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chairman sued

in Kurigram

Deputy Commissioner. TNO of

Fulbari, and chairman and a

member of Naodanga Union

Parishad were sued on Thurs-

day for their attempt to evict a

family violating a court order,

President Tahrina Yunus has

been living on a land adjacent

to the Naodanga UP for long. But the union parishad officials

have been claiming the land as the property of the UP. After a case filed in this re-

gard, Assistant Judge Court of

Fulbari thana instructed both

sides to maintain status quo

TNO Tahsinur Rahman.

Chairman Abu Bakar Siddique

and member Mominul Haq

Mintu on November 2 allegedly

tried to evict the family from

the land and harassed Tahrina.

damaged the house and took

away gods worth about Tk

withdrawn and the TNO trans-

Opposition calls

hartal in Naogaon

tomorrow

NAOGAON, Nov 13: BNP and

It was announced at a rally

of the Liaison Committee of

BNP-led four parties at the local

Shaheed Minar in the town on

were arrested from Muktir

Crossing during the hartal on

Monday. They were sent to

Police commissioner says

Vested quarters

Soni and JCD worker Tipu

Meanwhile, the DC has been

40,000 to the UP office.

Haq Soni. reports UNB.

Tuesday.

Rajshahi jail.

It was also alleged that they

But DC Aminul Islam Khan.

until disposal of the case.

Court sources said family of

reports UNB.

KURIGRAM, Nov 13: The

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Medical, surgical items

DMCH owes Tk 5 cr to some companies

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) owes over Tk five crore in dues to various compa-

pital owes Tk 74 lakh as unpaid and overdue bills to Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Board (BTTB) for the last ten years.

DMCH officials confirming the facts said, "The hospital has been unable to pry the bills for last five year, as we have no extra funds to pay the dues. The annual budget for the 800-bed hospital is 3.5 crore taka," said one official

of the total budget, the hospital is obliged to spend 70 per cent of the money for procuring drugs from government pharmaceutical companies.

spective wards and operation theatres. In the face of such a the bills," he said.

"The amount is not sufficient considering the mounting demands. We at least need Tk 8 crore annual budget to fulfil minimum requirement."

have extra money."

Tangail-8 election

Ahmed led a huge procession in support of the party candidate on the last day of campaigning. Thousands of people - men and carrying AL's election symbol

Some other AL leaders including MPs were also in the forefront of the procession that paraded different areas of

Shakhipur. Earlier on the day, the ruling party leaders addressed a big public rally to seek vote for

Siddiqui also addressed a huge public meeting on the con-

alleged that the "by-election is not an election at all, rather it is like semi-repression (upanirjaton)," according to UNB.

'ousted from his home if not elected.

meetings were held within a quarter kilometre and supporters of both paraded narrow roads at the thana headquarters raising slogans, no unto-

stituency.

ministers and the PM's Political Adviser were creating pressure on voters to vote for the ruling party candidate. Haq further alleged that almost all the ministers were campaignin violation of the election code of conduct.

CEC to take effective steps and immediately visit the constituency where "panic gripped the voters".

Tight security measures have been taken to hold the byon Friday.

Opposition

From page 1

Policy makers of the four parties yesterday continued their discussion on the future course of action and movement strategy, sources said.

Members of the Alliance's Liaison Committee, after discussion with their party policy makers, will sit at II this morning and finalise the fresh programme to be announced at the meetings this afternoon. they said.

Sources in the Alliance said the parties have taken "massive preparations" to organise big processions and meetings in the city. They said party activists from Dhaka and adjoining districts may take part in the pro-

grammes. City BNP Joint Convenor Abdus Salam told The Daily Star that leaders and activists of party units in districts ad-

joining Dhaka have not been asked to join the programme in the city as similar programme will be observed there also. "We will not object if activists from adjoining districts want to join the city pro-gramme. We have advised them

to make the mass procession programme a complete success in their respective areas," he public meeting at Paltan

In the city, BNP will hold its Maidan in the afternoon. Jatiya Party at Muktangan. Jamaat at the North gate of Baitul Mukarram and IOJ at Purana Paltan.

Some other smaller parties Jagpa, Democratic League. Progressive Nationalist Party and Nationalist Democratic Alliance — will also organise rallies and bring out procession

in the capital. Meanwhile, BNP held a series of rallies and brought out processions in different wards of the city yesterday in support of today's programme.

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By Staff Correspondent

nies supplying medical and surgical items to the hospital. In addition to that, the hos-

The official regretted that out

"In reality we are actually given less than one third of 3.5 crore taka to spend. That's all we are granted. With the 'limited' fund we have to procure and supply necessary items to recrisis we cannot think of paying

"We received several reminders from BTTB and the companies supplying the items to pay the dues, but we don't

Authorities banned rallies.

meetings, processions and

movement of motor vehicles

from midnight last night till

special significance as

Siddiqui, who was elected on AL

ticket in 1996, challenged

Sheikh Hasina's government

after being expelled from the

be vying for the JS seat, local

people said there will be a

straight fight between Siddiqui

BNP bows?

From page 1

Khaleda Zia yesterday evening

and requested her not to call

any 'short notice hartal', espe-

cially at the time of the annual

examinations at educational

that guardians and different

school authorities requested

them not to call hartal before

November 25. Besides, a num-

ber of top party leaders have strongly opposed hartal because

of the examinations and con-

veyed their sentiment to the

its city committee and front or-

ganisations categorically told

the party Chairperson that it

would not be possible for them

to make a short-noticed hartal

a success. Beside, they informed

that there were requests from

all sections of people, espe-

cially from the guardians and

teachers not to call any hartal

herself also agreed not to call

hartal before the Shab-e-Barat.

nior leaders of Jamaat - Matiur

Rahman Nizami, Mohammad

Kamaruzzaman and Abdul

Qader Mollah -- rushed to 29

Minto Road and met the BNP

Jamaat leaders came to meet

Khaleda Zia reportedly at the

request of a BNP leader, who

was 'very much eager' to call a

In their presence in Khaleda

Zia's room, BNP leader Anwar

with JP Presidium member

Kazi Firoz Rashid and IOJ

Secretary General Fazlul Haq

Amini and confirmed Tuesday's hartal programme.

"unscheduled" hartal.

Party insiders said the

They said the party chief

But all on a sudden three se-

before the holy Shab-e-Barat.

BNP sources said leaders of

The leaders told Khaleda Zia

Although 32 candidates will

The by-election here bears

Monday midnight.

and Shawqat.

institutions.

party chief.

Presidium Member Tofail women — joined the procession

Shahjahan.

cluding day of campaigning. Siddiqui in his last projection meeting at Jail Crossing

On the other hand, ruling party candidate Shahjahan told his last projection meeting at Taltala that he would be

Although the two projection

ward incident took place. Meanwhile, another independent candidate - Md Hamidul Haq — in a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner yesterday alleged that armed terrorists, mobilised by the ruling party from across the country, were threatening voters in remote areas of the con-

He also alleged that some ing for the ruling party nominee

In his letter, he requested the

polls peacefully. Army was deployed in the area today while BDR and additional police force

Dhaka places

From page 1

macro perspectives. For attending to the needs of the poor, we must go down to their levels where they live and work." Stressing the need for increased trade, she called for in-

tegrating the developing countries fully into the multilateral trading regime. The PM referred to the outcome of the Uruguay Round and establishment of WTO and said, "unfortunately, all that was embodied in the agreements

have not fulfilled. This has upset our development process. She also a expressed concern over phasing out of quota in ready-made garments sector. She said it was expected that the quota system should be phased out in a planned manner. But it is found that the phasing out of quota has not been uniform for

"This has placed our manufacturers in an awkward position. The transformation of backward linkages they have hoped for with the gradual lifting of quotas did not take placed," she said.

all products.

Hasina questioned whether the Millennium Round of Trade Negotiations would protect the interests of the LDCs, such as Bangladesh, or again to be bypassed?

The Prime Minister said if there is to be a Millennium Round, it must be comprehensive. Besides, she said the existing commitments must get due importance as any other issue to be taken up.

She urged the Commonwealth leaders to take up a common position regarding the measures for the LDCs, like duty-free access for products from these countries.



A vehicle was crushed under the weight of a collapsed building in Bolu, north-western Turkey in the early hours of Friday during a strong earthquake that was felt across the country. The epicentre of the 7.2 quake was near Duzce where the death toll already crossed 300 yesterday. - AFP photo

Quake

From page 1 wailing sirens and weeping on-

lookers. "My mother and sister are inside. Many people have come out...(but) there is still no sound from them," said a distraught Aysun Pala waiting outside her mother's collapsed apartment

building in Duzce — the town worst hit by the tremor. It was a chilling reminder for many Turks of the devastating August 17 tremor that devastated the nearby towns of

Izmit and Golcuk. In the provincial capital of Bolu, Reuters correspondent Jon Hemming watched dusty and shivering rescuers organise search efforts with new vigour as day broke. Survival chances for anyone trapped alive were said to be slim in the freezing

temperatures. Hundreds of people gathered in Duzce's park, huddling around fires of wood and old tires as temperatures in the city fell to 3 C (37 F). A thick layer of smoke from the fires hung over the city. The government cut electricity to the area following the quake to reduce the risk of

fires. The epicentre of the quake was the small town of Duzce pronounced "Dooze-Jay" - with some 150,000 inhabitants in hilly, forested region on the main highway between Turkey's political capital. Ankara and its main commercial city, Istanbul. The road was partly closed to traffic as a large chunk of one lane had crumbled

into a ravine below. Many buildings in the centre of Duzce lay in runins. Outside its damaged hospital, evacuated as a safety precaution, surgeons operated on injured victims in

the freezing open air. Rescue officials said they expected the death toll to rise as workers unearth more bodies. Just one day before Friday's quake, a smaller earthquake of

magnitude 5.7 shook the nearby hartal on Tuesday, and pursued town of Adapazari. her to go in favour of the That quake knocked out phone and power lines but did not cause damage to buildings. Two people were killed, one Zahid talked over telephone from heart attack and one from jumping out of a window in panic, and another 171 were in-

Onion price to fall before Ramadan

By Staff Correspondent

With less than a month left for the Ramadan, retailers in the city markets say onion price would gradually fall unlike in previous years.

Price of onion soured to Tk

40 per kg recently, following which the government exempted duty on onion imports. Retailers at New Market Kutcha Bazar (kitchen market) said a huge quantity of imported onion reached the city's major wholesale market, Shyam Bazar during the last one week. Besides, fresh harvest

of local onion would also begin

shortly. Prices would therefore naturally fall, they added. Demand for onion rises sharply during the Ramadan as it is used in preparing most of the iftar items taken at the end of day-long fasting by the

Local and imported varieties of onion are now selling at 32 to 40 per kg. Meanwhile, price of dried chilly rose by Tk 10 per kg in

the last one week and it is now

One shot during gunfight in city By Staff Correspondent

At least one person was injured during a gunfight between two groups of terrorists at Balur math (ground) under Pallabi thana in the city yesterday. The injured was identified as Idrish, 35. Idrish was admitted

to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet injuries. Hospital sources said the two groups clash at about 11:30 am. The reason behind the clash

could not be known immedi-Both the groups exploded crackers during the clash.

sources added. When contacted, Pallabi police, however, said that they heard about the incident but yet to get any official complain.

the old stock has risen to Tk 15-16 per kg from Tk 12-13 a week

Prices of some other essentials are: brinjal — Tk 18 per kg. tomato - Tk 45, beans - Tk 30, carrot - Tk 50, soybean oil - Tk 38, mustard oil - Tk 48, cumin -Tk 140 garlic - Tk. 32-40 (local) and Tk 56 (imported), mashur (pulse) - Tk 40 (local) and Tk 38 per kg (imported).

Tangail by-polls Zaker party candidate withdraws from race

By Staff Correspondent The Zaker party would not participate in the Tangail bypolls as its candidate has withdrawn from the race in the face of 'extreme insecurity and fear',

said a press release last night. The party chairman Amir Faisal said that all candidates, including Kader Siddiqui were under threat from the ruling party's armed goons. The people are also feeling insecure to cast their votes, the press release

Barura thana OC closed

COMILLA, Nov 13: District police administration today closed the Officer-in-Charge and two constables of Barura thana to the police line, reports

Official sources said they were closed to the police lines on charge of negligence of du-

its allies called a dawn-to-dusk hartal here on Monday demanding unconditional release of local Jubo Dal leader Nazmul

selling at Tk 90 per kg. Price of newly harvested potato has come down to Tk 35 per kg from Tk 40, but that of potato from

trying to foil trial of Shikdar, his beneficiaries By Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Nov 13: Police Commissioner Anwarul Igbal has said vested quarters are try-

his beneficiaries. This is the first comment by a high police official about Shikdar's beneficiaries since submission of a report to the government by a three-member probe body headed by Masudul

ing to foil the trial of notorious

criminal Ershad Shikdar and

Huq, Director of NSI. Iqbal made the comment while inaugurating a two-day workshop at the local press club yesterday. Khulna unit of Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association organised the workshop.

The Police Commissioner urged local newsmen to expose killer Shikdar and his accom-

Meanwhile leaders of different socio-cultural organisations. Khulna Bar Association and local unit of Communist Party of Bangladesh demanded publication of names of Shikdar's beneficiaries including political leaders.

Wrist of young man severed in city

By Staff Correspondent Terrorists severed a wrist of a young man near the city's Gopibagh rail gate yesterday

Hospital sources identified the victim as Lablu, 30. According to sources, a gang of terrorists dragged Lablu near the rail crossing and started asthana Mahila Awami League

saulting him at around noon.

At one stage, the gang severed wrist of his right hand and left the scene. He was first rushed to DMCH and later shifted to Orthopaedic Hospital. In another incident, a teenage boy received bomb in-juries in the city yesterday

morning. The victim Khalil found a small container while searching waste materials in a dustbin behind Hotel Purbani at about

8:30 pm, hospital sources said. The container exploded when Khalil was examining it. He received injuries in his face, chest and other parts of the body. He was admitted to DMCH sources added.

Motijheel police, however could not confirm any of the incidents till filing of this report last night.

Combing operation in greater Noakhali soon: Nasim

LAXMIPUR, Nov 13: Combing operation by joint armed forces would begin soon in the greater Noakhali district to uproot terrorism and establish rule of law, Home, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim said here

today, reports BSS. Addressing a public meeting at Char Alexander Government College ground under Ramgati thana, the minister said 15 days would be given for surrendering illegal arms before launching the combing operation by joint armed forces - police, BDR and Ansar.

Sec 144 on N'ganj municipality area

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Nov 13: The district administration today imposed Section 144 on the municipality area as two Islamic organisations tried to hold meetings at the same

venue at same time today. The Section 144 was imposed from 1 pm today and will remain valid until 5 pm Monday. After the police failed to convince the two opposing groups - Ashekey Rasul Parishad and the Oulamaye Keramgon — to change the venue and time of their meetings, the district administra-

tion imposed the ban. No untoward incident was reported.

Hasina-Vajpayee

From page 1 Vajpayee said India could be benefited from Bangladesh's

aster management. Prime Minister Hasina congratulated Vajpayee for reassuming the office of the Prime Minister.

expertise and experience in dis-

Charity match today Cricketers date with Bollywood

bombshells Sports Reporter

Stars of the world's largest film industry Bollywood will put on a different brand of war paint as they lock horns with the World Cup cricket heroes of Bangladesh and Athar Ali Khan in a - believe it or not - football match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this morn-

The 'mockery' is for a very noble cause, according to the organisers B J Films International of Dhaka. Proceeds from the match will go to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Stargazers are in for a treat with Bombay's glamour girls. Raveena Tandon, Twinkle Khanna, Sonali Bendre, Atul Agnihotri, Namrata Shirodkar, Priti Zenta and Sumon Ranganath scheduled to arrive Dhaka early this morning: whether they can kick a ball is

a different story. The stars who are likely to sweat against Aminul Islam and his team are Govinda, Chunkey Pande, Sharod Kapoor and a battalion of Khans -Salman, Kamal, Arbaz, Sohel

and Aftab.

pearance money.

The match will start at 11 am and gates will open at 9. Tickets, priced from Taka 300 to 1000, have been on sale from Friday through Saturday and will also be available at the

stadium this morning. The stars of Dhaka and Bombay will be receiving ap-

Sheraton expansion A joint venture firm may be appointed

Star Report The government is going to appoint a joint venture firm for expansion of Hotel Sheraton for the Non Aligned Movement summit, to be held here in 2001.

official sources said yesterday. A Bangladesh-India joint venture is on top of the list of firms. The decision will be finalised on Monday, the sources said. The government owned Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL) runs the hotel under a joint management with She-

raton. The 42 crore taka expansion work is expected to begin in January next and completed by

March 2001. Six joint venture Bangladeshi companies with their partners from Malaysia, Australia, UK and India offered bids in response to a tender floated about two months back. A technical committee

headed by Amir Hussain, Chief Architect, Government of Bangladesh, is now scrutinising the bids. Frof M Shahidul Ameen and Prof AMM Shafiullah of BUET are also members of the technical committee.

ried extension building of the hotel on the western side will be demolished for expansion of parking facilities and raising structures for reception and The five top floors of the

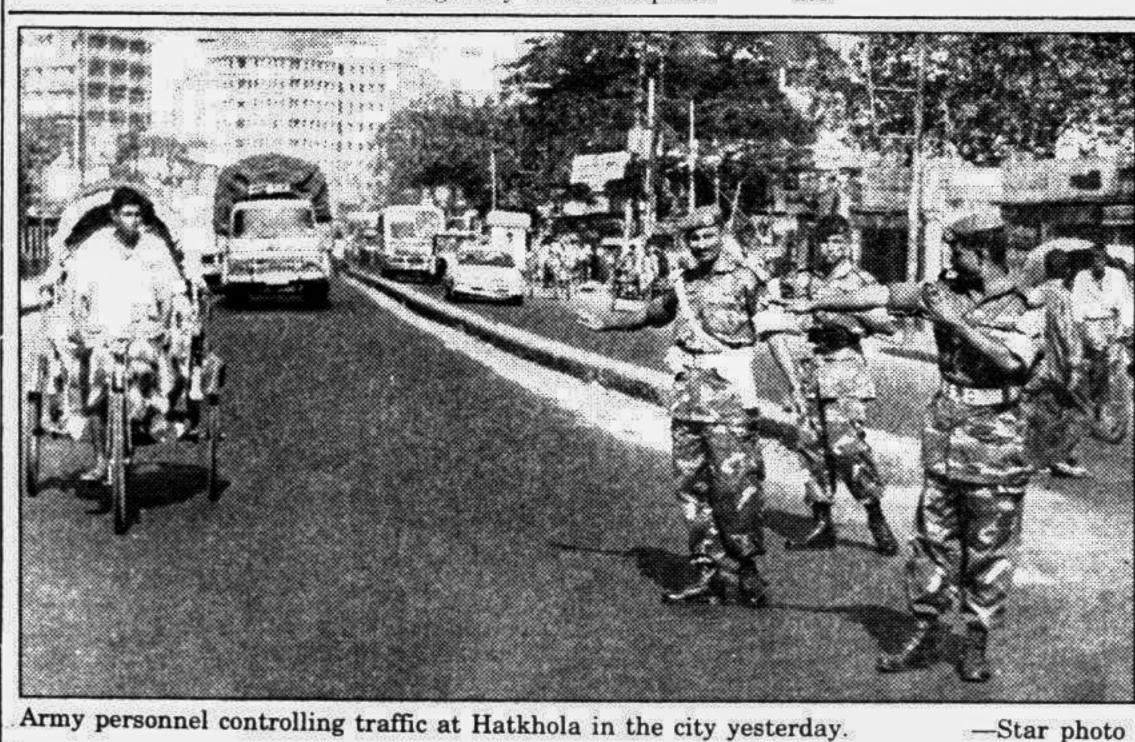
eight storied office building on

the southern side will be con-

source said.

verted into guest rooms, the

As per the plan, the two sto-



Court orders detention of toreign ship

CHITTAGONG, Nov 13: The Admiralty Court of Dhaka today ordered detention of a foreign ship following payment complications, reports UNB. The court issued the order

upon a complaint filed by Ms BB Majumdar firm of Dhaka.

Officials said the Malta flag-

carrier ship 'MV Fantasy,' anchored at Chittagong Port on November 3. The ship is carrying 15,000 tons of pulses and mustard seeds worth Tk 21 crore that have been imported by two local

companies.

Kadianis attacked From page 1 Some women were still "bejured by the gang. Kadiani leader Rezaul Karim's house

was ransacked by the gang. A large contingent of police cordoned off the village. Villagers told newsmen at about noon today that anti-Kadianis did miking in the area

and "took over" the mosque in presence of police. About 400 anti-Kadianis said their Zohr prayers in the Masjid-e-Hashem They said that most of the

villagers fled after the attack.

sieged" inside the village, they alleged. When contacted the Deputy

Commissioner of Natore said

-Star photo

used by a wide range of people." have called both the sides tomorrow to sit and solve the problem," said the DC. He, however, denied that

anyone was injured. "Police are patrolling the area and the sit uation is under control." None was arrested, he said.

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