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Directive to RO Ask 'them' to leave Tangail immediately

By Nurul Kabir

The Election Commission yesterday directed the Returning Officer for parliamentary by-election in Tangail-8 constituency to ask three government officials to leave the district immediately and not to go to the area before the election result is announced. EC sources said.

The three are R A M Obaidul Mukhtar, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister and two assistant personal secretaries to the PM - Ibrahim Hossain Khan and A M M Bahaeddin Nasim.

The EC directive followed press reports that PM's political adviser Dr SA Malek and the three officials were working in the constituency in favour of the ruling party candidate, Shawkat Momen Shahjahan.

In its directive, the EC quoted certain provision of the Representation of the People Order, 1972 that suggests punishment for such conduct.

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AL iterates call for dialogue

By Staff Correspondent

The ruling Awami League has urged the opposition parties to respond positively to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's offer of dialogue.

Exchanging views with heads of different universities and educational institutions and leaders of teachers' associations yesterday, the party leaders said the opposition parties want to destroy the democratic system and upset political stability in the country by frequently calling hartal without valid reasons.

But the people would not allow them to create anarchy, they said.

Acting president of Awami League Amir Hossain Amu presided over the meeting held at the party's central office in the city, said a press release.

The meeting observed that discussion should be the ideal way of thrashing out solution to major issues in question.

The meeting also expressed concern at the harassment of students and examiners owing to frequent hartals.

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2 Ctg jute mills Workers enforce barricade from today

From Our Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Nov 14: The workers of Anowara and Mokbul Rahman Jute Mills will enforce a rail-road barricade programme for an indefinite period at Sitakunda from tomorrow.

Leaders of the workers' unions of the two jute mills yesterday jointly announced the programme to realise arrears wages.

About 5000 workers of the two mills have been agitating since June this year demanding arrears wages.

A good number of meetings between the workers and the managements of the two mills were held. But these meetings failed to resolve the crisis.

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November 15

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-55	4-10
Maghrib	5-23	5-28
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

82 polling centres 'vulnerable' Tangail tense: RO fears violence during polls

From Reaz Ahmed and Mizan ali

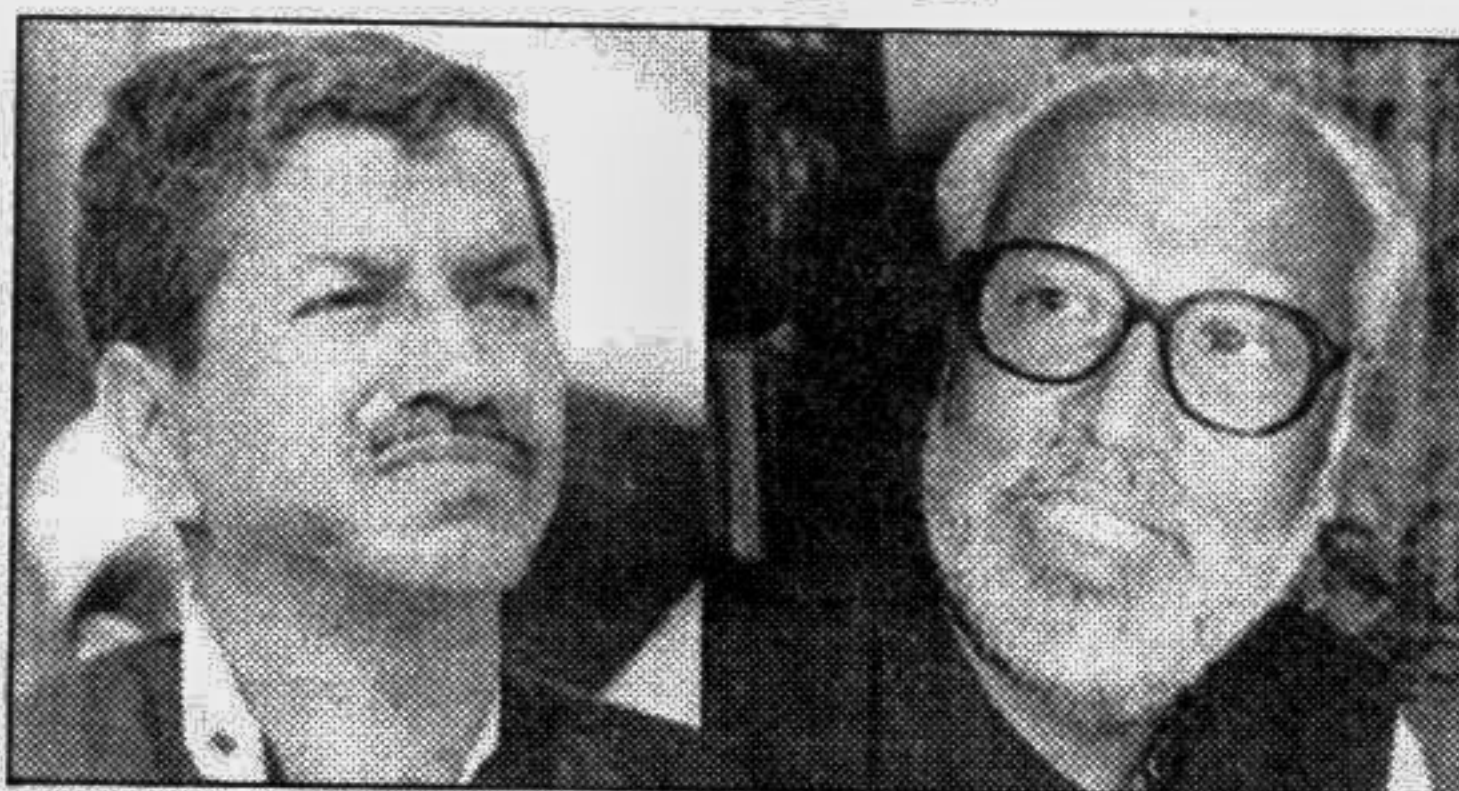
TANGAIL, Nov 14: Tension mounted in Tangail-8 parliamentary constituency on the eve of tomorrow's by-polls.

A vehicle used by the father of independent candidate Kader Siddique was damaged at Shakhipur Bazar following allegations that Siddique "ousted" a state minister from Shakhipur this morning.

"Violence may erupt any time. We are well prepared to face any situation," Deputy Commissioner of Tangail Molla Waheduzzaman, who is Returning Officer for the by-polls, told The Daily Star last night.

Eighty-two polling centres are "vulnerable", he said.

A record number of 161 magistrates will be deployed in the constituency during the polling



Shajahan

Siddique

hours. A 3500 strong force comprising army, BDR, armed police (ABPN) and ansars will provide a security blanket. The forces have been ordered to remain in the area till November 17. Polling will be held from

8 am to 4 pm.

Though 32 candidates are in the race, the main contestants are ruling Awami League candidate Shawkat Momen Shahjahan and Kader Siddique, ex-

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Opposition leader Khaleida Zia addressing rally at Paltan Maidan (ground) yesterday. — Star photo

Call for fairer global trade Commonwealth leaders strike deal at Fancourt

From Toufique Imrose Khalidi

DURBAN, South Africa, Nov 14: The Commonwealth leaders have called for the next round of World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiations to take a "pronounced developmental dimension" in a clear expression of concern that the new global trade regime was threatening the poor and small economies.

"We urge that the forthcoming ministerial meeting of WTO to launch the next round of global negotiations on trade to

be one with a pronounced developmental dimension, with the aim of achieving better market access in agriculture, industrial products and services in a way that provides benefits to all members, particularly developing countries." The ministerial meeting is due later this month in Seattle, the US.

The call came in the "Fancourt Declaration on Globalisation and People-Centred Development", released

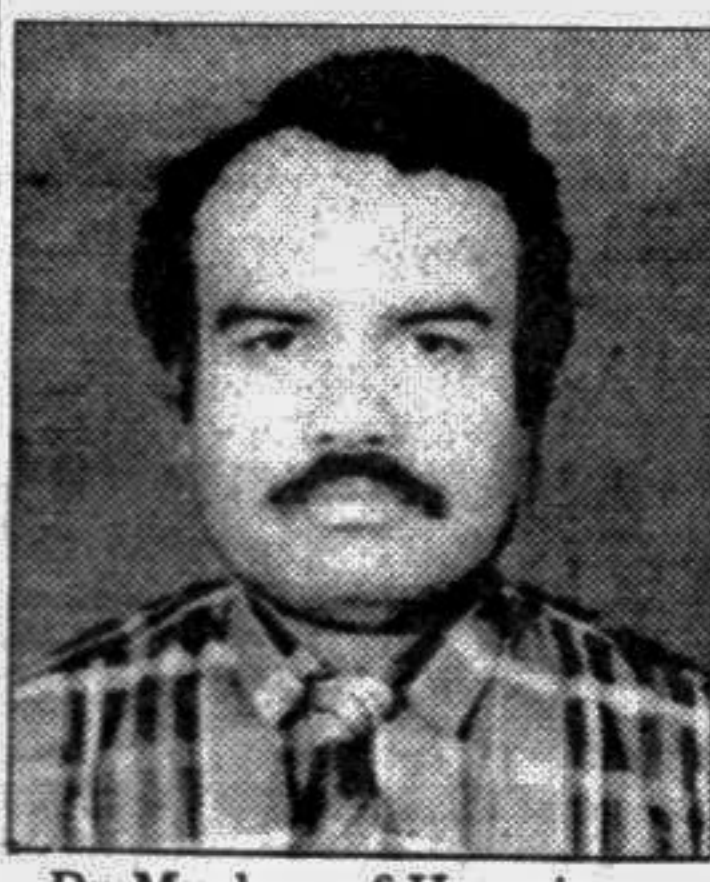
this evening after the heads of government ended their retreat at George. The declaration is named after the place in George where the heads reached their agreement following discussions on this year's summit theme: "People-Centred Development: The Challenge of Globalisation".

"If the benefits of globalisation are to be shared more widely, there must be greater equity for countries in global

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Doctor murdered while taking minor daughter to school

By Staff Correspondent



Dr. Mosharraf Hossain

Unidentified assailants shot dead a doctor while he was taking his eight-year-old daughter to school at about 7 am on the Ring Road at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday.

Dr Mosharraf Hossain, 45, and his daughter were going to Green Herald School at Mohammadpur in a rickshaw. Two youths aged between 16 and 20 intercepted the rickshaw at Bat Tala Maxi Stand, pulled him down and shot him point blank in the ear with a pistol. They again shot him in the head and ran away towards Shayamoli, police and witnesses said.

The rickshawpuller turned the rickshaw and drove it to

Mosharraf's house at Baitul Aman Housing with the little girl screaming.

Local people said they saw the two youths waiting at the spot for about an hour before the killing.

Dr Mosharraf, father of two daughters and a son, was also a part-time teacher at the Oxford International School.

Mohammadpur police said they have detained three persons from Pallabi-12 area in connection with the killing and are looking for other suspects.

The arrested three are Shohrab Hossain aged about 50 and his two sons Emarat and Borhan.

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Special courts in Khulna, Jessore to try Shikdar

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 14: Two special courts — one in Khulna and the other in Jessore — will try Ershad Shikdar and other terrorists of the southern region, according to a letter sent by the Ministry of Law to the authorities concerned in Khulna.

Two courts of Additional District and Sessions Judges of Naogaon and Rajshahi have already been shifted to Khulna and Jessore, said a reliable source.

The special courts will be in addition to the existing four Additional District and Ses-

sions Judges' courts in Khulna and Jessore.

The Judge for the special court in Khulna is yet to be named. The court will be set up in a separate building and a suitable house is being looked for it.

The court will expedite trial of the cases against Shikdar, said a source at the court.

A source in the KMP said Shikdar may again be brought to Khulna from Jessore central jail in connection with framing of at least six charges which are being processed.

The source said chargesheets in six murder cases — Khalid, Ishaque, Kamal, Kalu, Khaleque and Akimul — will be submitted to the court by Tuesday next.

The police commissioner has ordered the investigation officers to prepare the chargesheets for trial of Shikdar and others accused in the special court.

A six-member committee has been formed to supervise the cases, arrest the remaining absconders and ensure security of complainants and witnesses.

Opposition calls hartal tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The opposition parties once again have called a dawn-to-dusk hartal across the country tomorrow to protest Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's 'indecent' remarks about Opposition leader Khaleida Zia in parliament and also to force the government to resign immediately.

Heads of BNP, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islamic Olkya Jote — major components of the opposition alliance — announced the programme at separate public meetings in the city yesterday afternoon.

This will be the fifth hartal in two weeks. Earlier, the opposition enforced hartal (general strike) on November 1, 7, 8 and 9.

Meanwhile, the opposition parties will bring out torch processions and stage demonstration this evening in support of tomorrow's hartal.

Main opposition BNP will organise rallies and bring out

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Sharif flown to Karachi for trial

KARACHI, Nov 14: Deposed

premier Nawaz Sharif was flown to southern Karachi from an undisclosed location after midnight on Saturday to stand trial on charges of treason and kidnapping, both charges that carry the death penalty or life in prison, reports AP.

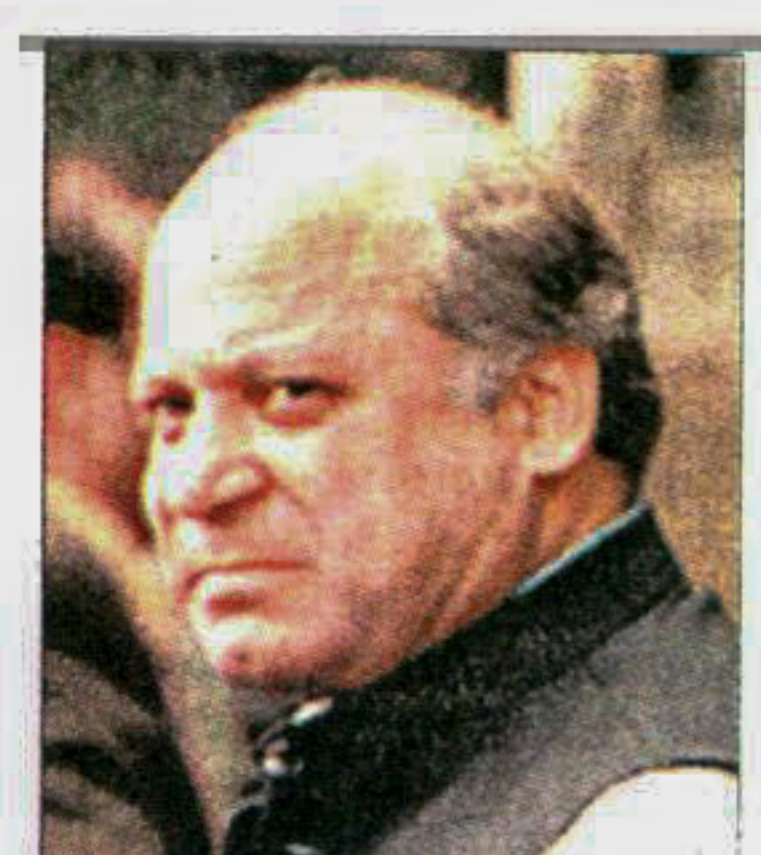
Sharif has been held in army custody at an undisclosed location since the military overthrew his unpopular government on Oct. 12.

The C-130 landed at the Pakistan Air Force base in this southern port city sometime after midnight, said officials, who asked not to be identified.

It wasn't immediately clear where in Karachi Sharif was being held.

Nor was it known when his trial will begin but officials said the ousted premier will appear before a magistrate within the next 24 hours to hear the charges formally read out.

Once formal charges are laid, Sharif is expected to be held in an ordinary prison cell until his trial, which will be



Nawaz Sharif

conducted by the anti-terrorist courts he established.

According to the law that established these courts the trial can last only seven days. The courts were set up to hand out quick justice and bypass the overloaded judicial system that sometimes takes years for a

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C'wealth leaders' call to free Sharif, others

From Toufique Imrose Khalidi

DURBAN, South Africa, Nov 14: The Commonwealth leaders have decided to continue suspension of Pakistan until civilian rule is restored and threatened to impose further sanctions "if progress to democracy is not made speedily", a CHOGM statement said today.

The heads of government also called for release of "Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and others detained with him".

"Heads of government condemned the unconstitutional overthrow of the democratically elected government in Pakistan... they believed that no legitimacy should be accorded to the military regime and called for restoration of civilian democratic rule without delay," said the statement, released in the afternoon as the leaders were on their way to Durban from the retreat at George.

They endorsed CMAG's decision to suspend the military regime in Pakistan from the

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Mongla Port

23 TUs to go
on strike
from today

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 14: Casual workers at Mongla Port continued their strike for the sixth day today to press home their 15-point demand.

The casual workers under the banner of 'Shipping Karmachari Sangha' began an indefinite strike hampering loading and unloading of goods at the port.

A number of meetings between casual workers and the port authority ended in failure.

Meanwhile, twenty-three worker-employees' unions of Mongla Port have expressed solidarity with the ongoing strike and decided to go on strike from tomorrow.

Over 1100 striking casual staff have blamed the stevedores for creating deadlock at the port.

The stevedores on the other

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