



**Bangladesh Express Co. Ltd.**  
Licensee Of Federal Express Corporation  
Tel # 9565114; Fax # 9565112

**CHITTAGONG**

Hotel Hawaii Building  
39, Agrabad C.A., Chittagong  
Tel # 712127 Fax# 710106

**CEPZ**

Ctg. Export Processing Zone  
Old Admin Building  
Halishahar, Chittagong  
Tel # 740108 Fax# 710106

**KHULNA**

K.D.A Building  
Khan A. Sabur Road, Khulna  
Tel # 725008 Fax# 731932

**Ideal gift for any occasion.**

Instalment facility available  
only for purchases above Tk. 7,500

**Transcom Electronics Limited**

Official licensee of Philips Electronics N.V. for lighting products, radio and TV sets.  
Dhaka: 815307-10 Ctg.: 716353, 723578 Khulna: 720304 Bogra: 6215  
Visit your nearest Philips Display Centre today

Backed by  
Guarantee

Let's make things better.

**PHILIPS**

**Housewife stabbed to death, one found dead**

By Staff Correspondent

A housewife succumbed to her stab injuries at a city clinic while a man was found dead at Central Road in the city yesterday, police and hospital sources said.

The dead were identified as Piara Begum, 32, a resident of Tikkapara slum at Mohammadpur and Abdul Matin, 52, sources added.

Piara was stabbed allegedly by an elderly neighbour at a slum in the city's Mohammadpur area on Saturday.

Police arrested the 65-year-old alleged killer Mujibul Huq yesterday.

Mujibul locked in an altercation with his neighbour Piara at the slum on Saturday afternoon. At one stage of altercation he stabbed Piara in her chest with a kitchen knife, police

**One killed, 50 hurt as rivals clash at Sherpur**

**SHERPUR**, Dec 15: Street riots left one person dead and about 50 injured as well as some houses and shops torched in the town, reports UNB.

Many residents were fleeing homes as anarchy reigned in the district town amid sporadic clashes and arson attacks between two rival groups of Mirganj and Bagraksa following a quarrel over a trivial matter Tuesday night.

The dead man, identified as Fariduddin Sumon, 16, hailed from Nawabganj in Dhaka. His name is Janab. It was held at Kazibari Eidgah ground today. Later, his body was sent to his village home.

Residents, mainly children and women, were being evacuated elsewhere from their respective areas apprehending more clashes, gunfights, bomb explosions.

Police and paramilitary BDR were patrolling the areas to stave off further troubles as the two sides, equipped with lethal weapons, were on the confrontation course when this report came late in the evening.

**Sherpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry** forced all the shopkeepers to shut down their businesses demanding security and removal of the deputy commissioner and police super.

On the other hand, a nonstop hartal enforced by the liaison committee of the BNP-led opposition continued in the town.

Meanwhile, police raided different areas of Mirganj, Gouripur, Bagraksa rounding up 13 people.

He said. She was rushed to a city clinic in a critical condition. She succumbed to her injuries at about 11 am yesterday. A murder case was filed with police in this connection.

In another incident, police recovered the body of Matin from a house at Central Road at about 11 am yesterday.

Police said that there were injury marks in his leg while hospital sources said there were injury marks in different parts of his body.

Quoting inmates of the house police said the landlord allowed Matin to stay at the staircase of the house as he was homeless and Matin had been suffering from hepatitis.

Both the bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

**3 Khulna Jubo League activists held with arms**

From Staff Correspondent

**KHULNA**, Dec 16: Police today arrested three activists of Jubo League and recovered one pistol and two revolvers from their possession.

The arrested activists are Shahidul Islam, 24, Alamgir, 22, and Bont, 20.

**Shahjalal varsity**

From page 1

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad held a closed-door meeting with the varsity authorities at Syliher Circuit House. This morning VC Professor Habibur Rahman, Registrar Jamil Ahmed Chowdhury, Treasurer Professor Abdul Aziz, Teachers' Association President Professor Jaijal Abedin, teachers representative to the syndicate Kazi Afzal, Provost of the Jahan Ara Iman Hall, Dr Yassin Haque and Officers' Association President Abdul Hai Sameni attended the meeting.

The Foreign Minister held another meeting with the leaders of AL, JSD, CPB and Ganatantrik Party.

The meeting decided to hold an anti-communal rally in Syliher town in the last week of this month.

On the other hand, All Party Action Committee (Opposition) has announced a sit-in demonstration in front of the DC's office on December 19.

The programme was announced at a rally held at Court Point today.

Chaired by district BNP President M A Haque, the rally demanded immediate release of four Shibir activists.

The bomb exploded at about 3 pm creating panic in the area.



Sammilita Nari Samaj held a rally at the central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday in protest against what it said the attack on its rally on December 12 by activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

— Star photo

**Amartya Sen arrives tomorrow**

Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen arrives here tomorrow to receive honorary doctorate from Dhaka University at the varsity's 40th general convocation on Saturday, reports UNB.

He will fly in Dhaka from Bangkok at 12pm on Friday. Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, along with other senior teachers of the university, will receive him at the airport, official sources said.

Dhaka University will confer honorary "Doctor of Laws" on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and "Doctorate of Science" on Amartya Sen at the convocation.

**Bomb explosion in Ctg: 3 hurt**

From Staff Correspondent

**CHITTAGONG**, Dec 15: Three people were injured in a bomb explosion at Anderkilla crossing near Chittagong City Corporation office this afternoon, police said.

The injured identified as Shahidul Islam, Mostak Ahmed and Abu Taher, were admitted to hospital. They are contractors of Chittagong City Corporation, police said.

The bomb exploded at about 3 pm creating panic in the area.

On the other hand, All Party Action Committee (Opposition) has announced a sit-in demonstration in front of the DC's office on December 19.

The programme was announced at a rally held at Court Point today.

Chaired by district BNP President M A Haque, the rally demanded immediate release of four Shibir activists.

The bomb exploded at about 3 pm creating panic in the area.

**Liaison body backs JCD-called hartal**

By Staff Correspondent

The Liaison Committee of BNP-led opposition alliance has extended its support to 6-hour hartal in the city on Saturday called by JCD, the student wing.

The decision to support the hartal was taken at a meeting of the liaison committee at 29 Minto Road yesterday evening.

JCD had called the hartal in the city protesting Dhaka University Authorities' decision to confer honorary doctorate on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a convocation on Saturday.

The liaison committee meeting strongly condemned the DU authorities' decision to confer the degree through a convocation ignoring protest of teachers and students and called upon the city dwellers to observe the hartal.

The meeting condemned attack on Jatiya Party leaders and activists at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial on Tuesday.

The committee also discussed the modality of the

**Lanka beat Zimbabwe in 3rd ODI**

**HARARE**, Dec 15: Marvan Atapattu hit for his 19th half century and Muttiah Muralitharan took four wickets for 16 runs Wednesday, leading Sri Lanka to a 98-run victory over Zimbabwe in their third one-day international, reports AP.

With one match drawn, the victory assured Sri Lanka it could not lose the five-match series.

Atapattu hit seven boundaries in his 69, pacing Sri Lanka to 247 for seven in its 50 overs. Muralitharan and Upal Chandana then took over, combining for seven wickets in bowling out Zimbabwe for 150.

After a promising start that saw the hosts reach 81 for one, Zimbabwe lost their final eight wickets for 48 runs in 17 overs.

Sri Lankan bowlers restricted seven Zimbabwe batsmen to five runs or fewer.

Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower appeared justified in sending Sri Lanka into bat on a wet wicket after winning the toss.

**BB employees' services essential**

The government yesterday declared the services of all officials and employees of Bangladesh Bank essential, reports BSS.

An official handout said the declaration was made under Section 3(1) of the Essential Services (Second) Ordinance, 1958 to maintain necessary services in public life.

**Political instability**

From page 1

cut into Bangladesh's industry.

"These countries are providing huge incentives to the traders to encourage garment exports," said Sinha. "Buyers can also choose to move there at any time if they get better deals."

Foreign garment buyers are entertaining offers from other countries due to political instability in the country, says the president of the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

"I can give you a number of examples of buyers who were scheduled to come to Bangladesh to place orders or discuss future imports, but changed their plans when they heard news of political activities, such as a countrywide hartal," Anisur Rahman Sinha told the Daily Star after Monday's hartal.

Sinha said the party that did not call hartals for the sake of the nation would be remembered by the people forever.

The businessmen would also be grateful to leaders willing to compromise in the discussion.

The political parties are fighting without considering the interests of the people and businessmen," said Sinha. "We have pleaded with them several times to save the sector, but nobody paid any attention to our suffering. We are going to make

**JCD secy of DU unit arrested**

By DU Correspondent

The general secretary of DU unit Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was arrested from the campus yesterday.

Witnesses said plain-clothes police picked up Mostafizul Islam Mamun from the DU Central Library area at about 12:30 pm. He was later taken to the Ramna police station.

Police could not say on what ground Mamun was arrested. There is no specific case against him, Ramna police said.

Meanwhile, two JCD activists were stabbed by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Salimullah Hall yesterday.

After a promising start that saw the hosts reach 81 for one, Zimbabwe lost their final eight wickets for 48 runs in 17 overs.

Sri Lankan bowlers restricted seven Zimbabwe batsmen to five runs or fewer.

Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower appeared justified in sending Sri Lanka into bat on a wet wicket after winning the toss.

**Political instability**

From page 1

cut into Bangladesh's industry.

"These countries are providing huge incentives to the traders to encourage garment exports," said Sinha. "Buyers can also choose to move there at any time if they get better deals."

Foreign garment buyers are entertaining offers from other countries due to political instability in the country, says the president of the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

"I can give you a number of examples of buyers who were scheduled to come to Bangladesh to place orders or discuss future imports, but changed their plans when they heard news of political activities, such as a countrywide hartal," Anisur Rahman Sinha told the Daily Star after Monday's hartal.

Sinha said the party that did not call hartals for the sake of the nation would be remembered by the people forever.

The businessmen would also be grateful to leaders willing to compromise in the discussion.

The political parties are fighting without considering the interests of the people and businessmen," said Sinha. "We have pleaded with them several times to save the sector, but nobody paid any attention to our suffering. We are going to make

**Banks in Ctg to remain open on Saturday**

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Banks and all schedule banks in Chittagong will remain open on December 18 (Saturday).

The central bank issued an order in this regard yesterday.

Transactions in banks were hampered due to nationwide hartal on Monday and in Chittagong on Tuesday.

To facilitate trade and business after two days' government holiday — today and tomorrow — the central bank issued the order to hold normal transactions in all schedule banks in Chittagong on Saturday.

**Indictment of Tariqul Half-day hartal at Jessore**

From Our Correspondent

**JESSORE**, Dec 15: BNP and its front organisations enforced a half-day hartal in the town today protesting indictment of Tariqul Islam in the Udichi Murder Case.

The Criminal Investigation Department of police yesterday indicted 24 people, including BNP Vice-Chairman and former minister Tariqul Islam in connection with the bomb attack on a concert of Udichi cultural group at Jessore in March this year.

During the hartal, all shops and educational institutions remained closed and vehicles

were off the road.

BNP and its front organisations brought out a procession in town and burnt the effigy of Home Minister Mohammad Nasim.

Police rushed to the spot and resorted to lathi-charge.

Later, the BNP and its front organisations held a rally at Daratana. Chaired by BNP district unit president Chowdhury Shahidul Islam, Nayon, the meeting was addressed by former minister Khaledul Rahman Tito, District BNP Secretary Advocate Kazi Monirul Huda.

**Happy Millennium**

UCBL achieves unique progress by creating efficient staff through meticulous client service. UCBL is **Y2K COMPLIANT**

