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## Tempo workers go on rampage in city, ransack 12 vehicles

By Staff Correspondent

The auto-tempo workers yesterday put up a barricade on Outer Circular Road near Gulistan for half an hour and ransacked at least 12 vehicles protesting arrest of one of their leaders Bachchu, said witnesses.

Motijheel police, however, said the barricade was put up following a clash between two groups of tempo workers over collection of money from the vehicles plying in the area.

Bashiruddin Babul, leader of a faction of tempo workers yesterday filed a case with Motijheel police accusing Afzal, Al-Amin, Ismail and Sentu for beating his workers, police said.

They were beaten up by the accused while staging protest, Babul alleged.

Demra police arrested Bachchu Khandaker at about 1:00 pm yesterday, police said.

Bachchu was wanted in 10 cases, said a police press release.

## Opposition

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JS building at 10am today to take a final decision about joining JS session, meeting sources said. JP and Jamaat were yet to disclose anything about their parliamentary groups' meetings.

The four-party alliance took the decision apprehending that the Awami League government might arrange by-polls in the vacant seats and then go for major amendments to the Constitution, the sources said.

The Opposition will watch how long the current budget session continues. "It will definitely apply its strategy if the government tries to continue the session for more than 24 days," said one source.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia will lose her membership if she remains absent from 24 more sittings.

"In such a case, we will go to the House, sit there turning our back to the Chair, sign the attendance register and then stage a walkout. This will allow us to stay away from parliament for 90 more days," said a top leader on condition of anonymity.

Emerging from the meeting, Ershad said "We will not allow the government to amend the Constitution. They (AL) will be majority if we do not go there (JS)."

Replying to a question, he said the parties will announce their decision within a couple of days. On another query he said, "There are still 24 days."

Golam Azam told newsmen that the decision to attend parliament session will be taken at meetings of parliamentary groups of the parties.

IOJ leader ARM Abdul Matin said a final decision will be taken within a day or two.

Some sources however said Jamaat differed with BNP and JP over attending parliament session.

## Journalist held

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Bengal police to arrest the accused in Shipu Murder Case who police said, had fled to Calcutta.

The Detective Branch of DMP is yet to be informed about what happened to Shafiqul who picture was forwarded to Calcutta police on Wednesday nor could it precisely know about the identity of the arrested person.

As a result, there is no breakthrough in the case concerning murder of Iftekhar Ahmed Shipu, 38, a cellular phone dealer at UAE Market at Banani. Police accused Naimuzzaman Jubair, son of Asaduzzaman, director of Civil Aviation of Bangladesh, Saiful Alam, son of Ahmad Hossain and Jewel, son of Kamal Majumder MP.

The DB took over the Shipu Murder Case on June 4 but could not arrest any of FIR-listed accused as yet.



Finance Minister S A M S Kibria, with Prof Rehman Sobhan on his left and BNP MP Dr Moyeen Khan on his right, speaking at a CPD dialogue at CIRDAP auditorium in the city yesterday.

—Star photo

## It's unfair to enjoy allowances without attending JS: PM

JOYPURHAT, June 17: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today renewed her call to the opposition leader to join parliament and say whatever she (Khaleda Zia) likes to in the House, reports UNB.

"It is not fair to enjoy parliamentary allowances and privileges while abstaining from attending the House. Come to the House and join discussion, let's try to run the parliament properly," she urged the Leader of the Opposition.

As the opposition continued to boycott parliament sessions, the Leader of the House and Prime Minister blamed the main opposition BNP for trying to foil the parliamentary process.

She told a huge public meeting at the local stadium that the opposition parties were planning to join parliament for a few moments to protect their membership, which might be cancelled after some more workdays for absence of 90 days without leave of the House.

District Awami League and local administration organised

the meeting where the Prime Minister formally declared Joypurhat district free from illiteracy as a result of a special literacy campaign.

Hasina said Khaleda Zia would lose her membership only after 24 more working days and to save her membership the BNP parliamentarians are planning to join the House for few moments.

She said the opposition leader was not joining the House because she does not like parliamentary democracy, she does not want to see democracy exist in the country.

"They are making farce with the House," the Prime Minister told her audience, adding that the opposition MPs are trying to protect only their interest without considering people's interest.

They are hatching conspiracy to foil the democratic process and snatch the voting right of the people, she alleged. "They will not go to parliament, not speak about your problems, only enjoy the facilities and allowance."

## PBCP also has AK-56 rifles, Shimul discloses

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, June 17: Leader of outlawed PBCP Mahmud Hasan Shimul confessed that his party has some AK-56 rifles which are more sophisticated and powerful than AK-47 rifle. But he did not disclose the exact number of those arms his party possesses, said members of the team interrogating Shimul.

A three-member special team from police headquarters, Dhaka started questioning Shimul from Thursday night at Sonadanga thana. Members of the team are Golam Mostafa, special police super-1 (SB), DC Mazharul Huq and additional SP (CID), Dhaka Sakawat Hossain.

Before being arrested by police on August 11 last year, Ershad Shikdar deposited his arms to three godfathers of Khulna. Shimul reportedly told the interrogators Friday noon.

But the interrogators did not disclose the name of the godfathers for the sake of investigation.

Arrested by Jessore police on May 26, Mahmud Hasan Shimul was taken on five days' remand by Phulitola thana police and on another five days by KMP.

District police have further prayed for seven days' remand for interrogation about the murder of Abul Hossain Howlader, Chairman of Sreefaltala UP under Rupsha thana.

Hearing on the remand prayer will be held on June 20 in the Court of a first class mag-

istrate, said a source in the office of the superintendent of police, Khulna.

"My party received most of the modern firearms through unauthorised routes from across the border," Shimul told the interrogators.

"We do not use home-made arms like shutter or sawed off rifles, pigeons or revolvers. What we take into account is AK-56, AK-47, SMG of Chinese brand and LMG," he added.

The members of the special team have, however, come to know about the widespread network of PBCP, its armory, sources of acquiring money, causes for murders and links of the party with political godfathers both at home and abroad.

The outlaw told the interrogators that most of the murders were committed without party's decision. Some armed cadres did these on their own and for those murders they were given exemplary punishment by the party's high command, he said.

Shimul confessed his involvement in the revolt by prisoners in Jessore Central Jail in 1996, said Golam Mostafa, leader of the three-member special team.

Referring to Sundarbans, Shimul said that it has been made a safe haven for armed terrorists. The entire Sundarbans has been divided into several zones by armed terrorists who have declared self-rule in their respective zones.

## Clash over land: One killed in Natore

NATORE, June 17: A man was killed and 12 others were hurt in a clash over land dispute at Majhdigha village in Sadar upazila today, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Yusuf Ali, 50. The injured were rushed to Sadar Hospital.

Police and witnesses said the clash erupted at about 1:30 pm as supporters of Belal group attacked Yusuf and his men when the latter tried to demarcate a disputed land.

Both the groups used lethal weapons during the clash. On receiving information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

## 11 more killed in Kashmir violence

JAMMU, India, June 17: Three Indian security men and eight guerrillas were killed today in clashes in the violence-torn northern state of Jammu and Kashmir, army and police officials said, reports Reuters.

## West Indies go 1-0 up

BIRMINGHAM, England June 17: West Indies beat England by an innings and 93 runs in the first Test of five here at Edgbaston on Saturday, winning the match with two days to spare, reports AFP.

## BGMEA plans 'garments villages' to relocate city's factories

By Rafiq Hasan

BGMEA is preparing a proposal for setting up of 'garments villages' in the industrial areas where many big factories have been lying idle for years and have considerable adjacent lands.

According to sources, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) officials recently visited industrial areas in Gazipur, Tongi, Demra and Narayanganj to find out suitable places for relocating hundreds of garments factories crowding the city's densely populated areas.

The main objective of the villages is to relieve Dhaka and Narayanganj of the burden of 2211 factories set up in an unplanned way in the congested residential areas, they said.

The BGMEA officials found a number of sites which could be procured for proposed garments villages. They also collected information regarding the

value of the mills and adjacent lands from the Privatisation Board and Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC).

Earlier, a committee formed by the government had identified a number of places in Savar, Ashulia and Sonargaon for setting up of garments villages.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had proposed at a BGMEA function last year that 'garments villages' should be set up along Dhaka-Chittagong highway so that the industry could be saved from political agitation programmes like hartal and strike.

Chairman of BGMEA standing committee for garments villages Mahmudur Rahman Manna however told The Daily Star that they have given up the idea of setting garments villages in those areas because of higher cost of land.

He mentioned that once they had chosen Hazratpur area in

Savar for this but there also the price of land per bigha was over Tk 20 lakh. Besides, the lands were low and needed development at huge cost. So there was no further progress.

None is opposed to the idea of garments villages but it is yet to be implemented because of non-availability of suitable places at low prices, he said.

Manna said the BGMEA standing committee is preparing a working paper for setting up of three garments villages on the land of three government owned textile mills at Tongi. The mills are Olympia Textile Mills, Monno Textile Mills and Zeenath Textile Mills.

"The mills have huge liabilities and we are trying to get the lands in exchange of bearing their short term and long term liabilities," he said.

The working paper would be submitted to the Prime Minister.

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## One-way traffic on New Elephant Road deferred

By Staff Correspondent

The one-way traffic system introduced on the Kudrat-e-Khuda (New Elephant) Road has been deferred until further orders, Sirajul Islam, DC (Traffic) of DMP said yesterday.

The decision was taken yesterday following discussions with the traders' association and the DC (Traffic).

The system introduced without a public notification on Thursday evening created resentment among the traders of the New Elephant Road.

The system led to huge traffic jams on the street crossings in the area. Rickshaws took the advantage of the situation and plied on the wrong side. Some drivers took to rash driving resulting in an accident on Friday and agitation by the traders against system. They also damaged some vehicles. Police brought the situation under control.

## Kidnapped decorator shop employee found dead in Kamrangirchar

Police recovered the body of kidnapped decorator shop employee from Kamrangirchar area yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said Alam, 30, son of Bishal Bepari and resident of Islambag in Lalbagh thana in the city, was found dead behind Nuria Madrassah with his legs and hands tied.

Alam was abducted on Monday from a house in Kamrangirchar where he went for decoration work.

## Khaleda

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AL Ministers, MPs and their son's have made the life of people difficult, she alleged. They are supplying arms and providing shelter to students and youths to serve their ill motives she alleged and called upon guardians to raise their voice against such destructive acts.

After four years' misrule by AL, Bangladesh has now been introduced in the world as a country where corruption, human rights violation and terrorism are rampant, she claimed.

She said a booklet published by the government during the visit of US President Bill Clinton apparently showed that international terrorism was in Bangladesh.

"Bangladesh is not a terrorist country. Rather, the party in power is a terrorist party. This blame on the country can be removed only by ousting the AL government from power."

On the "black" PSA, she said this law has been enacted to allow AL men loot people's property, plunder state wealth, kill opposition activists and to arrest protesters.

Khaleda Zia alleged that sons of ministers and MPs are killing businessmen, occupying markets and houses and collecting tolls but they are not being arrested under the PSA. Ministers and top leaders of AL are not being sued for bringing out stick procession and threatening judges.

The son of a ruling party MP is directly involved in the killing of businessman Shipu at Banani. But the killer was allowed to escape. Shipu's family members are being threatened by his associates, she alleged.

Goods worth Tk 40-45 thousand crore have been smuggled into the country in last four years as the government opened the entire border for smuggling.

Since AL assumed power, there has been no investment, both by local and foreign investors, because the investors do not feel secure. Foreign investors have declared that the government has failed to create a conducive atmosphere for investment.

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4.	Heli Soap Factory, Bhairabpur Bhairab, Kishoreganj	Do	Zora Teer
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11.	Dewan Textile Mills Ltd, Post Office Road, Fatullah, Narayanganj	Do	Do
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25.	Advanced Water Treatment Technology, 240, New Elephant Road (1st floor), Dhaka	Natural Mineral Water	Cooler
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