## The Daily Star



## Two set themselves on fire to protest Taiwan N-plant

#### AFP, Taipei

Two men were in hospital vesterday after setting themselves on fire to protest a nuclear power plant project that is to be debated by Taiwan's parliament today. One of the men, identified as 50-year-old Huang Ting-fang, unexpectedly doused petrol on himself Monday outside the parliament building and set himself alight, police said. "At around 02:30 pm (1230 BST) the man dashed toward the protest group and set himself on fire," police bureau chief Wei Ti-kun told reporters Wei said it was not clear what prompted the horrific act, but added Huang had distributed a five-page will outlining his strong opposition to the project by the state-run wan Power Company's (Taipower) to build a fourth nuclear power plant. Huang was in stable condition after he was rushed to a nearby hospital for emergency treatment, but the event shocked dozens of environmental activists staging a 30-hour sit-in outside the Legislative Yuan, Taiwan's "I don't know why this happarliament. ned," said Cheng Hsien-you, professor of

Chinese Culture University, and leader of the protest group, adding he opposed such

violence which blurred the focus of the protest. Separately, 21-year-old Li Wen-ta also set fire to himself in southern Taiwan on Sunday to protest the nuclear plant, state television said. Li set fire to himself at the National Cheng Kung University campus and has remained in critical condition after being admitted to a hospital for treatment. "Stop the fourth nuclear power plant!" Li was quoted by a school policeman as

outing before he tried to end his own life. The policeman witnessed the tragedy. The protests came ahead of an extraor dinary session to be held by the legislature, when Premier Chang Chun-hsiung is to explain why he scrapped the partly-built 5.6 billion dollar project in October on safety

d environmental grounds On January 15, Taiwan's highest legal body, the 15 Grand Justices, ruled Chang's decision-making process had been flawed as he had failed to seek prior approval from parliament to scrap the project in accordance with the island's constitution.

The grand justices said the premier had to submit the case to parliament and seek its endorsement

ing the Magurchhara blow-out.

actual situation.

between Unocal and Petrobangla.

that it was still not clear about the

and 14 expired on January 10, 1998

due to it's failure to fulfil the mini-

mum work it had committed, which

included drilling of one exploratory

well. The Supplemental Agreement

was signed with an understanding

that Occidental would gradually

Magurchhara blow-out told a sub-

committee meeting in November

that the disaster happened due to

energy ministry officials to submit

the probe report on the blow-out.

which is still missing after its prepa-

The committee repeatedly asked

The parliamentary committee

also expressed dissatisfaction over

activities of the ministry and the

Petrobangla, saying that after three

vears of the incident, government

officials could not find the cause

and get compensation. Rather, the

company was "rewarded", it had

**Bombs hurled** 

on policemen:

One of the investigators of

pay compensation to all.

negligence of Occidental.

ration in June 1997.

This followed argument

The sub-committee observed

Occidental's PSC for blocks 13

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## Magurchhara case

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the investigation report on the blow-out and the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) with Occidental, a US oil company responsible for the explosion. But officials, showing various

reasons, submit no documents to the committee, they alleged.

In its last meeting, the subcommittee was surprised to see a note from Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Akmal Hossain that the Prime Minister had suggested not to bring Unocal (previously Occidental) officials before the committee

Petrobangla was asked to bring the oil company officials before the committee for recording their statement regarding compensation. But, they were not brought to the committee meeting

Another member of the committee termed activities of Petrobangla and the ministry as "fishy". "Most of the officials in the ministry and the Petrobangla might have been linked with the wrongdoing of the US oil company," he said.

Earlier, Unocal puzzled the subcommittee members as well as Petrobangla by claiming in an official document in early October that the company paid Tk 332.32 crore to different authorities follow-

#### Teenagers FROM PAGE 1

Asked if his department would go for a special drive against drug smugglers and traders, he said such operation is always on and the contraband is being seized regularly.

can detect the addicts and arrange

proper treatment for them.

One killed **UNB** Rajbari Dr Ooreshi, who runs a 100-bed addiction hospital in the city, said, Armed miscreants hurled bombs at "It is very difficult to identify the a police patrol team on Gualandaaddicts initially. However, if the Faridpur road in Mukbuler Dokan family members are cautious, they

said.

area vesterday, leaving a constable killed and two others injured. A group of about 25 attacked the n an attempt to



Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Jote formed a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday in support of their nine-point demand.

## **Editor's Letter to the Readers**

push forward urgent development forward in the post-Second World priorities.

War period did so by building Ours was ten years of journalnational unity within and regional ism of passion. Our readers call us co-operation outside. We vigorously "The paper with a conscience", and wrote against the divisive and we are proud to say that our conacrimonious politics of the day. We science lies with the poor, the disadcounseled our politicians that no vantaged and the oppressed. Our single leader or party can be the hearts went out to the victims of repository of all wisdom and that acid throwing, of fatwa against abuse of power and partisanship. that the people gave them. We wrote as much from dispassion-Endlessly we urged all sides not to ate analysis of facts as from heartabandon the parliament but to treat felt reaction to events.

Ours was tens years of professional and ethical journalism. We will never claim that we did not go wrong but we will certainly claim that there was never any malice or prejudice in what we wrote. It was an article of faith with us never to denigrate or defame a person or an institution and whatever negative was written was fully backed by hard proof, cross-checked from multiple sources. It was our habit to err on the tion lay at the root of prosperity in side of caution even at the expense the Information Age and that withof missing a news. We never chose out a pro-people healthcare system expediency over hard work and our no sustainable growth can be stories always contained a conachieved. Throughout our decadestructive thread even in the gloomilong existence we underscored the est of circumstances.

importance of economic develop-And finally, ours was journalism ment as the number one priority for in pursuit of a dream the dream of the government. It was for this being a global partner with dignity. purpose that we raised the loudest We constantly underscored the and the most consistent voice need for self-respect to replace the against hartals. We opposed it every habit of self- denigration on the one time it was called and it is our vow side and self-praise on the other. to do so in the future. Through our The absence of work ethics in the write ups, interview stories and government and proliferation of analytical pieces we focused on 'the corruption in every aspect of our life doers rather than the talkers', on vitiated the growth of a strong those who built industries and national character that historically created employment opportunities formed the core of a nation's for our youth. One of our strongest growth. A people that waged a stand was against the bank default-Liberation War to gain independers who drained our banks dry and ence found itself in the grip of deprived the genuine borrowers criminalised politics and self servfrom vital credit and crippled our ing bureaucracy that destroyed our entrepreneurs. We held innumeraself-confidence and crushed our ble roundtables to discuss problems hope for the future. However none of national importance to derive of this could lessen our enthusiastic some sort of policy direction from dream for a future Bangladesh of them. We joined forces with Think strengthened democracy, miracle

Our story will not be completed if we do not add that ours was also ten vears of journalism that had its share of mistakes, flaws, distortions, oversights and downright sloppy work. There were important stories that were missed, significant developments that were not followed up and fundamental issues not hammered strongly enough. But throughout it all we continued to learn. We spared no effort to serve our readers better and with each mistake our effort was redoubled and our determination recharged to make The Daily Star a better newspaper. Our learning shall never end. But we are pledge bound that our

We take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to our Board of Directors. Their total commitment to editorial freedom and deep respect for the profession of journalism has made The Daily Star a journalist's dream paper to work for. At the same time their strict adherence to the highest standards of financial accountability and managerial discipline made this paper economically viable at the shortest possible time. Dear Readers, on this auspicious

occasion of our 10th Anniversary we conclude by expressing our most sincere gratitude and our deepest respect to you but for whose continued support and ever expanding base The Daily Star could not have served you as it did. We pledge our sincere efforts to serve you even better in the coming years. As our first step we begin by presenting you with a completely new format and

# Snatcher beaten up in Narayanganj

### UNB, Narayanganj

A snatcher was caught and beaten up at DIT Market area of the town on Sunday. Police said local people caught a snatcher Ponir, 20, along with Tk 40,000 and beat him mercilessly when he along with his four accomplices snatched Tk 2.50 lakh from Salahuddin and Farooque, cashier and peon of Jamal Soap Company of the town at gunpoint.

They were returning with money to the head office of the company at Bangabandhu Road in the town by a rickshaw from the company's Nitaijganj sale center.

The other snatchers, however, managed to flee the scene. A case was filed.

In another incident, three snatchers Mojibor, 28, Masum Miah, 21, and Shahidullah, 19, were caught with a sharp weapon at port terminal Kheya Ghat on the same

day when they were fleeing after snatching money. They were handed over to the police after a good beating.

On Saturday, local people caught two robbers Wasim and Selim while they along with other accomplices were fleeing after committing a robberv at the house of Mosharrof Hossain of Pagla in Fatullah upazila. Later, they were handed over to

the police after beating. On the same day, dacoits looted Tk 12,000 in cash, six tolas gold and

valuables worth Tk 60,000 from the house of Tota Miah keeping hostage his eight-day old baby at Brahmandi /illage in Araihazar upazila. They also injured Tota Miah, 50,

and other inmates of the house Sufia Begum, 35, Mumtaz Begum, 30,f Moksuda Begum, 25, and Lipi, 18. Separate cases were filed

parties agree that neither party shall

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#### Seminar

Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) in association with Unnayan Samannay will hold a seminar on social development situation. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association auditorium, House No. 20, Rd No. 16 (new), 27 (old), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 9.00 am.

#### Lecture

Advanced Social Science Research Centre of Dhaka University will hold a lecture on "Thai Concepts of Regional Identity in Southeast Asia. Keynote speaker: Dr Duncan Macargo Senior Lecturer of Institute of Politics and International Studies of Leeds University, UK. Venue: Room No 401, Lecture Theatre, DU campus. Time: 12:00 noon.



The Russian Cultural Centre will

hold a seminar on "Bilateral rela-

tions between Bangladesh and

Sen. Venue: British Council, 5 Fuller

#### Joint inspection team Seminar

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PHOTO: STAR

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, BDR, and Bangladesh Army. Water and survey specialists, and district administration officials will also be on the team. A senior government official is

expected to lead the Myanmar side. The joint inspection team is

expected to visit both sides of the Naf river at Ulabania and Palanghkahi, nearly 45 kilometres off Cox's Bazar. They are expected to meet at 1-00pm on February 1 on Kvi, an islet inside the Myanmar territory created by branching of the river.

Sources believe that an amicable settlement of the dispute as per the maritime border agreement signed between the two countries in 1966 and renewed in 1980 would defuse the tension

Clause 5 of the agreement on the Naf river says, "The contracting

# Bomb attack on CPB rally

FROM PAGE 1 Nurul Huda were present in the meeting.

Hasina made a frank confession that although her government made tangible success in vital national sectors laying a strong base for development, they were to savour criticism for law and order problems

She said it is the responsibility of the police department to improve law and order and assured government's cooperation in improving their skill by providing logistic supports and meeting their reasonable demands.

Attributing absence of democracy and accountability to the deadly crimes in society, she said peace and security are essential conduct river training, river training Russia: History and Perspectives' work or utilise the flow of the Naf to mark the 29th anniversary of river or its waters on its own side of establishing relations between the international boundary for Bangladesh and Russia. Chief industrial purpose, drainage, water quest: Foreign Minister Abdus conservancy, irrigation, generation Samad Azad, Venue: Russian of hydroelectric power and the like Cultural Centre, House No 510. to such an extent as to prejudice the Road No 7, Dhanmondi R/A. Time interest of the other party. 4.30 pm. Bangladesh Rifles and Nasaka, **Poetry reading** 

Myanmar's border forces, traded fire for several hours on January 8 as the latter tried to proceed with session construction of an embankment on British Council will hold a poetry their side of the Naf. reading session with poet Sudeep

> Bid to snatch taxi cab

## in city

Road.

#### **STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Miscreants beat up taxi cab driver and tried to snatch away his car at gunpoint in the city's Banani area ınday night. The victim was identified as-

Abdul Mannan, driver of Cosmo cab (Dhaka Metro-Pa-14-0576). Three young men hired the taxi cab and asked its driver to go to

the taxi cab to an alley and asked the driver to leave his car at gunpoint. The driver came out of the car and started running. He entered a house but the guard forced him to leave it. Mannan again started running

but the gang caught him. They asked the driver to give the key of the car. As he refused to oblige the eating Mannan managed to flee scene and went to Banani police camp Police went there and found that the gang took away blue book, driving licence, route permit and

Although work on the embankment remains abandoned ever since, tension has intensified in the area following massing of nearly 20,000 Myanmar troops close to Bangladesh's south-eastern border.

"None can question about efficiency or decision of the government. We only hear criticisms

way police, special training and enhancing the honour and privi-

lege of senior police officers. She said ration and financial allowances of police constables were already increased and assured that she would look into the demands by police officers relating to their promotion, warrant of precedence and flying police flag by senior officers.

about law and order," Hasina told the police officers, seeking decisive actions in this field. She offered to consider setting up more police investigation centres, increase in the manpower of police, deployment of more high-

Banani Road Number 11. They took

#### it like the 'House of the People' that it is and not the house of the government that it was never meant to be. Ours was ten years of journalism with commitment. Commitment to nation building, to uphold the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution and to establish a society based on the rule of law. We never missed a

there was a fundamental difference women, and to the victims of exploibetween political rivalry and pertation. We said what we felt, and sonal enmity. We pleaded with our tried to feel what concerned the leaders to shun violence, prejudice people. We never shied away from and the path of destruction. We taking strong positions on issues of urged patience on our two big national importance and vigorously parties to allow the other side to raised our voice against corruption, fulfil the Constitutional mandate

shortcomings will.

### Gunrunning

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comprising part of Teknaf, Cox's Bazar and the Myanmar province of Arakan

According to police, the Rohingva settlers maintain close links with high-ups in local administration.

In 1979, compelled by economic hardship more than 50,000 Rohingyas fled their homeland Arakan, crossed the river Naf that separates Bangladesh and Myanmar (formerly Burma) and settled in the south-eastern districts of Teknaf, Cox's Bazar and Chittagong.

Thousands of the settlers later went to Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries with Bangladeshi passport for a better living, police sources said.

Then in 1991, more than 250,000 Rohingyas crossed the Nafto escape persecution by the Myanmar troops. Yangon denied the Rohingya allegation of persecution throughout and signed an agreement with Dhaka under the auspices of the UNHCR to take back the refugees. Apart from some 21,000 at two camps in Cox's Bazar, most of the Rohingyas have been repatriated.

### Nephew

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printed thousands of coloured posters and put them up all around the city, including the Nagar Bhaban after being "nominated the best commissioner of Dhaka" by an unknown association. After the nomination, Sadek went on a campaign to raise monev from everv business house of his locality and build dozens of overhead arches. In every arch, banners read "heartiest felicitations to Sadek Khan for being nominated the best Ward Commissioner of Dhaka by a journalists' association"

A spokesman of the so-called journalists' association said that last year they first nominated Sadek as the best commissioner. But when another ward commissioner of the city warned the association of legal action, they had to nominate both as the best commissioners in the city.

The so-called journalists' association is known to have been composed of the "underworld press" of the country.

their arms, leaving three critically injured, police said.

The injured policemen were rushed to the local upazila health complex, where Nurul Islam succumbed to his injuries.

### The dog story FROM PAGE 1

dogs in the city. But the Chief Health Officer claimed that at times more than 100 dogs were killed a dav.

Ashraf Uddin said every time CC's two-man team with a vehicle goes out on such a drive, two 'professional dogcatchers' are hired. They are paid Tk 15 for catching a dog with <sup>'</sup>tongs.' When a dog is caught, it is killed with a lethal injection-- potassium sulphide

pushed by a DCC veterinary doctor. In 1998, DCC had bought 2,000 potassium cyanide tablets for killing dogs but use of those on streets was found too dangerous

and the practice was stopped. 'We cannot ensure a steady drive due to lack of manpower,' said Ashraf Uddin.

Asked how they keep an estimate of the dogs killed, he said the veterinary doctor has to certify the number before payment is made to the dogcatchers. DCC has only one such doctor for the last 10 years.

### Seven shops gutted in Manikganj

### UNB, Manikganj

A devastating fire gutted 7 wholesale shops and three poultry farms at Ghiorhat in Ghior upazila on Sunday morning.

Tk 20 lakh.

Local people extinguished the flame after one and half hours of frantic efforts as the fire fighters reached the spot after two hours of the incident.

covered with blood.

ens of poultry farms were charred.

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#### Quake rocks Karnataka Nine sued in Ctg FROM PAGE 12 Ali led the agitators in the rally

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The open courtyard of Ahmedabad's biggest hospital resembles a war zone.

Tanks, selected NGOs, the Scouts,

BUET and many activist groups to

chance to underscore that educa-

The hospital's wards are overflowing, but the hospital is not turning away any patients. The wounded lie in the courtyard on stretchers or just on the ground, shaded by a few trees.

Anxious relatives, doctors and volunteers step around the patients. Bottles of intravenous fluid hang from bushes. Moans of the injured and orders shouted out by medical workers mingle in the frosty

morning air. In the three days since the earthquake, the hospital has registered 470 dead and 780 wounded, said Dr. M H Makwana, the hospital's direc-

losing battle, said Marykutty Joseph,

a nurse, her weary face contrasting

driveway on one side of the court-

ruins of his shop, in a commercial

block that collapsed in the Satellite

precinct of west Ahmedabad. He is

Outside, a jeep careers into the

tor.

from bed to bed.

with her crisp uniform.

Police and witnesses said the fire was originated from a wholesale shop of Motilal Chowhan. The extent of damage was estimated at

The fire fighters, however, said

that they were late due to the thick fog that besieged the road.

The victim shop owners Ranjit Chowhan, Ashim Datta, Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Baten and Shahidul Islam said over 500 chick-

 $bleeding from \, a \, cut \, on \, his \, for ehead.$ demanding withdrawal of expul-"Three days in the rubble, it's a sion on JCD's organising secretary miracle that he's alive," said Sanjeev Yasin Chowdhury Liton, party Jain, his son, his young face wet with tears of relief. Sanjeev has lost this insiders said. brother, who was also in the shop. "I The rally ended in pandemodon't know how to tell him," he nium amid chase and counter chase sobs, as hospital workers wheel his

father into the surgery. Rescue workers have been using jeeps, cars, three-wheeled rickshaws, any mode of transport to ferry the wounded and the dead to the hospital.

#### Textbooks FROM PAGE 12

Three concerns of the Group were awarded the job of printing around eight crore textbooks for secondary and higher secondary levels.

Speakers at the rally resented Inside, the scene is even worse, that the Beximco trio--Pustaka, Security guards try vainly to clear Shuktara and Free Press-- have out the groups of relatives that failed to print and distribute books accompany each patient. Harried timely. The trio was supposed to doctors, some of whom have been print and deposit those by working nonstop for 36 hours, move November 30 last year and the time limit was extended twice, they The nursing staff are trying to pointed out. maintain bed charts, but it's a

The National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) had awarded the job to those Beximco concerns ignoring many experienced printers and publishers, the speakers alleged.

vard. All heads turn toward the Pustaka has so far printed and sudden movement. Young men rush distributed only 14 categories of toward the rear of the vehicle to pull textbooks out of 60 for the secondout a wounded old man, his face arylevel

The books are full of errors, the Rameshwar Jain, a grain merstudents said. chant has been pulled out of the

Meanwhile, the Education Week 2001 is being observed in the country amidst the textbook crisis. It began yesterday.

lavout from today's issue. We promngredients for economic develop ment.

Hasina said although her party came to power after 21 years, she wanted to rebuild the country with a strong economy through united efforts and invited the main opposition to share the government. A neutral personality like Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed was made President, but BNP neither supported him nor joined her cabinet. Rather they started oustgovernment movement.

Criticising past misrule, she told the meeting that they inherited a chaotic situation in all vital sectors. The economy was in a shambles, people did not repay bank loans and the country was having a food deficit. There were no specific policies for any sector as the country was ruled on ad-hoc basis.

## Reports of 4 JS bodies placed in Parliament

Reports of four standing committees were placed in Parliament vesterday.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed placed the Annual Report for 1999 on Press Council.

A H M Mostafa Kamal (Awami League), representing Prof Mohammad Ali Ashraf, placed the report on Financial Institution (Amendment) Bill 2000 prepared by the standing committee on the Finance Ministry.

The standing committee worked to remove the obstacles to simultaneous holding of directorships of bank and other financial institutions, including insurance companies.

Prof Abdul Mannan placed the report on The Dramatic Performance (Repeal) Bill 2000.

Standing committee on Cultural Affairs Ministry examined the Bill and made a number of recommendations in its report, which aims at ensuring the basic right of free expression.

Chairman of the standing committee on the Ministry of Industries Dewan Farid Gazi placed the report on The Standards of Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

Truck-coach collision kills six

**UNB**, Cox's Bazar

injured when a passenger coach and a truck collided head-on in a deadly accident on the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway yesterday.

The driver of the truck was identified as Sifat, 28. The others three are coach passengers Ismail, 42, Azad, 41, and Mamun, 30.

Police and witnesses said a Cox's Bazar-bound coach of Saudia Paribahan collided with a goodsladen truck which was coming from opposite direction at Jahaillardala in Lohagara upazila.

### Mujib-Indira FROM PAGE 12

Signed on May 16, 1974, the Mujib-Indira agreement envisaged that Angorpota and Dahagram enclaves in northern Kurigram district would be included in the Bangladesh territory.

Article 1.14 of the agreement said: "India will lease in perpetuity to Bangladesh an area of 178x85 cm near Tin Bigha to connect Dahagram with Panbari Mouza (PS Patgram) of Bangladesh.'

Although the treaty was ratified by the Bangladesh government in November 1974, India resorted to dilly-dally tactics on different pretexts, including legal complications. On October 7, 1982, the two

countries reached an agreement on terms of lease in perpetuity' regarding the two enclaves and the Tin Bigha corridor in the light of the Mujib-Indira agreement.

On June 26, 1992, Bangladesh and India completed exchange of letters on the use of Tin Bigha corridor under which Bangladesh nationals are allowed to move through the corridor every alternate hour during daytime. "This arrangement is not consis-

tent with the 1974 agreement," the Foreign Minister informed parliament.

Azad said he raised the matter at a meeting with his Indian counterpart last month and the Indian External Affairs Minister reassured him of immediately resolving the issue.

other necessary papers. A general diary was filed with Gulshan thana in this regard.

At least 6 people were killed and 45 BNP FROM PAGE 1 throughout the country to cover up

its failures and misdeeds ahead of the election. In this context, he said the Prime

Minister's recent statement about the President provoking him to resign at the fag end of her government's tenure is definitely implicative.

The leader said that the AL fears that President Shahabuddin Ahmed might not favour any party during the interim period and thus they want to replace him by appointing by a party man.

He said the opposition parties have requested the President not to resign at the provocation of AL because the nation expects a lot from him.

Meanwhile, BNP is planning to resign en masse from parliament in order to mount pressure on the government. Preparations to submit the resignations of opposition lawmakers are already on and would be finalised at a point when AL will have no time to hold by-elections.

Agargaon slum

slum, inhabited by over 35,000 people and built on lands owned by e Public Workers Department.

Sources in the Department of Narcotics Control however put the amount at more that Tk 10 lakh.

Influential groups led by Noor Mohammad, Hanna, Amir and Picchi Jamal collect toll from the drug traders. These rival groups are also often locked in clashes, using sophis-

ticated firearms.

Some government offices including those of Bangladesh Betar, LGED, Passport Department, Department of Environment, Islamic Foundation and Technical Education Board divide the slum east to west.

Drug trade started in the slum in 1990, giving rise to terrorist activities in and around the area.

between the two factions, police and party insiders said. **UNB** Dhaka JCD city unit president Nazimur Rahman led the rival faction of Ali. Sunday's clash and filing of the case under PSA, triggered sharp split in Chittagong JCD. BNP leaders

were reportedly trying to tame both the factions, sources said. Meanwhile, BNP chairperson

Khaleda Zia is expected to address some wayside rallies in the port city's Dewanhat, Airport, and Bahaddarhat today on her way to Bandarban to attend a grand rally of All Party Action Council, party

sources said. Special security measures were taken by the police authorities in this regard.

### Young man shot in city STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young man was shot at East Kadamtali Slum in the city's Shyampur area yesterday morning. The victim was identified as

Noor Islam, 31, son of Janu Sharif of Kadamtali, Shyampur. Islam was admitted to DMCH. Victim's elder brother Azahar filed a case.