

Hasina threatens street agitation, non-cooperation

Post-election torture, killings deplored

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday warned of non-cooperation and street agitation against the new government for what she said hijacking people's verdict, and post-election torture and killing.

"People realised that their verdict was snatched ... they won't accept this government of vote thieves. Agitation will continue, non-cooperation will start too," she told reporters after visiting injured party workers at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Awami League workers Pran Gopal, 45, of Pirganj in Rangpur and Nurul Amin, 40, of Belabo in Narsingdi are undergoing treatment with severe head injuries.

Hasina who inquired about their treatment said only a few people could come to the DMCH, but the same picture prevails throughout the country. "We don't have words to express this inhuman torture, killing and rape," she added.

Deplored the dastardly attacks on the minorities and

her party workers and supporters, the Awami League leader said these people are facing inhuman torture as they voted for Awami League.

She castigated the caretaker government for spoiling the concept of neutral non-party caretaker government by staging a "mock" election.

Hasina said the system of the caretaker government was established through a movement so that people could cast their votes in a peaceful atmosphere.

Under Khaleda Zia's rule, some 140 workers of Awami League were killed between February 15 and March 30, 1996, she alleged.

"On October 1, people were denied of voting results under a planned conspiracy," she said. "Awami League leaders and workers, chairman, members and school teachers were tortured before the election by preparing a list of so-called vulnerable seats and terrorists by the caretaker government."

The lists were handed over to the army to unleash

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White paper on AL corruption within a month, says Saifur

UNB, Moulvibazar

A white paper would be published within a month on corruption and mismanagement by Awami League that forced the caretaker government to borrow Tk 2,200 crore from the banking system in only three months to meet state expenditure, Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman said. He said this at a meeting with local elite and political leaders at the circuit house yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner M Mokslesur Rahman chaired the meeting while local leaders of different political parties, bar, press club, social organisations and elite welcomed Saifur.

"Awami League left the country in a vulnerable state ... They (AL)

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Luminaries of the country's cultural arena form a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting attack on the residence of actor-turned-politician and Awami League MP-elect Asaduzzaman Noor and repression on the religious minorities across the country.

Metro bus service closed in N'ganj as terrorists demand toll

UNB, N'ganj

AC Metro Bus service on the busy Dhaka-Narayanganj route was closed at 3 pm yesterday when a group of terrorists demanded toll.

Owners said a group of terrorists demanded heavy toll. On refusal, they threatened to set on fire the busses. "So, we have been compelled to close the service. Our life is also in danger," one of the owners requesting anonymity said.

Bus owners or officials at the Chashara counter declined to identify the terrorists who demanded huge amount of toll for fear of reprisal.

Police said terrorist group headed by David and Saiduzzaman became active with the change of government.

Most office goers travel in Metro buses for their quick service.



Awami League leaders and activists look on as fellow workers, who have fled their homes in different parts of the country to escape repression and taken shelter at the party's central office in the city, have lunch yesterday.

Violence against Hindu community designed to wipe out AL: Hasina

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the post-poll violence against Hindu Community across the country was designed to wipe out AL and halt its victory once for all.

Sheikh Hasina said this when a 19-member delegation of Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad led by its President Anil Chandra Nath and General Secretary Bhushdeva Dhar called on her at Sudha Sadan in the city yesterday evening.

Community leaders, including Major General (Retd) CR Dutta Bir Uttam, Advocate Sudhangshu Shekhar Halder, prof Neem Chandra Bhomik and Advocate Subrata Chowdhury also briefly spoke on the occasion.

The leaders said the attacks were launched in a calculated way.

The Hindu leaders said they had hoped that with the formation of the BNP-led alliance government the

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JCD enforces indefinite strike at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) enforced an indefinite strike at the Jahangirnagar University from yesterday demanding resignation of Vice Chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes.

The university authorities have postponed all examinations till October 31 due to the strike and agitation by the BNP-backed student front and Students' Unity for Resistance to Rapists (SURR).

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting at the residence of JU Vice Chancellor yesterday.

JCD activists brought out a procession on the campus in the morning and held a rally in front of the VC's residence. Addressing the rally, JCD leaders alleged that the VC has lost his moral right to hold his post anymore as he had patronised irregularities, nepotism and terror

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2 beaten to death in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two persons were beaten to death in Paikgachha and Terokheda upazilas of the district on Friday.

According to police, Arshad Ali, 40, of Debduar village of Paikgachha upazila was beaten to death by a group of villagers.

The murder is a sequel to previous enmity over a matrimonial affair.

A case was lodged yesterday accusing 12 persons. None has so far been arrested.

In another incident, Ibrahim Molla, 25, son of Chuti Molla of Ibrahimpur village of Terokheda upazila was also beaten to death by a group of villagers.

Police said this murder is also a sequel to previous enmity.

A case was filed with Terokheda thana in this connection.

Jubo League leader, activist murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Jubo League leader was shot dead in Kushtia town yesterday and an activist of the organisation murdered in Kapsasia upazila of Gazipur district on Friday night.

Our Kushtia Correspondent reports: Helaluddin alias Madan, 30, organising secretary of Jubo League town committee, came under attack by unidentified assailants while he was sitting at a tea stall near Borobazar level crossing at about 7:30 pm yesterday.

The assailants reached there riding motorbike and shot Madan point blank. He died on the spot.

Madan was rushed to sadar hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

In Gazipur, Jubo League activist Akhter Hossain was killed by armed miscreants at village Shaldhai in Kapsasia upazila of Gazipur district on Saturday night, according to

BSS.

Police said the gang swooped on Akhter while he returning home from a local bazar.

Police recovered the body from a local lake yesterday and sent it to Gazipur Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Rezia Begum mother of the victim said that Akhter was an activist of Awami Juba League. A case was filed with Kapsasia police in this connection.

Meanwhile, the newly elected AL MP from Gazipur-4 constituency Tanjim Ahmed Sohel Taj in a statement yesterday blamed BNP supporters for the killing and demanded immediate arrest and trial of the killers.

UNB adds: At least 20 BNP activists were injured in an attack by their opponents at a village in Bakerganj upazila yesterday.

Police and witnesses said a g r o u p

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Young man beaten to death in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young man was beaten to death by a gang of miscreants at Kuril Bazar under Gulshan thana in the city yesterday.

The victim was identified as Rafiqul Islam Kalu, 20, son of late Mohammad Mohsin.

Sources said Kalu was an electrician and used to live at Kuril slum.

They said some unidentified youths called Kalu out of Kuril Bazar Committee Office at about 10.30 pm on Friday. They took him to an unknown place and beat him to death.

Kalu's body was found beside a pond near the bazar yesterday morning.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police said Kalu might have been killed as a sequel to previous enmity with some local youths.

Kalmilata Khatun, mother of the victim, filed a case with Gulshan thana accusing 21 persons.

Mollahat bomb blast case 'Dumb' accused replies to CID queries

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

CID investigation into Mollahat bomb blast case has taken a new turn as one of the arrested accused suddenly started talking, giving up his pretention of being dumb.

MA Hannan, who pretended to be dumb since his arrest started talking when he was taken to CID interrogation cell in Khulna. He was arrested from Mollahat (Bagerhat) shortly after the September 23 bomb explosion at KR College ground that claimed nine lives and left 30 people injured. Awami League leader Sheikh Helaluddin was scheduled to address a public meeting there.

CID interrogators were taken aback when Hannan responded to their queries on Thursday. He looked composed while describing the 'mystery' behind the incident. IO of the case ASP Khashrul Huq refused to disclose details of Hannan's statement for the sake of investigation.

Quoting Hannan, CID said he is son of Dudh Raj Khan of Lalpur

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Directive to probe harassment of minorities

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday directed the district administrations to urgently investigate the alleged harassment of members of the minority communities at different places of the country.

The cabinet secretary has asked all deputy commissioners to send reports on specific cases to him within 48 hours.

He has also asked the deputy commissioners to take stern action against the offenders and extend all support to the Hindu Community for celebration of Durga Puja with festivity and enthusiasm.

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Oct 14		5-33 pm
Oct 15	5-56 am	

Prayer Timings		
Oct 14		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-10	4-25
Maghrib	5-42	5-48
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation