Amnesty's concern

Hearing of Sutrapur double murder case adjourned till Dec 15

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Speedy Trial Tribunal, Dhaka Division, yesterday adjourned hearing of the Sutrapur Double Murder Case till December 15.

Judge Mohammad Shahed Noor Uddin adjourned the hearing following a time petition by defence law-

In the petition, lawyers of principal accused in the case Rahid Hasan Sumon and two others stated that the Speedy Trial Act was enacted this year but the incident of the case took place in 2000. So, it is illegal to transfer the case to the tribunal for disposal.

Moreover, all the district and sessions judge's courts across the country remain on a month-long vacation during December since the British period. But the government recently decided to keep the tribunals open during the month.

The prosecution side opposed the petition and prayed for recording statements of the three prosecution witnesses who appeared before the court for cross-examination by defence lawyers. The witnesses include Mohammad Amin Miah, father of one of the victims and also the complainant of the case

After hearing both the sides, the court granted the petition and fixed

The court began functioning on November 27. The Sutrapur Double Murder Case is the first one for disposal by it.

In the case filed with Sutrapur police station, it was alleged that Mohsin, 18 and Saem, 19, of Sharat Kumar Das Lane under Sutrapur thana in the city were picked up from their houses by a gang allegedly led by Rahid Hasan Sumon, son of the then president of Dhaka City Mahila Awami League Nisibun Ahmed on September 15, 2000.

The gang took the two to Gandaria Rifle Club and tortured

them for Tk 50,000 ransom. Later, the gang killed the youths, slashed their bodies into 12 pieces and dumped those into a manhole eople recovered the pieces from

the manhole on the following day. Mohammad Amin Miah, father of Mohsin, filed a murder case accusing 14 people including Rahid

asan Sumon. The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case submitted a charge sheet

against Rahid Hasan Sumon and 14 others on March 3 last year. But following a 'naraji petition' submitted by Amin Miah, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court. Dhaka ordered further inves-

tigation into the killings. The Detective Branch (DB) of police after investigation submitted supplementary charge sheet to the CMM's court against Rahid Hasan Sumon and 33 others on

May 19 this year. Accused Rahid Hasan Sumon his father Sultan Ahmed and his brother Sujan -- all on bail--, were present in the court while fifteen others, now in jail custody were produced in the court during the

Fifteen others are absconding since the incident.

Special PP Latif Talukder appeared for the state while advocates Hazi Nazrul Islam, AFM Abdul Wadud, Mahbub Ahmed. Khondaker Abdul Mannan, Mofizur Rahman, Moiibur Rahman and Emdadul Haq Lal appeared for the

5 killed, 29 hurt

in Rangpur road

Five people, including a woman,

were killed and 29 others injured in a

road accident at Bishmail in Pirganj

upazila here on Rangpur-Bogra

accident took place when a

Lalmonirhat-bound night coach of

"Teesta Paribahan" fell into a road-

side ditch after collision with a

Bogra-bound truck at about 3.30

snot. Three of the dead were identi-

fied as Delwar Hossain, 28, bus

driver Chand Mian, 40, and

Moslema, 25. Identity of the rest two

to Rangpur Medical College

Of the injured, 10 were admitted

Police seized both the vehicles.

A case was lodged with Pirgani

Driver of the truck fled the scene

police station in this connection

However, none was arrested till

yesterday afternoon and sought a

petition seeking bail for them and

charges brought against Shuvra

and Qureshi were false, fabricated

and concocted. They were impli-

cated in the case as part of a con-

spiracy to tarnish their social image.

bail petition and prayed for placing

them on a five-day remand for

Magistrate Mamun-Al-Rashid

rejected the bail petition and placed

Shuvra on a one-day remand and

The singer was arrested on

Thursday from his Pallabi residence

in the city for his alleged involve-

ment in forgery and for distorting

information about his cultural team

which was scheduled to visit

Sweden. He was produced before

the CMM's Court on Friday with a

prayer for a five-day remand. But

the court rejected the remand

prayer and ordered sending him to

Qureshi was shown arrested in

Another accused in the case

Jatiya Party (Ershad) leaderABM

draw the siege assuring them of

and Shahidul on the river

blamed local 'terrorists' Shamsul

alias 'Patha Shansh' and Jalil for the

Police managed to arrest Mizan

The Jubo League leader's family

the Dhaka Central Jail

the case on December 8.

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arrest of the killers.

Qureshi on a three-day remand.

After hearing both the sides,

interrogation

The prosecution opposed the

cancellation of the remand prayer.

Defence lawyers submitted a

The defence stated that the

immediately after the accident.

Shuvra Dev

five-day remand for both.

filing of this report.

could not be known immediately.

They said five people died on the

Police and witnesses said the

highway early yesterday.

accident

BSS, Rangpur

BDR, BSF to meet today

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) will meet this morning at Geetaldah Border Out Post (BOP) in India to discuss Tinbigha Corridor and other

border related issues Colonel Enavet Karim, sector commander of BDR, Rangpur will lead the seven-member Bangladesh side in the meeting while the 12-member BSF team will be headed by DIG Kuchbihar DL Chowdhury, BDR sources said here

The sources said the meeting will discuss how to keep the Tinbigha Corridor open round-the-clock. recent killings in the bordering areas, smuggling and movement of

Arsenic

terrorists and illegal arms.

government programmes and lack of national approach were the causes of poor results nation wide. The government could not even

formulate a well-coordinated idea to work with the US \$ 32.6 million WB aid on the arsenic sector. Last September, the time for framing ideas was extended up to June next

"If the government cannot make good use of the extended period, WB will be forced to withdraw its aid

Earlier in the morning, the country chief of WB participated in a colourful rally focusing the eight-day celebration of PCC. His wife Linda Temple accompanied him in his visit to the northern district.

Later, Temple inaugurated the celebration at the PCC premises.

The inauguration ceremony was also addressed among others by former ambassador Mohiuddin Ahmed, Tapan Chowdhury, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industries Dr Monwarul Azim with Dr Quazi Quamruzzaman, chairman of PCC,

The week long celebration include discussions, meetings, blood donation programmes, cultural and games competition, fair and other functions

Mamata

wanted to take her to a clinic, she refused and went to the marriage ceremony in a police vehicle.

But after returning home, Mamta complained of chest pain. She was then taken to the nursing home and admitted there. She was given sedatives and kept under observation. She complained of severe headache yesterday afternoon and N'gani murder was having respiratory problems since the evening.

When contacted, the attending doctor said, "The oxygen is still on. It may be that she has suffered some internal injuries. Tests are on and I cannot say anything more at present." He however said her condition was 'stable.'

All her political activities have been cancelled for the next 15 days.

UP member shot dead in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Moniruzzaman Molla, 36, a member of Ajogarha Union Parishad in Terokhada upazila was gunned down allegedly by armed cadres of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) on Monday night near his house at Shaikhpura village.

According to his family members, a group of six masked gunmen opened fire on him while he was returning home from the UP office. He died on the spot.

Police suspect the killers are cadres of PBCP and the murder is a sequel to rivalry over UP leadership.

Moniruzzaman was campaigning for the post of UP chairman although he was threaten twice recently by PBCP cadres to back out from his decision, said other members of Ajogarha union parishad.

No case was filed till filing of this report yesterday evening.

City polls

FROM PAGE 12 needed for the polls if held in January. So, the EC shifted from its earlier plan and decided to hold the elections on March 20, the sources mentioned.

The EC meeting yesterday also reviewed law and order in the country. The meeting was attended by election commissioners Shafiur Rahman and AK Mohammad Ali Home Secretary Omar Faruk LGRD Secretary AYBI Siddique and Inspector General Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury.

Meanwhile, the seventh parliament had passed two bills forming Barisal and Sylhet city corporations. No election took place in these corporations so far.

2 journalists

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functioning of a democratic system. "The Bangladesh government and law-enforcement authorities have the responsibility to ensure that any actions taken against journalists be carried out rapidly and transparently, leaving no question about possible interference with

press freedoms." it said. British journalist Zaiba Naz Malik and Italian iournalist Leo Poldo Bruno Sorrentino have been detained here since November 25 on charges of sedition.

AL hartal

party held a 'gayebana janaza' on Monday for the victims of the movie theatre blasts. However, the party refrained from bringing out a mourning procession in the city and held a protest rally yesterday.

The party is to stage demonstrations and hold rallies across the country today protesting the blasts and the arrests of its leaders.

ADAB chief

urged the government to shun the "vindictive path of harassment" of development activists.

"This vindictive activities are designed to harass the ADAB president personally and create impediment to development activities," said a ADAB press statement.

In another drive in the afternoon police arrested Awami League central leader Momtai Uddin Ahmed Mehedi, who is former special public prosecutor and general secretary of Dhaka Bar Association. He was arrested from Bangabandhu Avenue in the city under Section 54 of the CrPC and put under custody.

Meanwhile, according to police and intelligence sources, the government has prepared a list of politicians, academicians, columnists, journalists, NGO activists and human rights activists to keep them under surveillance.

Maria

FROM PAGE 1 Police also recovered a .22 revolver with four bullets and as many crack-

Earlier, the three arrestees were sent to the Dhaka Central jail at the end of a four-day remand in two

phases On November 27, minutes before iftar chasing police informant Faruk Mia on Tipu Sultan Road a group of criminals hurled crackers at him. Off-target, one of the crackers hit and killed Maria on the spot and wounded her father Faruk Hossain.

Faruk filed a case with the Sutrapur Police Station the same

US not sure

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around the world, and we have indeed worked with many countries around the world to try to cooperate against that kind of presence," he "Specifically whether there is a

presence in Bangladesh or not, I'm not sure I can say. But I can say that we have been working with the government of Bangladesh against terrorism."

At least 17 people were killed and more than 100 injured when powerful explosives ripped through crowded cinemas on Saturday in the northern town of Mymensingh.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia offers a prayer after inaugurating the national correction centre for teenage girls at Konabari in Gazipur yesterday.

AL rally in city

A group of women activists braved all obstacles and displaced some barbed-wire fences from the stadium-end of the Bangabandhu Avenue, making an opening to party workers waiting on the other side.

City AL President Mohammad Hanif requested police not to use force and put the fences back in

As the rally began an hour and 15 minutes behind schedule, a few leaders delivered speeches. Policeman from both ends of the Bangabandhu Avenue rushed to the middle of the road where the rally was being held. They clubbed the AL workers and circled the small gathering.

Stuck in the police circle, the senior AL presidium member, Abdus Samad Azad, expressed deep concern at the government's use of force on peaceful opposition programmes and requested the prime minister to consult the opposition leader in running the state.

Demanding release of all party leaders and workers arrested in the wake of the Mymensingh bomb blasts, Azad said, "We can't hold a rally, whereas they (the ruling alliance) are holding rallies and bringing out processions unhindered demanding arrest of Sheikh

Azad blamed Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for prejudicing the inquiry into the Mymensingh bomb blasts by pointing an accusing finger

Dr Thaksin Shinawatra who paid

a visit to Bangladesh a few months

back will also inaugurate Thai

Airways service on the Chittagong-

He will lead an 80-member high-

profile delegation which will include

the governor of Chiang Mai, half a

dozen ministers, MPs and chiefs of

On arrival he will be given a warm

The two prime ministers will then

A cultural programme and Thai

Khaleda Zia will host a lunch at

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, her

Thai counterpart, the governor of

Chiang Mai, Chiefs of three services

of Thailand and other dignitaries will

leave Shah Amanat Airport for

Chiang Mai in a special flight of Thai

exhibition will also be arranged at

the Naval Academy in honour of the

Thai prime minister and his delega-

hit the 'Gong' (drum) to mark inau-

reception and a guard of honour by

a smartly turned out contingent

Chaing Mai route tomorrow.

the three services of Thailand.

drawn from the three services.

guration of Thai Airways service.

the airport on the occasion.

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province first

Motia Chowdhury accused the prime minister of patronising 'the Taliban in Bangladesh' and referred to a reported statement by the home minister that al-Qaeda might have masterminded the bomb explosions

in four movie theatres. AL leaders Abdur Razzak Sajeda Chowdhury, Mohammad Nasim, Ahsanullah Master, MJ Mohiuddin and Abu Sayeed and leaders of the Dhaka city unit and other front organisations of the party

also spoke in brief. The opposition chief whip, Abdus Shahid, and AL lawmakers Dr Abdur Razzak and Taniim Ahmed Sohel Taj were also present.

Minister's son

Jalaluddin Talukder from his Durgapur residence on Sunday for his alleged involvement in patronising criminal activities

reports that the army arrested a phony army person from Natunbazar area in the town. The arrested person was identified as Aminul Islam. Meanwhile, the police headquar-

Our Magura correspondent

ters in a press release yesterday said police have arrested 1,201 persons including eight listed criminals from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours ending 6.00am vesterday.

They also seized nine firearms along with 103 rounds of bullets during the same time

Khaleda leaves tomorrow

On arrival. Khaleda Zia will be

During the visit, Khaleda Zia will

given a rousing reception and a

quard of honour at the Military Air

hold official talks with her counter-

part and visit some important places

in Chiang Mai and Bangkok. The

Thai prime minister will also host a

private dinner in honour of Khaleda

at Klai Kangwol Palace in Hua-Hin,

where she will meet Thai King

Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Mosaddak Ali.

She will also be given a reception

Khaleda Zia is being accompa-

nied by Foreign Minister M Morshed

Khan, Communications Minister

Nazmul Huda, Commerce Minister

Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury,

State Minister for Civil Aviation and

Tourism Mir Mohammad

Nasiruddin, Principal Secretary to

the Prime Minister Dr Kamal Uddin

Siddiqi, Foreign Secretary

Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury and

Political Secretary to the PM

yesterday, Morshed Khan said the

visit of Khaleda Zia to Thailand and

of Dr Thaksin Shinawatra to

Bangladesh will increase bilateral

Talking to a group of reporters

Terminal Wing 41 in Chiang Mai.

ADP projects

go through the report and then take necessary action to improve the quality of government expenditure," Saifur told waiting newsmen after the meeting with the commission

members. Later, Chairman of the commission M Hafizuddin Khan said there are many projects in the ADP inclusion of which could not be justified in any way. "The selection of projects and pattern of fund allocation in the development outlay is one of the major reasons for the wastage of

public resource. "We have identified more than 100 projects as unnecessary in the current ADP and also too many projects have been taken up in the road network sector. If the government followed the guideline we have suggested in our report then many projects would be excluded from the current ADP," Hafizuddin added.

He also said the big size of the government is also a major reason for excess government expenditure. He added that the commission suggested the government be downsized to put a cap on government expenditure On the defence budget, the

commission chairman said the parliament should discussion the issue of transparency and accountability in defence budget. The government on June 14

instituted the seven-member commission headed by former advisor to the caretaker government M Hafizuddin Khan. The commission was assigned to prepare a set of suggestions reviewing the government's development and revenue

Six-shooter Lawson

added.

arrested at the Zia International

Airport on his return home from

for their arrest were not known.

However, Bangladesh newspapers

quoted police sources as saying

the prisoners are suspected of

involvement in "anti-state activities".

bomb blasts in four movie theatres

politicians raised suspicion that the

authorities may seek to implicate

them in the bombing. However,

there has been no official indication

so far that the opposition politicians

were involved in these blasts." it

Two of the arrestees were

Shahriar Kabir was detained on

detained as 'prisoners of con-

22 November, 2001 after he gath-

ered information on attacks on

Hindus. He was released on bail on

January 20 this year on a court

order. However, the charge of

sedition against him was not with-

The arrests followed a series of

"Arrest of the Awami League

The press release said reasons

Singapore.

in Mymensingh.

science' in the past.

Bangladesh's second essay lasted only 151 minutes after the West Indies, who began the day on 400-5, piled on the misery of the home team, adding another 136 runs before being all out after lunch. The only disappointment for the Caribbeans was that their captain Ridley Jacobs was left stranded on 91 after last man Lawson was

trapped leg before by Talha Jubair. Lawson began the carnage of wickets by removing Aminul Islam with the third ball of his fourth

The tall speedster, who looked very unimpressive until Pedro Collins finally broke the stubborn third wicket stand between Habibul Bashar and Aminul, suddenly sprang into life with only half an hour left in the day's play. On his way to career-best figures

in just his third Test match, Lawson

took three wickets in four balls of his

fifth over that also included Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud and first innings halfcenturion Alok Kapali Mashud returned for a first-ball duck and though Kapali avoided the

hattrick ball but perished off the last delivery of that eventful over. Lawson then found the edge of Enamul Hogue in his next over and. fittingly, he wrapped up the Bangladesh innings with the wick-

ets of Taposh Baishya and Talha

His demolition act came as such a surprise that it left the organisarers in utter disorder. While everybody was expecting the game to go into the fourth day, Lawson forced the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to hastily arrange an after-match ceremony without a guest of honour.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury was

arrested on October 20, 2002 and

was charged with a series of 'politi-

cally motivated criminal charges'.

He was released on November 20

after the court ordered his release

on bail and declared his detention

under the Special Powers Act

tuals and cultural activists in a ioint

statement yesterday expressed

deep concern over the arrest of

Muntasir Mamun and Shahriar

The statement demanded imme-

diate release of the detainees. Kabir

Chowdhury, Shamsur Rahman.

Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Mustafa

Nurul Islam, Borhanuddin Khan

Jahangir, Anisuzzaman, Qaiyum

Chowdhury, Serajul Islam

Chowdhury, Mohammad

Moniruzzaman, Rafiqul Islam,

Momtaz Uddin Ahmed, Abdar

Rashid and Kamal Lohani are

among the signatories to the state-

Meanwhile, 41 authors, intellec-

His fantastic figures of 6.5-4-3-6 earned him the man-of-the-match award ahead of Barbados paceman Vasbert Drakes Drakes, who took four wickets in

the first innings, earlier began Bangladesh's top-order collapse with the removal of the first three Bangladesh got off to a brisk start

in their second innings with Hannan Sarker and Anwar Hossain putting on 30 runs in nine overs before Hannan played a rash shot and was caught at gully. The right-hander top-scored with 25 that included five boundaries.

Bashar was the other batsman to cross the 20s in an innings where as many as six batsmen scored

Talha was the only solace for Bangladesh before going into the second Test starting in Chittagong on December 16. He celebrated his 17th birthday yesterday with three

Shahriar, Muntasir

economic activities manifold

He said there are many things

including agro-diversity, transporta-

tion and traffic system to learn from

Thailand. The visits would open up a

expecting huge Thai investments in

Bangladesh, transfer of technology

Khaleda Zia's return from Thailand,

a high-profile Myanmar delegation

lead by the CEO will visit

Bangladesh to further boost the

direct communication between our

capital and the Myanmar capital

soon". This will be done immediately

after the visit of the Myanmar dele-

Minister Khaleda Zia will also visit

China late this month, which will be

another milestone in the relations

first head of government to visit

China after the new leadership

He said Khaleda Zia will be the

between the two countries.

assumed power in China.

Morshed Khan said Prime

"We have planned to establish

He said that the government is

The foreign minister said, after

new era of bilateral cooperation.

and increased bilateral trade.

existing ties.

FROM PAGE 1 Haque and Justice Salma Masud Chowdury heard writ petitions filed by Shahriar, Muntasir and Shafi,

The bench ordered the authorities to allow two lawyers to meet the arrested persons twice in a month and two relatives once in a week.

The arrested persons should be given division in jail custody, the order added. Barrister Amirul Islam. Tania

Amir and other lawyers moved the writ petitions on behalf of the three. Dealing with the petition of Tofail, another bench of Justice Abdur Rashid and Justice Siddiqur

Rahman Mia ordered the government not to harass Tofail unlawfully Tofail's lawyer Barrister Rokonuddin Mahmud submitted that Tofail was arrested without any warrant in a case filed in Bhola ir 1996. The murder case ended with the final report that the death of one Anwar Hossain was caused by

police firing. Tofail is now in Kasimpur Jail in Gazipur.

Meanwhile, a first class magistrate in Bhola has placed Tofail on a five-day police remand in the same

In this connection, Tofail's law-

vers sent a message to the magistrate concerned vesterday evening informing him of the High Court

Saher Shafi and Muntasir are being interrogated at the Detective Branch office and Shahriar at the Cantonment PS.

Meantime, Shahriar's health has deteriorated in police custody. Police sources said, a physician of Rajarbag Police Line visited Shahriar at the Cantonment PS in the evening after he complained of chest pain.

upposed to be kept at the Gulshan PS and be interrogated by only the investigating officer. Shahriar's family members have complained that Shahriar, a heart patient, was being questioned by many people and deprived of a heart specialist's Shahriar's wife told The Daily

As per a court order, Shahriar is

Star that she could not really meet Shahriar in police custody. "All I was allowed to have, after hours of waiting at the police station, was a glimpse of him," she said.

The Cantonment PS would send him to jail today as per the High

Saifur rules out transit

FROM PAGE 1 geographical proximity".

The finance minister stressed the need for tight security by intelligence agencies and the customs department and also requested the business community to bring to his notice any misuse by the Indian companies of "our liberalised trade

"We often hear that Indian companies are dumping their goods in our country but nobody has ever come to me with valid documents," Saifur said. "I would definitely move a strong anti-dumping law in the parliament if anyone can come up with evidence of such misuse." He also said there many Indians

working here and Indian shops are being opened in the country without any formal approval. "They treat us as if we do not have any law in this regard. Two keynotes were presented at the main working session of the

daylong seminar, organised by the

Metropolitan Chamber of

Commerce and Industry (MCCI) in

collaboration with the BIISS Renowned economist Dr Atiur Rahman authored one paper while M Ismail Hossain of Jahangirnagar

Rahman, a senior research BIISS fellow, prepared the other. Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, chief guest at the afternoon session, stressed capacity building for the trade

University and M Shamsui

bodies to provide necessary policy support to the government "to reduce informal trade and our trade deficit with other countries". Ninety per cent of the country's trade bodies are not functioning properly due to lack of professional-

Renowned economist Dr Muzaffer Ahmed and former foreign secretary Mufleh R Osmany chaired the two sessions.

ism, he observed.

MCCI Vice-president Abdul Hafiz, Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) Chairman Abdul Matin Chowdhury,

Bangladesh Chapter President of

the International Chamber of

Commerce (ICC) Mahbubur Rahman, Major General (Retd) Amjad Hossain Khan and Major General SM Shahab Uddin took part in the discussion.

The MCCI vice-president termed growing unofficial imports from India "a serious threat to our economy", adding that the present trade and tariff practice in India was far from fair and equitable. Unofficial imports from India

Bangladesh.

were around \$2 billion every year, he said. "Such a huge unofficial trade poses threat to the value of our currency, the government revenue and survival of local production The keynote papers suggested

promotion of intra-industry trade and trade in intermediate good, exploded at around 7:15pm. removal of tariff and non-tariff barri-"I was about five meters away ers, reforms to rules of origin and from my friend Imran, who died on promotion of joint ventures and the spot, when the bag that conforeign direct investment to bring a tained the explosives went off. It balance in trade between India and

No clue to blasts

other has been sent to the Orthopaedic Hospital at Shaymoli, Meantime, the hospital sources

shortage of medicines and other accessories but the health directorate refused to allocate special funds for the additional expenses, despite requests from the hospitals. Over thirty patients are being treated for bomb wounds in three

in Mymensingh said that there was a

poorly equipped and dirty wards at the MMCH. Doctors said the patients were out of danger but most of them will have to live with the wounds, some with life-long disabil-Saiduzzaman Liton, a student of

local college lost one of his friends in Aloka cinema hall when the bomb

was terrible and I fainted bleeding in both my legs," Liton said.

popular film star Babita and actors Wasimul Bari Rajib, Ujjal, Ilias Kanchan and Shahin Alam, visited the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) yesterday afternoon. They also participated in a voluntary blood donation programme for the victims. The syndicate of Bangladesh

Noted film artistes, including

Agriculture University expressed its deep shock over the bomb attacks. Different organisations also registered their protest by forming a human chain at Shaheed Firoj--Jahangir "chattar" in the afternoon. In late afternoon, hundreds of

local freedom fighters brought out a mourning procession, which paraded along the main thoroughfares of the town. Earlier, in the morning freedom fighters and people in general joined a mass mourning, instead of bringing out the victory procession on December 10, the day Mymensingh was liberated in 1971.