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Curfew defied in Srinagar: 20 hurt

AP, Jammu

Police clashed with angry Sikh protesters yesterday in Srinagar, Kashmir's winter capital as they defied a curfew to protest the killing of six of their coreligionists by unidentified gunmen.

At least 20 protesters were injured when they fought with police using sticks and batons. Police lobbed tear gas shells and fired into the air to push back the crowd of 500 people, but the protesters refused to disperse and set two police vehicles on fire.

Officials said the army had been called out to control the riotous crowd.

Unidentified gunmen riding a vehicle in the dark shot dead six Sikhs and injured five others late Saturday in Srinagar's Mehjor neighborhood. Srinagar, Kashmir's northeast of Jammu.

Police imposed a curfew in large weeklong visit to India. parts of Srinagar and in Jammu, which has a sizable Sikh community. fearing violence or retaliatory attacks by the minority Sikhs. Armed paramilitary troops patrolled the

Hathazari in the district yesterday.

The trouble erupted when stu-

dents of Hathazari Madrassah

staged demonstration and brought

out a procession demanding release

of IOJ Secretary General Mufti Fazlul

Haq Amini, arrested on Sunday

under PSA for inciting violence in

the capital city during Saturday's

Chittagong- Hathazari road for

more than three hours, causing

weapons and brick-bats. Police

resorted to baton charge and lobbed

tear gas shells to disperse the unruly

said it was about 20 per cent only.

officials including the DC, the SP

dissatisfaction with mistakes in the

voter list and asked the local admin-

istration to detect the persons

responsible and punish them. Syed

then ordered the SP to submit the

investigation report as soon as

possible. "I'll also inform the home

secretary and IG of police of the

Syed later visited the police station

where the SP told him that he had

already initiated a case against Ilias

and had involved detective and

special branches of police with the

stituency covering the Pabna Sadar

thana was peaceful. Lack of contest

among the candidates, absence of

public awareness and staying away

from the electoral race by the major

Dr. Mazhar Ali Quadri who hap-

Indian soldiers on Monday dug two

survivors from the rubble of their

home more than 10 days after it was

destroyed by the Gujarat earth-

quake, Border Security Force deputy

their late forties, were rescued from

what remained of their home this

morning at around 11:00 am (11:30

vive so long on water and crackers.

BST), Kumar said,

The two, a brother and a sister in

It seems they managed to sur-

The two survivors were found by

a BSF contingent on a routine search

mission in the old section of Bhuj,

one of the town's worst hit by the

estimated 30,000 people.

torces.

January 26 quake which killed an

Immediately after their rescue

Meanwhile, four American

the two were taken to Bhuj's Civil

nationals and three Britons were

Nagorik Andolon

he said, urging the people to be

united against anti-liberation

was brought out in the city. The

procession ended in front of the

latiya Press Club where Khushi

Kabir, Chairperson of the

Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB),

thanked the people for joining the

rally and procession.

After the rally, a silent procession

Hospital where they were recover-

commandant Diwakar Kumar said

political parties generated a very low

It was the ruling party candidate,

Indian soldiers find

2 quake survivors

after 10 days

Nevertheless, voting at the con-

To watch investigatory headway,

The CEC also expressed his

and the Presiding Officer.

matter and followit up."

inquiry.

AFP, Bhuj

"Is here any arrangement to

heavy traffic jam.

madrassah students.

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The students blocked the

Zealots go on rampage

streets and residents were told to stay indoors.

A previously unknown militant group called Al Qasim claimed responsibility for Saturday's attack in a statement made to a local news agency in Srinagar. Dozens of militant groups have been fighting since 1989 to separate Kashmir from India or for a merger with neighbouring Islamic Pakistan. India accuses Pakistan of fomenting the insur-

gency, a charge Islamabad denies. More than 30,000 people have been killed since the fighting began. Human rights groups say the death toll exceeds 60,000.

Saturday's attack was the second in a year against the Sikhs who number 5,000 in Srinagar, a city of 1 million people. Thirty-five Sikhs were massacred on March 21, 2000 by unidentified attackers in the Sikh summer capital, is 235 kilometres village of Chattisinghpora on the eve of former US President Bill Clinton's

> Mourners cremated the dead late Sunday in Srinagar and refused to allow local officials to offer condolences, accusing the administration of being pro-Pakistan.

Police arrested live demonstra-

Samity (Rural Doctors' Association) at the Osmany Memorial Hall in the city yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the National Grand Conference -2001 of Bangladesh Palli Chikitshak

Khaleda trying to capture power in undemocratic way: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Our Staff Correspondent from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yes-Khulna reported that security terday accused Leader of the arrangement was beefed up in the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda city in the wake of confrontation Zia of patronising terrorists and between Islamic fanatics and NGO communal forces in a bid to capture workers in Dhaka city and power through undemocratic Brahmanbaria. Police have been deployed in

protection to the communal forces

to push the country towards con-

frontation and violence," she said.

She called upon the people to

remain alert against all conspiracies

in order to ensure peace and stabil-

does not believe in vote and demo-

front of all NGO offices to avert any untoward incident in the city. Officials of Khulan Metropolitan Police (KMP) said strict instruction They attacked police with lethal has been given to all to handle any

> NGO officials and filed level workers have been asked to move carefully.

> > The polling stations were, how-

ever, under strong vigilance of the

security forces including police and

paramilitary BDR. Posters seeking

votes for the ruling party nominee

were hardly seen while such cam-

paign for other candidates was even

following the death of Rafiqul Islam

Bakul (BNP). Major opposition

parties including BNP boycotted the

among the thousands killed in the

Gujarat earthquake, and foreign

missions were still waiting anxiously

Monday for news of other missing

India's commercial capital Bombay,

four American citizens died in the

January 26 quake. The precise num-

ber of US nationals missing had yet

American citizens and an estimated

3,000 to 3,500 unregistered US

nationals in the area when the quake

struck," a consulate spokesperson

nationals would have left India

the unregistered American citizens

is also an estimate based on the

number of tourists local authorities

(like the police) expect during this

season," the spokesperson

New Delhi told AFP there were 400

registered British citizens in Gujarat

on January 26, of which three were

released by the High Commission's

press office, there could have been

Australians, Japanese, Germans or

Dutch casualties in Gujarat, accord-

ing to information given by their

New Delhi, although there was still

concern over nationals on the miss-

in the state at the time of the quake.

a few thousand" British nationals

There were no reports of any

The British High Commission in

According to information

without notifying the consulate.

In many cases, the registered

"Similarly, the figure we have for

We had 2,336 registered

to be determined.

said.

explained

Association of Development respective diplomatic missions in

confirmed dead.

According to the US consulate in

The Pabna-5 seat fell vacant

untoward incident with care.

Addressing a grand rally of Palli Chikitsak (village doctors) at Osmany Memorial Hall, the Prime Minister said Khaleda wants to go to Rehearsal to manipulate polls' power with the help of communal and terrorist forces, "because she

pened to be the lone contender in cratic process." the by-polls, though six other candidates were in the official list. record a 40 per cent turnout in The election ailed to inflame any Pabna too?" an angry CEC asked top enthusiasm among the voters most and in democracy, she is trying to capture power in an undemocratic of whom were even did not know

> how many people contested the by-BNP was also created in an undemocratic way and General Zia Most of the centres this correhad captured power through the use spondent visited put on desert of arms and conflict, Hasina said. looks. At places small queues were Naturally, they can't think about hurriedly arranged on the CEC's democracy, peace and stability." arrival. Voters were kept waiting at

> Referring to the killing of a some centres where the CEC rushed policeman at a city mosque by the soon after reaching the circuit fundamentalist forces, she said everybody knows who had killed the The election officials were found constable inside the mosque. But idling and the agents of candidates the opposition leader, after inciting other than those of the ruling party the communal forces, is now trying were missing from most of the to shift the blame on Awami League polling booths.

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Kaliakoir Bazar.

about 12:30 am.

The DB men took Azizul Haq in

Due to security reasons, Azizul

Haq and his five associates were

kept at Gulshan thana and Amini

and the rest twelve were kept at

Police brought Azizul Haq and

Azizul Haq along with Abdul

Momen and the Imam of Noor

Masjid, who was arrested Sunday

evening, were produced before a

Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at

behalf of the [O] Chief. The court

however sent him and the two oth-

A bail petition was moved on

Another petition was moved in

favour of Azizul Hag for division in

produce necessary papers before

the Additional District Magistrate's

Amini, his son and eleven others investment.

jail. The court asked the petitioner to

about 4 pm yesterday.

Amini from the thanas at about 2 pm

Ramna thana on Sunday night.

and kept them at the court hajat.

one of their microbuses and the

three vehicles started for Dhaka at

for the killing. "What sort of lie is this? None can

bring allegation against the ruling party, because everybody knows how the policeman was killed inside the mosque," she said. The Prime Minister said mosque

is a sacred place and it is a heinous act of sacrilege to kill anyone inside "The opposition leader is giving the mosque. Islam is the religion of peace and harmony, the religion of love and humanity, she reminded. She said those who truly follow

Islam can never do any wrong or injustice, much less indulge in killing. Those who unleash terrorism in the name of religion only tarnish the image of Islam at home and abroad. "Those who engage in killing in

the name of religion are the enemies of Islam. One Muslim cannot kill another Muslim in the name of religion.

Hasina said the killers had cre-She said as Khaleda Zia has no ated panic among the Muslims of faith and confidence in the people the country. Now the people will think twice before going to the mosque, where bombs are planted and arms kept. Village doctors from allover the

country joined the rally seeking national recognition of their humanitarian pursuit and regular appointment in different health that the government for the first clinics and hospitals. They also demanded registration

and regular training so that they can provide initial treatment and make the rural people conscious about

Health Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, State Minister for Health Prof M Amanullah, advisor of

were not taken to the court room o

Metropolitan Magistrate Abul

Kashem from the court hajat on

A bail petition was moved on

The four others, who were

arrested along with Azizul Haq, were

handed over to Motijheel police as

accused in a case filed with the

thana under PSA on Saturday. They

were produced before the CMM's

Development Fund to help

attract private investment for fund-

ing various development projects of

municipalities in a bid to reduce

The proposal of the Architect Act

Besides, the Cabinet approved

the agreement between Bangladesh

opment and protection of capital

and Australia signed for the devel-

was also endorsed at the meeting.

dependence on government.

Court, which sent them to jail.

Cabinet

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behalf of Amini, which was rejected

by the court. All the thirteen were

security ground.

sent to the Central jail.

Azizul Haq sent to jail

Mohammad Yusuf Haroon, and vice-president of the Samity Abdul Jalil also addressed the rally, presided over by Samity president Mohammad Sabuj Ali. The Prime Minister said the

the Palli Chikitsak Samity Hakim

people should be cautious about those who are trying to push the country towards violence and confrontation by protecting the communal forces. She said her government wants

peace and stability and is working day and night for economic progress of the country. "We are mobilising money for the villages and trying to create a dynamism in the rural Hasina said the government has

undertaken projects to provide food and shelter to the people and reach medical care to their doorstep. "We're implementing a big project of 18,000 community health clinics across the country to ensure healthcare for all."

She said that due to the steps taken by the present government, calorie intake of the people has increased and so also have life expectancy and per capita income.

Growth rate has also increased in the country, she said mentioning time has achieved self-sufficiency in food and is attaining success in increasing the literacy rate.

For the development of the health sector, the government is implementing a number of programmes, the Prime Minister said and assured of steps for the welfare of the village doctors.

AL: Khaleda FROM PAGE 12

use it in politics, nobody can bring sacred religion in the turmoil of politics. Secularism is essential to maintain the sanctity of religion,' asserted the ruling party presidium

"Where is your rule of law Mr Nazmul Huda? When we talk about truth, you people go for contempt of court cases. Are the declaring of the two judges 'murtad' and announcing capital punishment against them not contempt of court?" asked an angry Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq.

PM's Parliamentary Affairs Advisor Suranjit Sengupta told the rally that the fundamentalists are trying to make Bangladesh, dubbed by Clinton as a moderate Muslim country, into Afghanistan.

"If you believe in farwatantra you can go to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. But you should also know that these countries are trying to restore democracy," he said.

The rally was also addressed by State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya with Dhaka city AL vice president

Reazuddin Ahmed in the chair.

India buys \$ 270 million worth Israeli missiles

AFP, Jerusalem

in Khagrachhari India has signed an order for Israeli shipboard missiles worth 270 million dollars, Israeli public radio and regional rival Pakistan to carry reported Monday. Nine prosecution witnesses of the Israel's defence ministry had no last year's Khagrachhari hostage

confirmation of the report of the

place in the world for weapons sales.

Singh, on a visit to Egypt Saturday,

agency as categorically denying

Arab League allegations that India

and Israel were involved in nuclear

were false, adding that India had

been developing its own nuclear

capabilities since 1956 without the

Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant

have a range of some 10 kilometres Abul Kalam Azad, a businessman air or surface targets. from Feni, kept hostage a number of The radio said exports of Israeli systems. important persons of Khagrachhari arms last year totalled 2.3 billion for over 36 hours in the DC's office dollars, putting the country in fifth

The nine witnesses DC Ashraful Makbul, ADC Abu Taleb, NDC Abdur Rahman Tarafder, JP leader Samiran Dewan, AL Leader Nurunnabi, BNP leader Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, local press club general secretary Tarun Bhattacharya, AD of Youth Department Mizanur Rahman and DC office employee Shahjahan Mrida were among the hostages.

on September 11 last year.

Hostage drama

cross-examined

drama case were cross-examined in

the special court in Khagrachhari

Nine PWs

UNB, Cig

yesterday.

Azad was on the dock when the witnesses made their depositions before the court under Public Safety Act (PSA).

Three cases were filed against Abul Kalam Azad one under PSA, another under Explosive Act and one Arms Act. Charges were framed against him on January 21.

The court hearing will continue till Thursday.

Raw materials of Meghna Oil gutted in N'ganj

UNB, Nganj

Huge raw materials of a vegetable oil mill were gutted in a devastating fire near Meghna Bridge in Sonargaon upazila in Narayanganj yesterday. Sources said the fire originated

from an electric short circuit a about 2:45 pm at the warehouse of Meghna Oil Industries, an organisation of Meghna Group. Fire fighters from Demra,

Postagola, Hajiganj and Bandar brought the blaze under control after four hours of frantic efforts. The owner of the mill estimated

the loss at about Tk 5 crore.

At least 10 people suffered burn injures while extinguishing the fire.

One shot dead

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district Jubo Dal president Syed Mizanur Rahman at mid night on Saturday. The clash continued till Sunday noon.

Allauddin was shot when the feuding groups traded gunshots at Takia Road Sunday morning. He was rushed to Feni Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to bullet injuries at about 1 pm on Sunday.

The activists belonging to Dulal group also ransacked Mizan's house and set fire to it.

Police went to the spot, fired several rounds of bullets and teargas to disperse the feuding groups.

Police also arrested six Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal activists from the area. They arrested are Saiful Islam, Abul Hossain, Jasim Uddin, Didarul Alam, Monir Ahmed and lahir Uddin. A case was filed with Sadar thana

in this regard.

HC asks

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Dr Kamal Hossain was assisted by Barrister Tanjibul Alam. Assistant Attorney General Prabir Neogy represented the state. Tipu is now undergoing treat-

ment at the Orthopaedic Hospital in the city with both of his hands frac-

He complained that feni police did not register his case against the MP and his men for assaulting him. Instead, police recorded the case filed by the MP's paid employees and others, he said.

OC was more known as 'chief of staff' of Hazari's armed cadres.

Silent killer

tubewells they were using were abandoned not at the initiative of Community Hospital.

"None has painted the contaminated tubewells with red mark. So many people still drink water from

people. Till now, a small number of water filters have been put on trial by the government but villagers say those are ineffective.

Experts say that instead of addressing the problems of patients (patient management), projects like Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project (BAMWSP) is focusing on promoting filters which

block Israli-Indian military cooperation after India conducted five nuclear test explosions in May 1998, prompting its Muslim neighbour

out similar tests. While India has a declared nuclear weapons capability, Israel order for Barak type missiles, which has neither confirmed nor denied its capability. However, foreign experts (six miles) and can be used against estimate that Israel his at least 200 nuclear warheads with delivery

CID yet to get FROM PAGE 1

Bangabandhu Avenue but did was quoted by the state MENA news not find anything.

Later, the CID team went to inquire about the bombs recovered from a madrassah near the Noor Masjid in Mohammadpur on Singh said all such allegations Saturday.

CID sources said they are collecting information regarding bomb explosions in the country so far. aid of any other country, MENA Letters have been sent to the authorities concerned in this regard, they The United States has tried to said.

Sit-in around Secretariat

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cooperation.

City BNP President Sadeque Hossain Khoka MP and general secretary Abdus Salam have instructed party leaders and activists to observe the programmes with due importance and also urged the people to participate en masse.

Sources said the component parties of the alliance however are yet to finalise the strategy for the sitin programme as leaders of the parties are yet not sure as to whether the sit-in will be staged jointly or separately by each party.

Sources said some recent political developments involving the

killing of a police constable allegedly by Islamic zealots and subsequent arrests of Islami Oikya Jote leaders including its chairman Azizul Haq, secretary general Fazlul Haq Amini and joint secretary general ARM Abdul Matin have put the alliance in an awkward position.

They said the Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and 10J along with BNP hard-liners are now pressurising the BNP leadership to launch a movement to demand release of HM Ershad and IOJ leaders as they feel that the anti-government movement would be largely ineffective with the top leaders in jail.

Gujarat devastation

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evoked serious concerns over the presence of such or even taller structures in Delhi.

During two centuries beginning in 1803, there have been four instances of quakes in and around Delhi measuring above five on the Richter Scale. Delhi lies close to the faultline

and ride which are areas of maximum seismic activities.

Federal Urban Development Minister Jagmohan has said a survey would be carried out about the highrise buildings in Delhi to ascertain how many of them had quake-safety provisions. He said structural engineers who are qualified to assess if a building is earthquake-resistant will

plies with safety specifications before clearance is given for construction and possession. Within Delhi, the areas on the eastern side of Yamuna river is

have to certify if the structure com-

considered most susceptible to quakes because of its alluvial soil. "Since trans-Yamuna is built on

flood plane, the soft soil makes the buildings in the area prone to dainages," according to an expert. The safety codes laid down by BIS

are as advanced and detailed as those in developed countries. The question is whether these codes will be strictly enforced and whether adequate qualified structural engineers will be available to certify quake-resistant buildings.

RHD Short Notice Inviting Tender

Inviting Sealed **Tender Notice**

BD Form No. 2911 52/RDG of 2000-2001 Notice

Name of work Providing earth work in road embankment at 5" KM (P) (Ch.4+230

to 4+310 M) of Joydebpur-Debgram-Vulta-Nayapur Bazar-Madanpur road under Gazipur Road Division during

20 (twenty) days.

168-RBF/266-CA

Division-2, Joydebpur.

"A to E" general category.

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Time allowed Eligibility

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Office of the Executive Engineer documents

(RHD), Gazipur/ Dhaka/ Manikganj/ Munshigani/Narayangani/Narsingdi/ Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Bridge Design Division-Dhaka/Monitoring & East, Evaluation Division, Dhaka/SDE (RHD), Tongi/Joydebpur, Road Sub-

Name of offices receive tender bids

of the Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer (RHD), Gazipur/ SDE (RHD), Tongi/ Joydebpur Road Sub-Division-2,

Joydebpur. 11/02/2001 during office hours.

12/02/2001 up to 12-30 PM.

of selling of tender documents

Last date & time

Last date receipt of tender documents

Date & time of preparing list of

tender received respective receiving offices

Date of lottery

DFP-2896-1/2

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At 12-45 PM on 12/02/2001 (the sealed envelopes shall not be opened by the respective receiving offices). Those will be opened in this office after collection all the tender papers from all the receiving offices on 15/02/2001 at 10-00 AM. At 1-30 PM on 18/02/2001

> Mohammed Bayazid Executive Engineer (RHD) Gazipur Road Division Gazipur.

Opposition calls hartal tomorrow FROM PAGE 1 Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, and Sunday. At one stage, Bhuiyan tion demands.

ers to jail.

The decision to call hartal tomorrow was first taken at a meeting of the Central Liaison Committee (CLC) of the alliance and later endorsed by the BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

BNP vice-chairman M Shamsul Islam presided over the CLC meeting at his Baridhara residence. The CLC decision was placed before Khaleda following disagreement over calling of the hartal.

Meeting sources said BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and city BNP President Sadeque Hossain Khoka at the meeting opposed calling of a hartal on the issue of conflict between the fundamentalists and NGOs.

They said except for Bhuiyan and

Khoka, the four other BNP leaders

Mirza Abbas, Anwar Zahid and chairman of the meeting M Shamsul Islam were in favour of the proposal Islami and IOJ.

argued that the government is trying to provoke the opposition to call hartal in order to arrest more leaders and activists and to prove the alliance a fundamentalist force.

One of the two BNP leaders said BNP Chairperson approved tomorthe government is trying to trap the row's hartal. opposition and calling a hartal at trouble. "It will not be wise to step into the government's trap," he added.

and Khoka left the meeting to attend their separate programmes. Later, a CLC delegation which for hartal by latiya Party, Jamaat-e- included JP secretary general Naziur

Rahman Manjur, Jamaat secretary They said Bhuiyan and Khoka general Ali Ahsan Mujahid and IOJ leader Moulana Muhiuddin met Khaleda Zia at her Banani office. Mannan Bhuiyan joined the meetinglater. After a lengthy discussion, the

The CLC meeting was attended this point could lead to serious others by IP leaders Naziur Rahman Manjur, ABM Golam Mostafa and

Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar, Jamaat leaders Ali Ahsan Mujahid, But others at the meeting Mohammad Kamaruzzaman, Abdul strongly favoured the hartal. BNP Qader Mollah and ATM Azharul joint secretary-general Mirza Abbas Islam, and 101 leaders Muhiuddin demanded hartals also on Thursday Ahmed and Abdur Rab Yusufi.

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any government organisation but on advice from doctors at Dhaka

those," said Shamela. There are no alternative measures for safe water for the affected

All the patients said that the

have virtually proved useless.

implicating opposition activists Police did not even reply to his (Tipu) demand for justice, his counsel Dr Kamal Hossain mentioned. The counsel submitted newspaper clippings including a Daily Star report on February 4 saying that the