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An attempt to kill Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina by us-

ing a powerful time bomb in her

home district Gopalganj was

foiled yesterday hours before

the device was set to go off.

in a metallic container weigh-

ing 76 kgs was planted in the

ground only 50 feet from the

rostrum from where Sheikh

Hasina is due to address a public

rally at Shiekh Lutfar Rahman

Ideal College in Kotaliapara

The powerful timing device

army and police sources said.

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### Opposition's countrywide mass procession on July 25

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday urged the people to intensify the current one-point movement through making Tuesday's countrywide mass procession a complete success.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will lead the mass procession from the Paltan Maidan in the city. Other components in the opposition alliance will also observe the programme separately.

Addressing a joint meeting of the city BNP at Muktijoddha Dal central office, he said the government has completely failed to ensure security of life and property of the people and resorted to terrorism through-

out the country. The recent killings of eight people in Chittagong and murder of prominent journalist Shamsur Rahman at Jessore bear testimony of the deterio-

ration of law and order, he said. Bhuiyan said leaders and activists of the ruling party are mainly involved in terrorist ac-See page 11 col 7

#### Arrest of 8

### Hartal called in Ctg tomorrow

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, July 21: Allparty Action Committee (APAC) has called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the port city on Sunday protesting arrest of eight people, including two Jamaat leaders today.

Shamsul Islam, General Secretary of the city unit of Jamaat-e-Islami and member secretary of APAC, was arrested along with six others when they came out of a mosque after Juma prayers near Jamaat office at Dewan bazar.

Police also arrested Shamsul Islam, president of Port thana unit of Jamaat from a place near CEPZ today.

Police said the Jamaat leaders were arrested on charge of their attempt to create unrest in the city.

### Shikkha Bhaban incident: 3 of 4 BCL activists sent to jail

By Staff Correspondent

Three of the four BCL activists of Dhaka University injured in the Shikkha Bhaban incident in the city on June 26 and treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital were sent to Dhaka Central Jail yesterday. The three are Mizan, Shimul and Ashraf.

Ramna police said they were sent to jail after they recovered

from their injuries. The other, Shafigur Rahman Shafiq, president of Mohsin Hall Unit of BCL, is still being treated at DMCH. Sources, however, said he has already recovered but is being kept at DMCH as desired by a powerful

"Shafiq is kept at the hospital as he is yet to recover," Ramna police said.

Six employees at the Shikkha Bhaban were injured, three of them bullet-hit, when some activists of BCL clashed with the employees on June 26.

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July 23	5-24am	

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July 22

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Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	1-00	1-30
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	6-58
Esha	8-15	8-45

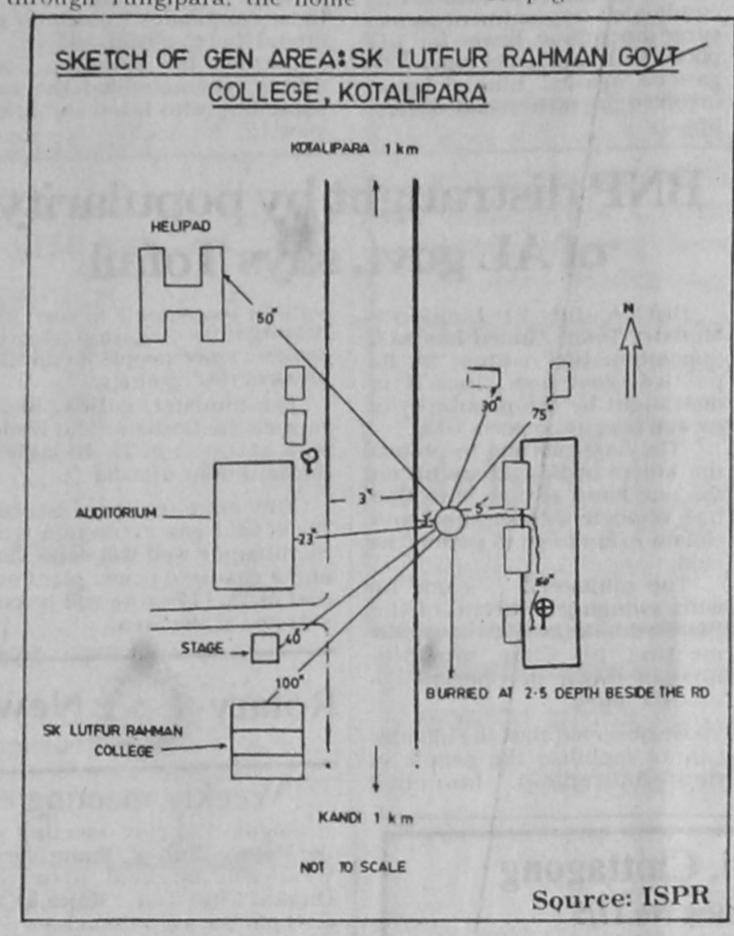
### 76 kg time bomb found near PM's rostrum

Police arrest 3 in Gopalganj

By Special Correspondent

Kotalipara is around 28 kilometres from Gopalganj town and is accessible by road through Tungipara, the home

village of Sheikh Hasina. However, it was learnt that she was due to go there by helicopter. A See page 11 col 7



### Dengue existed at 'dangerous level' also in other cities

Star Report

Surveys conducted last year show that dengue infection existed at a "dangerous level" also

in cities other than Dhaka. The surveys were carried out in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet cities around this time last year by the Institute of Epidemiology.

Disease Control and Research. Blood samples were taken from fifty suspected Dengue patients in each of the four cities. Of them, 12 were found infected with Dengue virus in Chit-

Last years' study showed that Dengue virus.

When contacted, Prof Nazrul Islam, head of Virology Department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital said yesterday, "Surveys conducted as early as in late seventies also showed that the people of Dhaka, Kushtia and Chittagong were dangerously exposed to the mosquito borne disease

Another virologist studying Dengue infection said, "The Dengue situation in cities can be explosive." He said studies are not done every year to monitor spread of Dengue infection in cities. "But the infection rate indicates that the spread is

The experts suggested that studies should be conducted in all urban areas and in hill regions every year.



(Clockwise) eight-year old Huzairullah is being administered IV saline after he caught dengue fever; a doctor examines the eyes of Liton, another dengue victim while yet another patient has been kept inside a mosquito net to avert further spread of the dreaded virus at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. - Star photo

### Reshuffle in Ctg police

3 OCs stand-released, many fear transfer

From Nurul Alam

OC of Pahartoli, Court Inspec-

CHITTAGONG, July 21: A major reshuffe in Chittagong police administration is going on against the backdrop of deterioration of law and order, sources concerned said.

Army personnel recovering

the time bomb.-ISPR photo

Four police officials including three OCs yesterday received order for stand-release from police headquarters as part of the move for changes in police administration in entire Chit-

thana, Port thana and Chandgao thana and patrol inspector (PI) of Kotwali thana. They were transferred outside Chittagong range, the sources

day, OC of Kotwali thana Kazi as the combing operation Helal Uddin has been posted as launched to arrest those who OC of Doublemorring thana and killed eight people including six OC of Doublemooring Farid Uddin as OC of Kotwali thana.

The OC of Panchalaish the sources said. thana, Md Ali, has been posted as OC of Port thana, DI(1) of named accused in the incident Special Branch Nesar Ahmed as were yet to be arrested despite

tor Mahbubul Huq as OC of Chandgao thana, DB inspector Bazlur Rashid as Oc of Baizid Bostami thana and OC of Baizid Bostami thana Shamsul Huq has been psoted as OC of Panchalaish thana, administra-

tion sources said. in Chittagong police administration are likely to be transferred soon in a bid to improve The four are OCs of Pahartoli law and order, the sources

> Some police officials have reportedly started to contact the police headquarters to avid transfer.

Some of the police officials In a reshufle in CMP here to- were passing 'sleepless nights' BCL activists at Bahaddarhat here on July 12 alost flopped.

The killers and the FIR-

frequent raids, police sources

In a fresh strategy. CMP today started searching vehicles including autorickshaws at different points of the city to

The sources said that fresh moves in this regard were Some senior police officials taken today following a meeting of police officials at CMP headquarters.

Three other BCL activists were shot dead at Fatikchhari just a day before the Bahaddarliat incident. Police could not yet arrest the killers.

Besides, a businessman identified as supporter of Shibir was stabbed to death by agitators at Anderkilla in the city as a sequel to Bahaddarhat incident while truckloads of police were present nearby. Meanwhile, incidents of mugging have a regular phe-

Muggers took away about Tk 12 lakh from the employees of a See page 11 col 8

nomenon in the city

#### Elen demands resignation of Amu from cabinet Elen Bhutto, widow of for-

mer Jatiya Party lawmaker Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has demanded that her rival Amir Hossain Amu resign immediately from the cabinet to ensure free and fair by-election in Jhalakati-2 constituency, reports

"Free and fair election is no possible as long as Amu contests the election as food minister," Elen Bhutto told newsmen yesterday.

Elen said her workers can not canvass freely fearing back lash from Amu's supporters.

"My supporters are also afraid of police and local ad ministration as they (supporters) apprehend being implicated in charges under the Public Safety Act," said Elen, an independent candidate at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity office in the

She blamed policemen Motaleb and Shajahan for siding with the establishment. She alleged that "they (police) are playing the role of

party activists to promote See page 11 col 7

## Act immediately

BNP iterates demand

BNP yesterday reiterated its demand for immediate scrapping of the Zila Parishad Act and warned of a tough movement for non-compliance.

The Zila Parishad Bill was passed hurriedly with an ulterior motive not to consolidate democracy but to perpetuate power by placing Awami League men in the proposed district councils to manipulate the next parliamentary polls, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan alleged.

He was addressing a press conference at the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament yesterday. Had they (AL) any intention to consolidate democracy, they would have placed it in parliament immediately after coming to power, not at a time when the

election is nearing, he said. Opposition members in Parliamentary Standing Committees raised a number of objections and suggested amendments to the Bill for direct election of Zila Parishads and more power to their Chairmen to consolidate democracy.

But none of these suggestions were accepted. Instead, the ruling Awami League incorporated an amendment at the last moment for appointment of administrators till election of the Parishads. "Appointment of adminis

trators is clear violation of Article 59 of the Constitution. Bhuiyan said. He said the provision for appointment of administrators is

a deep rooted conspiracy to influence, rig and manipulate the next parliamentary election. Speaking at the press conference, BNP central leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed said Sections 17 and 82 of the Act

violate Article 59 of the Consti-

tution and are inconsistent

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MEA and The Daily Star is being organised to bring together all the stake holders, especially the government, to suggest ways to modernise the two ports so that those can serve the expand-See page 11 col 7

The Daily Star

roundtable on

ports' problems

MEA will jointly hold a day-

long meeting on problems of

Chittagong and Mongla ports

today (Saturday)) at Sheraton

Hotel. Commerce. Shipping and

Labour ministers, secretaries of

the ministries and other rele-

vant high officials and heeds of

specialised bodies will partici-

pate. The two port authorities

participated by leaders of lead-

ing chambers and trade bodies.

Trade union leaders from Chit-

tagong and Mongla ports are

also expected to join the meet-

ing. The MPs concerned from

both the ruling party and the

opposition are expected to join

the deliberations. The Mayor of

Chittagong has also been in-

This joint effort by the BG-

The meeting is expected to be

have been invited.

The Daily Star and the BG-

## G8 to rebut critics of globalisation

Clinton pledges to reduce US 'footprint' on Okinawa

The world's wealthiest nations opened their annual economic summit today in hopes of rebutting critics of globalisation and shrinking the gap between rich and poor, reports AP.

NAGO, Okinawa, July 21:

Leaders of the seven largest industrial nations - the United States, Japan, Germany France, Britain, Italy and Canada - held a series of oneon-one talks before launching formal discussions later in the day at a new conference centre here that boasts a magnificent

The first session was devoted to a review of global economic conditions, where the leaders had a lot to be pleased about —

traffic on main roads.

entire globe into recession is receding and, with the notable exception of Japan, many of the hardest-hit countries are stag-

ing strong recoveries this year. But, as usual, foreign policy issues were high on the agenda, even during the economic discussions. US President Bill Clinton's efforts to broker a Middle East peace agreement were noted by French President Jacques Chirac who praised the American president for "his courage and determination" in launching the Camp David negotiations, French officials told reporters.

Before joining the wealthy nations at dinner to night to make the summit a full Group the 1997-98 Asian currency cri- of Eight meeting, Russian Pressis that threatened to topple the ident Vladimir Putin was meet-

This 15-foot road linking Panthapath and Manik Mia Avenue will be widened to ease

ing with Clinton. Putin was expected to lodge

Russia's strong objections to a missile defense system the United States is considering. To on his way here to pick up support from the leaders of those

have opposed the defense system. Today, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said, "I'm skeptical about it." Speaking to reporters travelling with him, Schroeder stressed that America can do what it believes is in its national interest, but said it should discuss the issue with ones. NATO and Russia.

said creation of a missile shield

- Star photo

could start another arms race. "It would be very expensive and technically difficult, but

that's America's problem, Chirac said. "It's of a nature to bolster his case, Putin made retrigger a proliferation of stops in China and North Korea weapons, notably nuclear missiles and the weapons that This year's summit agenda

France and Germany also has been designed to rebut protesters who took to the streets in Seattle, Washington, last December, and in Washington in April, to complain that globalisation — the increased flow of trade and investment between nations - helps rich countries but harms the poorest

Clinton, however, had an-At a news conference, Chirac other kind of complaint to ad-See page 11 col 8

### Road linking Manik Mia Avenue, Panthapath to be widened

By Staff Correspondent

In order to ease the ever growing pressure of traffic on the city's Mymensingh Road. Rajuk has finalised a plan to widen the 2400-foot long Indira Road linking Panthapath and Manik Mia Avenue to 60 feet from 15 feet now.

However, residents of the densely populated Indira Road, Boubazar and Raja Bazar areas are viewing the Rajuk plan as "unrealistic and unnecessary." They alleged that a group of

wealthy persons going for multistoried commercial building projects have influenced Rajuk See page 11 col 6

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tagong, lour in Rajshahi, 11 in Khulna and eight in Sylhet, sources said. out of 52 blood samples tested in Dhaka, 34 were infected with

(Dengue)."

quite alarming."

# Scrap Zila Parishad

By Staff Correspondent