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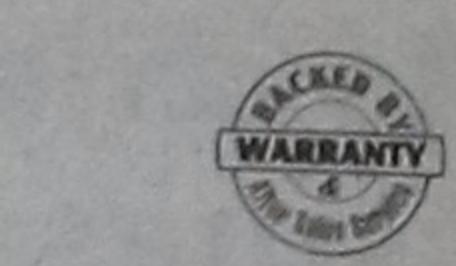
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## Petrol tanker blast kills at least 200 in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nov 6 (AFP): At least 200 people in south-west Nigeria were killed at the weekend when a petrol tanker lost control and rammed into several vehicles before bursting into flames, police said Monday after being blamed for the tragedy, reports AFP.

The victims were burnt beyond recognition.

The accident, which involved more than 10 vehicles, occurred on Saturday following heavy traffic on the Ile-Ibadan road in Osun State, the state police said.

A police spokesman said the tanker exploded shortly after discharging petrol on the road.

He said many people were seriously injured in the inferno, and had been taken to a nearby university teaching hospital for treatment.

The state governor and police commissioner visited the accident site Monday morning, the spokesman said.

Witnesses cited by Monday's newspapers blamed the police for the accident.

Two students from the nearby Obafemi Awolowo University told the Comet newspaper said some policemen were collecting bribes from motorists, causing heavy traffic on the road.

One student, Seun Ogunsero, said the traffic on the road was compounded by the police action.

The policemen complicated it (traffic) by stationing themselves there to collect money. This caused a

serious traffic jam.

"As you can see this is not a straight road. A tanker coming from Ibadan suddenly saw a long queue and when the driver tried to apply his brake, it failed," he said.

Another student and witness, Folu Bamisile, also blamed the police, saying "they are the cause of this tragedy."

The police denied the charge.

"It is not true that our men were collecting bribe on the road. In fact, there was no policeman on duty at the time of the accident. The accident was caused by the narrowness of the road and the impatience of motorists," Police spokesman Ayodeji Oluwole told AFP by telephone.

He said a police vehicle was destroyed by a mob at the scene shortly after the accident.

"They destroyed our van to protest our alleged cause of the accident. It is unfortunate," he said.

The police spokesman said around 96 bodies have been recovered from the wreckage.

The Vanguard newspaper, which put the death toll at over 200, reported Monday that hundreds of sympathisers rushed to the scene, weeping profusely after seeing the charred bodies littering the road.

Road safety officials late Sunday removed the bodies, confirming at least 96 corpses, the paper said.

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## JCD-BCL gunfight at Kushtia: 10 injured

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Nov 06: Ten people were injured, four of them by bullet, during a gunfight between ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and opposition BNP-supported Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) near the Kushtia Government University College campus yesterday.

Sajidur Rahman, 22, Imtiaz, 22, Kamal Uddin, 21, Ferdous Rahman, 25 and Amirul Islam, 18 were admitted to Kushtia General Hospital with bullet injuries while the rest were given first aid.

Witnesses said that the clash ensued at about 1pm over sharing of admission quota into different honours courses of the college.

At least 20 rounds of bullets were fired during the half an hour encounter between the activists of the rival student bodies, witnesses said.

The college remained closed for the rest of the day as students gripped by panic ran for safety. Tension was prevailing on the college campus and in the surrounding area.

Later in the evening, JCD held a rally at Char-rasta-crossing and held BCL responsible for attacking them.

JCD leaders alleged that BCL

## BNP, allies observe 'Solidarity Day' today

By Staff Correspondent

The BNP and some rightwing political parties will observe the "National Revolution and Solidarity Day" across the country today

from the stern action against the attackers.

Panic gripped the people again when several crackers exploded near the JCD rally. The streets were deserted as shops and other establishments were closed following the explosion.

None was arrested in connection with the incident.

**Airbus Purchase Case: Proceedings stayed till Nov 22**

The High Court yesterday stayed till November 22 the proceedings of a case filed against former prime minister Khaleda Zia on charge of graft in the purchase of two aircraft for Biman Bangladesh Airlines, reports BSS.

A High Court Division Bench Comprising Justice Mohammad Nurul Islam and Justice Mohammad Mamzuddin Ahmed fixed the date of hearing of Khaleda's quashment petition on November 21.

The court also issued a rule upon the government to show

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power.

Various socio-cultural and political organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the day.

The programmes include placing wreath at the mausoleum of late President Ziaur Rahman, hoisting of national and party flags,

discussion meeting, mass procession, special prayers, airing of selected speeches of Zia and

Tungipara.

Bangabandhu's body

was sent to Tungipara with the aim of averting people's agitation," Advocate Serajul Haq submitted before the court.

"Sending the body of

Bangabandhu to Tungipara was

part of their conspiracy," he contended carrying on his long-drawn argument in the appeal hearings on the death reference in the Bangabandhu murder case.

As the defence counsel in their submissions had argued that the assassination of the leader was not preplanned so did the government prosecution reiterate that pre-and post-incident activity of the killers proved that it was

"preplanned and consequence of their conspiracy".

"Soon after the killing, the killers executed every plan according to their design so quickly that the countrymen stood stupefied with suddenness of the killers' acts."

Advocate Serajul Haq said immediately after the carnage, Major (sacked) Dalim and Lt Col (sacked) Shahriar Rashid Khan were very much active. They captured the radio station overpowering the army men who were guarding it and forced the recording of the proclamation in a Shia attack in January," he said.

"Col Rashid brought Mushtaq to the radio station where he made an address and later Mushtaq took oath of office as per their blueprint; everything was happening so quickly that the people did not know what to do," said the senior lawyer focusing on the pre-dawn putsch on August 15, 1975.

Submission of arguments will continue today before the death-reference bench of the HC, comprising Justice Ruhul Amin and ABM Khairul Haq.

Advocate Serajul Haq was assisted by DAG Shamsuddin Ahmed Manik, Mosharaf Hossain Kajol and Advocate Anisul Haq.

LUCKNOW, India, AP: Thirteen people were killed and more than 40 injured in eastern India when a mob of Sunnis attacked Shi'ites in a market city known for age-old conflicts between the two factions of Islam, police said today.

"Soon after the killing, the killers executed every plan according to their design so quickly that the countrymen stood stupefied with suddenness of the killers' acts."

Paramilitary troops were deployed on the streets of Mubarakpur after the bombings, shootings and looting Sunday night and a curfew was imposed by the Sunnis to take revenge of the five Sunnis killed in a Shia attack in January," he said.

"A series of blasts rocked the market place during closing time and that was followed by gunshots and looting, which killed more than a dozen people on the spot," Sinha said. "The Mubarakpur police station reacted late, causing increased death toll. The local police station even failed to inform the district headquarters in time," the minister alleged.

## Shia-Sunni clash in India: 13 killed

Anuj Bishnoi, secretary in the home affairs department in Lucknow, also said he believed the violence was a retaliation by Sunnis for the January killings.

## Poor FFs to get monthly allowance

The Cabinet yesterday endorsed a decision to give monthly allowance to poor freedom fighters, reports BSS.

According to the decision, each poor freedom fighter will receive Tk 300 per month, an official release said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting at PM's secretariat here.

Members of the cabinet and state ministers in charge of different ministries attended the meeting. Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and other concerned secretaries were present.

The meeting, in principle, approved the draft of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Amendment) Act 2000 and the draft of amendment to the Hindu Dharma Kalyan Trust Ordinance of 1983.

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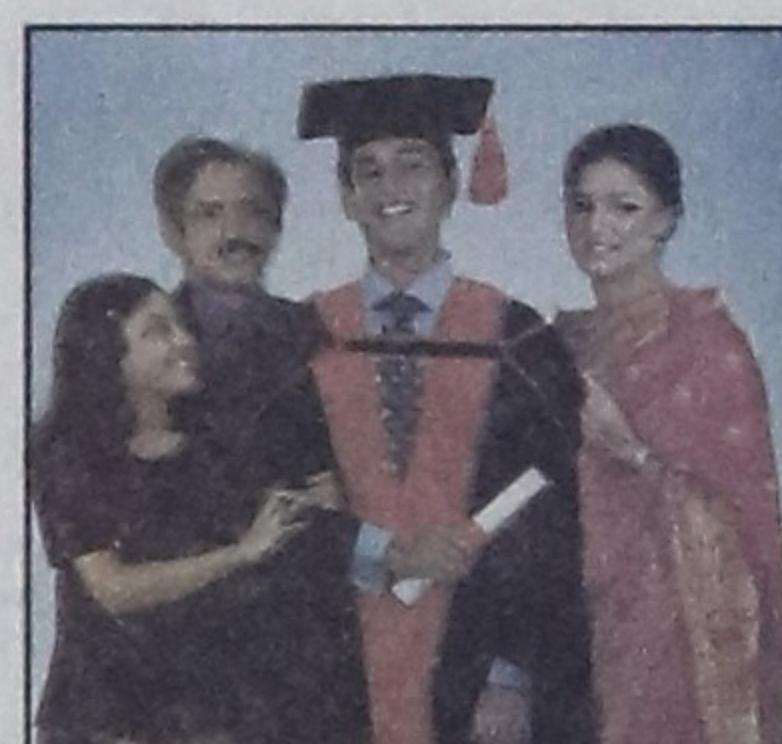
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Chamber House, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong Cancellation of CCCI Election Schedule Issued on 13th August, 2000 and

Election Polling Date on 9th November, 2000

This is for information of all concerned that the meeting of the Board of Directors of CCCI held on 5th November, 2000 unanimously resolved to cancel the Election Schedule issued on 13th August, 2000 for the election of the Board of Directors for the term 2001-2003 violating the order of the hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in the matter No. 100 of 1998 wherein it was clearly ordered to hold election for the year 1998 & 1999 only but not for the year 2000. Therefore, the said Election Schedule and polling date on 9th November, 2000 is hereby declared cancelled.

The hon'ble Division Bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 1st November, 2000 to Writ Petition No. 2682 of 2000 an order stating the impugned order of the Ministry of Commerce vide Memo No. M. STOC-24/90/Part-1/83 dated 18.5.2000 superseding the Executive Committee of the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry and appointing the Director of Trade Organization (DTO) as the defunct Administrator of the Chamber is declared to have been passed without lawful authority and is of no legal effect making the Rule absolute.

The Board of Directors of the CCCI in a meeting held on 5th November, 2000 further unanimously resolved to announce the new Schedule of Election for the year 1998 & 1999 immediately in compliance with the judgement given by the hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh (Special Statutory Jurisdiction) in the matter No. 100 of 1998.

By order of the Board of Directors

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