

AL rejects BNP appeal for withdrawal of hartal

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League rejected ruling party's appeal for withdrawal of hartal, saying that people across the country would spontaneously observe dawn-to-dusk strike today to protest the attack on Sheikh Hasina.

"The hartal has been called in national interest... we have not called it seeing the programmes of any party," AL presidium member and former commerce minister Abdul Jalil MP said yesterday.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan on Friday called on Awami League to call off the hartal on account of his party's founding anniversary today.

Jalil said they called today's hartal not only to protest the attack on the Awami League chief but to "protest the assassination

attempt on the daughter of the Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman".
"Sheikh Hasina does not belong to Awami League only, she belongs to the nation and it is the responsibility of the nation to protect her," he said.

He said BNP had never shown any political courtesy towards Awami League and questioned "how BNP leadership joined the revelry by cutting cake on the national mourning day of August 15".

On the one hand, he said, the government would withdraw security for Sheikh Hasina, "cook up plans to kill her" and obstruct her movement and on the other hand appeal for withdrawal of hartal. "This is nothing but ludicrous."

Jalil said people across the country spontaneously staged protests against the planned attack on Hasina at Kolaroa in presence of police "at the instruction of BNP leadership".

He hoped people would observe today's hartal spontaneously across the country and there was no question of calling it off.

About political courtesy, the Awami League leader said let BNP start it first by showing respect to the opposition parties and leaders, allowing meetings and processions and stopping "political persecution" by releasing political leaders and workers and withdrawing false cases against them.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina addressing the concluding function of the 'National Mourning Day' programme at the Institution of Engineers in the city yesterday organised by the Bangladesh Chhatra League marking the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

NU exams postponed

UNB, Dhaka

National University authorities have postponed BBA (Hons) part-2 third semester exams of 2002, BFA (pass) of 2001 and BFA (pre-degree) exams of 2002 scheduled for today due to unavoidable circumstances.

The fresh date and time of the postponed examinations will be announced later.

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Morshed Khan leaves for China

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan left Dhaka yesterday for Beijing on a six-day official visit to China.

He is visiting China at the invitation of his counterpart Tiang Jiaxuan. The visit is expected to "further strengthen and consolidate" the excellent ties between the two countries, the Foreign Ministry said.

The two Foreign Ministers are expected to discuss, at their formal talks, bilateral, regional and international issues of common concern.

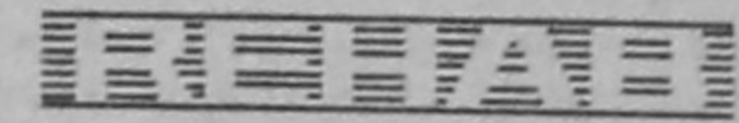
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Press workers meet Sept 11

The adjourned meeting of Bangladesh Sangbadptra Press Samik Federation (BSPSF) will be held at Ittefaq Bhaban in the city at 11.00am on Sept 11, says a press release.

All office-bearers of the federation including presidents and general secretaries of affiliated unions have been requested to attend the meeting on time.

The meeting will discuss election issue, the release added.

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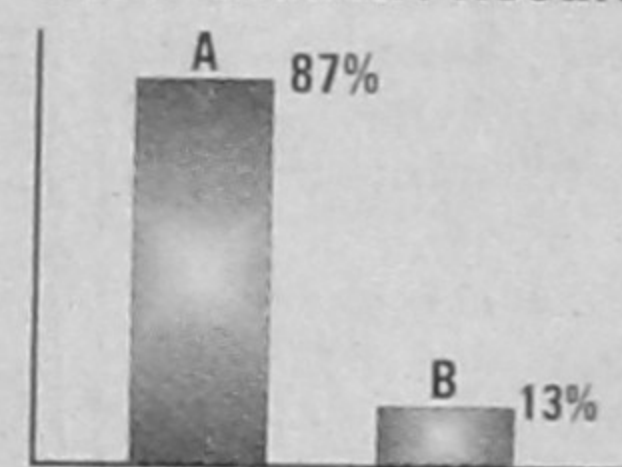


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