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BNP chief Khaleda Zia, flanked by JP chief HM Ershad and convenor of Chittagong APAC Mir Nasir wave at crowd before the Opposition's joint grand rally held at the Outer Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Stopover in Delhi
Hasina discusses issues with Indian FM

From Pallab Bhattacharya
NEW DELHI, Apr 4: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today discussed bilateral issues with Indian External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh during an hour-long stopover here. She was on her way to Boston.

Singh received Hasina at the airport.

During the talks, Hasina, diplomatic sources said, raised

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April 5
Fajr 5.00 5.30
Zohr 1.00 1.30
Asr 4.45 5.00
Maghrib 6.20 6.25
Esha 8.00 8.30
Source: Islamic Foundation

Hasten fall of terrorist govt: Khaleda

Opposition calls countrywide hartal on April 12 at grand rally in Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 4: BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia today announced a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal programme on April 12 and called for intensifying the oust-government movement.

She made the announcement at a mammoth joint public meeting of the four-party Opposition Alliance at the Outer Stadium in the city this afternoon.

Jatiya Party chief H M Ershad, Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Golam Azam and Islami Oikya Jote chief Moula Azizul Huq also addressed the public meeting, the first such joint meeting outside Dhaka.

The BNP chief also announced a countrywide protest day programme on April 9 to press release of all opposition political leaders and activists.

She called for making all agitation programmes successful to hasten the fall of the terrorist government.

"We want to establish a people's government by removing this government which totally failed to run the country" Begum Zia told the grand meeting.

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Opposition unity in Khulna at stake

Move to form All-party Action Committee without BNP

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, Apr 4: The opposition in the district is poised for a split.

Fed up with the intense intra-party rivalry in BNP and its alleged "big brother attitude", Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote are likely to form an All-party Action Committee here without BNP.

The APAC may be formed at a meeting of the local Liaison Committee members from the three parties at the city Jamaat

anti-government movement". Liaison Committee members from the three parties held a secret meeting in the city on Saturday, where they strongly condemned the attitude of BNP leaders, sources in the parties said.

In fact, the 'tug-of-war' between the two stalwarts of BNP here has damaged the spirit of a united movement, they said. The gap between BNP and the three parties widened after Khaleda Zia's tour of Khulna on March 31 as leaders of the three parties could not meet her, they said.

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