

Strike continues Ctg doctors threaten greater movement

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Dec 10: Doctors at the port city continued their strike for the fourth day today.

The striking doctors today threatened to announce a greater movement tomorrow if the terrorists were not arrested within next 24 hours.

The doctors went on indefinite strike from Tuesday protesting the attack on Chittagong medical college Professor Dr Nilkanta Bhattacharya by a group of armed terrorists.

The striking doctors and students of Chittagong medical college (CMC) today staged demonstration and held a protest rally demanding immediate arrest of the terrorists.

All private chambers of doctors and clinics remained closed since Tuesday.

However, Chittagong medical college hospital and Chittagong general hospital were kept outside the purview of strike.

The sufferings of the patients mounted in the port city due to the strike.

BNP to bring out processions in city today

By Staff Correspondent
BNP will bring out processions from all wards of the city at 3 pm today in support of Monday's countrywide hartal, called to protest 'unilateral' announcement of Chittagong City Corporation polls schedule.

The BNP will also bring out processions tomorrow from 11 places - New Market, Khilgaon crossing, Mohakhali, Badda, Farmgate, Mirpur, Uttara, Mohammodpur, Shyamkur and Rampura - in support of the shutdown.

The main procession will be brought out from party's central office at 3 pm.

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One held for killing Jubo League activist

By Staff Correspondent
Police yesterday arrested an FIR-named accused in the Jubo League activist Barun Murder Case.

Abu Siddiqui Barun, 25, was shot dead and at least four others, including his elder brother were injured when gunmen fired at them at BG Press Staff Quarters Math (field) in Tejgaon Industrial Area in the city Thursday evening.

The arrested was identified as Anni Hawladar, police said. Niru Mian, father of the dead, filed a murder case with Tejgaon thana the same night.

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Sehri, Iftar timings

Ramadan	Dec	Sehri	Iftar
2	11	5:06	5:16
3	12	5:07	5:16
4	13	5:08	5:17

Prayer Timings

December 11	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:46	5:12
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	3:42	4:00
Maghrib	5:16	5:22
Tarabi	7:00	7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Yeltsin, Jiang wrap up summit Former rivals join hands to oppose US

BEIJING, Dec 10: Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Chinese counterpart Jiang Zemin wrapped up a two-day summit today, jointly declaring their countries' commitment to oppose foreign intervention for the sake of human rights, reports AP.

"No country can interfere in another sovereign country's attacks against domestic terrorism," said a summit-ending statement issued by the leaders.

The statement underscored how close the fierce Cold War rivals have drawn this year, propelled by their opposition to NATO's war to stop ethnic purges in Kosovo and sharp

Western criticism of Russia's military offensive in Chechnya. Having collected unequivocal support from Jiang on Thursday for Russia's Chechen campaign, Yeltsin promised Russian backing of China's claim over Taiwan.

"Russia supports China's principled stand on the Taiwan issue. The People's Republic of China supports the Russian Federation's attack against Chechen terrorist and separatist activities," the statement said.

Jiang told Yeltsin that with Beijing's Dec 20 recovery of the Portuguese colony of Macau, the Taiwan issue will become "still

more pressing," the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported. In a dig at the United States and NATO's war with Yugoslavia over Kosovo, the statement railed against unnamed countries that weakened the United Nations by seeking "excuses" to intervene in other nation's domestic affairs.

"Using power, even threats of force, instead of international law, they cite 'human rights' is higher than sovereignty and 'humanitarian intervention' to harm the sovereignty of independent nations," the statement said.

Yeltsin attacked President Nari Sangram Kendra, a women's organisation, brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting dowry and incidents of violence against women.

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25 houses damaged in Shahjadpur Supporters of Swapan, Chayan clash: 20 hurt

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 10: At least 20 people were injured and 25 houses damaged in post-polls violence in Shahjadpur thana of the district today.

According to police, 15 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of MP-elect Chayan Islam and his nearest rival candidate Hasibur Rahman Swapan at village Satabaria.

The clash erupted over beating up of a supporter of Swapan allegedly by the supporters of Chayan.

The victim, identified as Kalu, was admitted to a local clinic.

It is alleged that supporters of Chayan damaged and looted 25 houses in the village. A case was filed with Shahjadpur thana in this connection.

In another incident, police said, supporters of Swapan beat up five Chayan men at Baradil village in the same thana. However, no case was filed in this connection.

Meanwhile, there is a strong

rumour here that Chayan, after defeating AL candidate Swapan, is planning to join Awami League again shortly.

When asked, Chayan told The Daily Star today that he would not take any such decision without discussing it with people who elected him.

He, however, refused to tell anything whether he had already discussed it with the Awami League high command.

Y2K: 3 expert teams to review contingency plan

The Y2K Emergency Centre has formed three expert teams for review of overall preparations and contingency plans by different important installations to face the apprehended calamity due to the millennium bug, reports UNB.

A high-level expert team, led by executive director of

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FAO observing vigorous efforts of this govt since '96: Diouf

By Special Correspondent

Director General of UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Dr Jacques Diouf has said the decision to award Ceres Medal to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina followed FAO recognition of her government's achievement in raising food production to reduce hunger and poverty.

"We are giving the medals to the countries who are making progress in food production, using scientific techniques, empowering women and helping reduce poverty," Diouf told newsmen in the city yesterday.

He handed over the award to Hasina at a ceremony at her office Thursday evening.

Diouf said FAO decided to give the award to the Bangladesh leader following her government's steps to overcome the effects of a devastating flood last year and raise food output, empower women and reduce poverty in a nation of 124 million people.

"We have been observing since 1996 the vigorous efforts

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Stop repression on women

Nari Sangram Kendra, a women's organisation, brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting dowry and incidents of violence against women.

— Star photo

USAID evaluation report on ATDP Focus on too many areas with too inadequate resources

By Rafiq Hasan

The Agro-based Industries and Technology Development Project played a significant role in developing the agriculture sector in the country but achieved only 'limited success' in creating new entrepreneurs.

This was stated in an evaluation report by USAID, which partly funded the 40.7 million dollar project.

Launched in 1995 by the Ministry of Agriculture, the ATDP will be completed this year.

One of the main objectives of the project was to establish 'forward and backward linkages' among producers of primary products, processors and marketers including exporters.

But few linkages have been attempted and fewer are successful, the report said.

ATDP Chief of Party Ronald P Black