dhaka Power System Upgrade Project.
The agreement was reached yesterday during a meeting at ADB headquarters in Manila.
The objective of the project includes enabling evacuation and economic utilisation of power generated from the Build, Own, Operate (BOO) and Build, Own, Transfer (BOT) projects now being contracted — particularly at Haripur and Meghnaghat, says a press release yesterday.
Besides, the project aims at reducing losses and improving reliability of the existing transmission and distribution system in the greater Dhaka area; and to initiate preparatory works for a training and management development institute in Rural Electrification Board (REB).
The project is designed to promote economic growth by ensuring reliability of power supply and by increasing access to electric supply in the greater Dhaka area, including rural areas supplied by the Pally Biddu Samities (PBSs) from DESA.
Bangladesh's contribution to the 300 million dollar project will be approximately USD 143 million.
At the meeting, the Bangladesh team was led by Secretary-in-charge of Power Division GM

JU students submit memo to President

Agitating students of Jahangirnagar University yesterday submitted a memorandum to Chancellor of the university President Shahabuddin Ahmed, demanding immediate reopening of the university and withdrawal of all increased tuition fees, reports UNB.
Earlier, the students under the banner of 'Increased Fee Resistance Council' brought out a procession from Dhaka University's Madhu's Canteen to force the JU authorities to withdraw increased tuition fees.
Expressing solidarity with their demands, left-leaning Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya and five other student bodies joined the procession.
But police intercepted the procession when it reached Education Bhaban. Later, a group of students was allowed to submit the memorandum to the President at Bangabhaban.

PM leaves today

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mer Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan is contesting for the post of the Commonwealth Secretary General. He is contesting against New Zealand Foreign Minister Don McKinnon.
Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, PM's Principal Secretary Dr SA Samad, Foreign Secretary CM Shafi Sami and PM's Press Secretary Jawadul Karim are accompanying the Prime Minister as members of the official delegation.
The Prime Minister will visit Saudi Arabia from November 16-18 on her way back home.
She will perform Umrah at Makkah and offer fataha at Madinah Al-Manaurah on November 17-18.
The Prime Minister is expected to return home on November 19.

Ahad

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in extortion in Dilkusha and Motijheel areas, where Ahad was on duty on that night.
Ahad confronted the gang members when they were rickshawing and an auto-tempo, police said quoting Zakir.
At one stage, Ahad jumped onto the auto tempo and made a desperate attempt to arrest them. The gang members overpowered him and threw him out of the vehicle. He received injuries in his head and later died at the hospital, police added.
Earlier, it was reported that the gang had struck him on his head with a machete and fled the scene in an autotempo.
Soon after the killing, police arrested two persons — Humayun Kabir and Mafizur Rahman. They were interrogated and later sent to jail.

Rajshahi by-polls Six submit nomination papers

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Nov 10: Six candidates submitted nomination papers for the by-election in Rajshahi-5 constituency.
The candidates are Dr Mohammad Alauddin of Awami League, Prof. Abdur Razaque of Jatiya Party (M-M), Nurul Islam Master of JSD, Siddiqur Rahman of NAP (Bhasani), Azizul Alam (Independent), Yar Mohammad (Independent) and Abdul Gafur of Jatiya Party (Ershad).
None from the BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote submitted nomination papers.
The seat fell vacant after Dr Mohammad Alauddin, elected on BNP ticket in the last general elections, joined the Awami League government defying party decision. Dr Alauddin lost his seat on October 11 on charges of violation of the Constitution. He secured the ruling party's ticket yesterday for contesting the by-election.
He submitted his nomination paper at Charghat and two others at Bagha thana election office.

President assents to Bill

President Shahabuddin Ahmad yesterday assented to the 'Rural Poverty Alleviation Foundation Bill, 1999', passed in the 15th session of the 7th Jatiya Sangsad, said a Parliament Secretariat press release, reports UNB.
The Vice Chancellor could not be contacted till late last night for comment.
However, Proctor of the university Prof Nurunnabi told The Daily Star that the law-enforcing agencies could arrest those students involved in criminal activities.
He also said that there were case filed against seven students, who were earlier expelled temporarily. Police should arrest them.
But the Proctor could not confirm whether cases were filed against the five who were expelled yesterday.

Seizure of Ershad's passport: HC rule on Home Secy

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the Home Secretary and others to show cause within two weeks why they shall not be directed to return the passport of former President HM Ershad, reports UNB.
Ershad's passport was impounded on November 3 night at Zia International Airport while he was going to China.
The court further asked the respondents to show cause why the seizure of the passport shall not be declared mala fide, without lawful authority and violative of Ershad's fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution as a citizen.
Ershad's counsel prayed for return of the passport for allowing him to go to Saudi Arabia for his routine treatment but the court asked for filing of supplementary affidavit along with relevant papers in support of the treatment abroad.
A Division Bench of the High Court comprising Justice M Fazlul Karim and Justice M Abdul Wahab Mia issued the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Ershad challenging seizure of his passport.
His counsel, Khandaker Mahbub Hossain, moved the writ petition.
The seizure of passport, he said, was an illegal act done with a mala fide intention to infringe Ershad's fundamental right as a citizen though he was a former President and a sitting MP.

EC: Cash aid

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Depicting a 'radically changed global food aid scenario', the WFP representative said, currently over 70 per cent of food aid is used for meeting emergencies like the one in East Timor and the remaining 30 per cent for development purposes. Few years back, the ratio was otherwise.
Increasing numbers of food-assisted programmes have to be borne by the country instead of depending on food aid from outside, Kiene said.
Kiene and some other discussants pointed out that NGOs had developed the tendency of working with the 'relatively better off poor' while the poorest of the poor continued to languish.
They emphasized the need for creating income-generating avenues for the 30 million ultra poor in the country.
"If one has to stand up in the queue again and again for jobs under Food-for-Work programmes, it has to be understood that the person was no better off after being covered by food aided programmes", Kiene said.
So, our thrust is now on programmes for human capacity development than on infrastructure development, he said.
Among others, the Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council DR Z Karim, Director General of Food Directorate AKM Nurul Afsar, former secretary Nurunnabi Chowdhury, Mohiuddin Ahmad of Community Development Library and Mujahidul Islam Selim of Communist Party of Bangladesh also took part in the discussion.

Mongla port

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are going on. A tripartite meeting was held today at the port. But the meeting ended without any positive result.
The striking workers today vowed to continue their strike to realise their demands, said a source in Mongla Port Authority.
Meanwhile, Sub-inspector of Mongla Thana today filed a case accusing 38 people for attacking policemen at Mongla Port on Tuesday, port sources said.