

Revolution,  
Solidarity  
Day today

UNB, Dhaka

The National Revolution and Solidarity Day will be observed today to commemorate the civil-military uprising of 1975. On November 7, 1975, soldiers and civilians revolted jointly and

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Rejoinder, reply

The Power Cell in a rejoinder contradicted with some points of The Daily Star October 20 news, headlined "Sirajganj Power Plant: Powerful lobby out to get in inferior bidders".

It said the government formed a high-powered committee with members from utilities, financial organisations, experts and eminent educationists to prepare the pre-qualification (PQ) and the request for proposal (RFP). The Power Cell alone can not take any decision for the development of the Sirajganj 450MW combined

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JMB threatens to blow up UNO, police offices in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) threatened to blow up Dumuria Police Station, UNO headquarters and Rangpur Union Police Camp of Dumuria upazila yesterday.

Dumuria Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Howlader Rakibur Bari received a hand-written letter of the outlawed organisation in

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Riots fan out in French cities

1,300 cars, shopping mall, 2 schools torched

REUTERS, Paris

Gangs of youths torched 1,300 vehicles overnight in the 10th consecutive night of violence in Paris's poor suburbs and major French towns, despite the deployment of thousands of extra police.

Cars were burnt out in the historic centre of Paris for the first

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## 4 held for Aug 21 grenade attacks

2 of them admit involvement in blasts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police on Saturday arrested four people for alleged involvement in the August 21 grenade attack on the Bangabandhu Avenue rally of Awami League (AL) last year.

Three of the arrestees - Shafiqul Islam Shafiq, Abul Hashem Rana and Shah Alam - were placed on a seven-day police remand yesterday.

The three arrestees and Nure Alam were caught in separate police drives in Dhaka and Narayanganj. Shafiq and Hashem were named along with 12 others in

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From left, Nure Alam, Shah Alam, Abul Hashem Rana and Shafiqul Islam Shafiq arrested Saturday are brought to the CID office in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Bombs, mortar shells found

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and the police recovered large caches of arms and ammunition from Bandarban, Chapainawabganj and Chittagong city, during separate drives yesterday, Friday and Thursday.

BDR in the early hours on Friday recovered 59 powerful mortar shells, a high-powered bomb, an anti-aircraft shell and an explosive rocket kept under ground in Bangladesh-Myanmar border area under Thanchi upazila in Bandarban.

Acting on a tip off, Boplipara BDR

started a drive at Thanchi upazila on Thursday night and ended it after recovering the weapons in the early hours on Friday, BDR sources said.

This is the biggest ever weapons recovery in the district. The sources confirmed that the recovered arms and ammunition were ready for use although they could not confirm why the heavy artillery had been stored in the remote hill area.

However, local sources said the weapons belonged to Arakan Liberation Party (ALP), a guerrilla group active in neighbouring Myanmar.

Local sources said due to fac-

tional splits the ALP has turned into a group of terrorists and arms smugglers. At present due to strict measures taken by the Bangladesh government against terrorists, they have left Bangladesh hiding their weapons at different places inside the country, which made the arms recovery possible.

Earlier on November 2, BDR personnel also recovered two powerful mortar shells, two home-made guns and 14 rounds of bullets, and arrested two indigenous persons as suspects from the same area.

According to an army source in SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

## Traffic control for security from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Control on vehicle movement on different roads in the capital begins today and will continue through November 14 as law enforcers imposed the temporary restriction on traffic for the sake of security to Saarc delegates flying in Dhaka for the 13th Saarc Summit.

Several city roads adjacent to the summit venue and the place of accommodation of the Saarc delegates and their movement will

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come under the restriction.

The Special Branch, however, will issue special pass for some vehicles.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) will control vehicles' access to the roads west and north of Sheraton Hotel from today to November 14, the roads around Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area, Lake Road-Zia Udyan crossing to Agargaon crossing during

Saarc secretary general arrives

UNB, Dhaka

Saarc Secretary General Lypong Chenkyab Dorji arrived at Dhaka yesterday, a day ahead of the arrival of Saarc senior officials to attend the two-day meeting of the Programming Committee.

Dorji arrived in the city in the afternoon, a foreign ministry official said.

Khaleda first to be Saarc chair twice

REZAUL KARIM

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will have the distinction of being the first person to hold the Saarc chair for the second time since its birth two decades ago.

She will become the chairperson of South Asian Association for

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Manmohan, Khaleda talk Nov 12

UNB, Dhaka

Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda Zia would hold bilateral meetings on November 12 on the sidelines of the Saarc summit in Dhaka.

This will be a second bilateral

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SAARC SUMMIT

## Officials arrive today to set agenda



Dhaka to propose 2006-2015 as Saarc Decade of Poverty Alleviation

for the pre-summit meeting of the Programming Committee that will prepare the agenda of the regional forum's meet.

Dhaka will propose declaring the third decade of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) from 2006-2015 as the "Saarc Decade of Poverty Alleviation."

Poverty alleviation, economic integration of the region, elimination of terrorism and disaster

management preparedness with early warning system will come up as the summit's prime agenda.

Besides, the summit will also focus on implementation of the Social Charter, empowering Saarc secretariat and simplification of visa regime in the region.

South Asia is the home to maximum number of poor as well as middle class people that underlines the importance of

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## Huji kingpins' coalition link keeps cops at bay

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

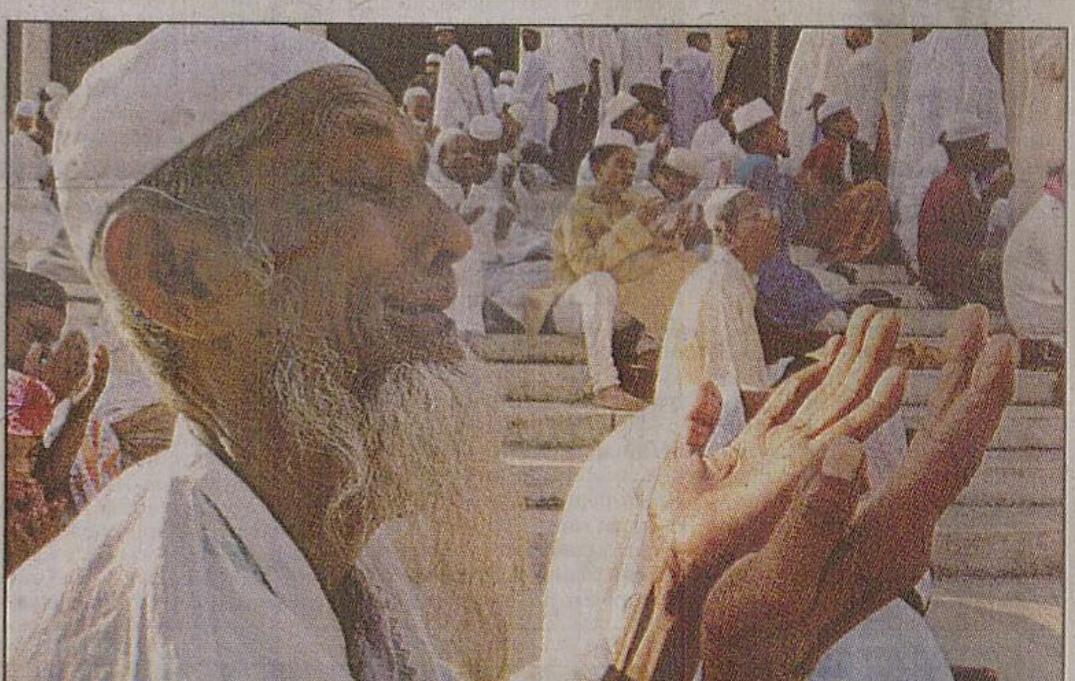
Since clamping down the ban on the Bangladesh chapter of the Islamist organisation Harkat-ul Jihad Al Islami (Huji) last month, the government so far has made no visible effort to arrest its kingpins, some of whom are very close and even belong to the ruling coalition.

A number of police and intelli-

gence sources said although Huji has been banned, they have not received any instruction from the government to launch any drive to nab Huji leaders and activists.

The Huji Bangladesh top brass includes Shaikhul Hadith Allama Azizul Haq, also chief of a faction of ruling alliance partner Islami Oikyo Jote (IOJ), Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis second-in-

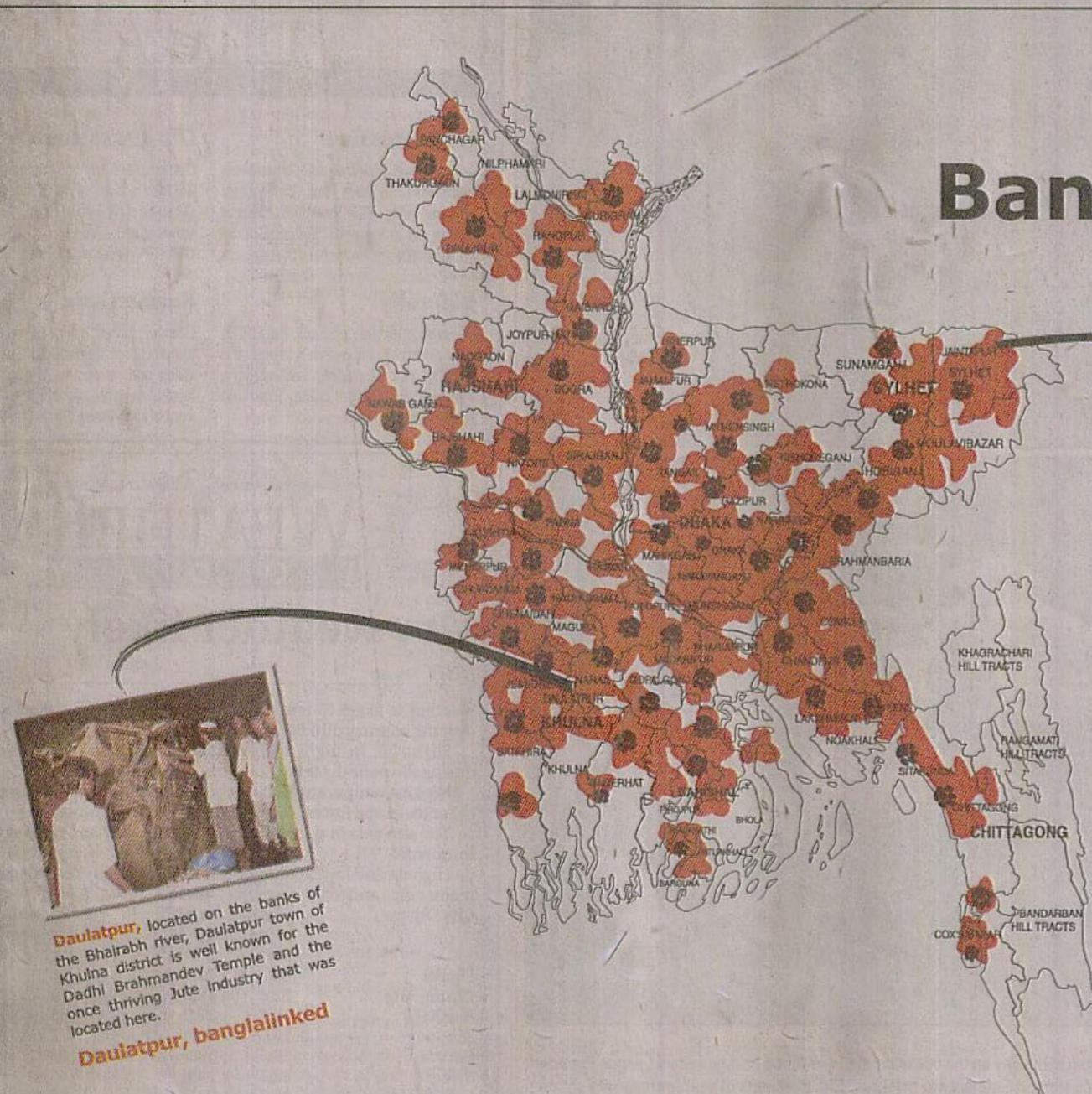
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Devotees offer Munajat at the end of prayers of Eid-ul-Fitr, the largest Muslim religious festival following a month-long fasting, at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in the city on Friday.



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Jaintapur, situated 43 km. to the north of Sylhet town, on the Sylhet-Shillong road, Jaintapur was the capital of an ancient kingdom which included the Khasi and Jainta Hills and plains of Jainta. Hence the name. Interesting ruins of this forgotten period lie scattered throughout the town. Without doubt the most beautiful tea estates of the country are located here at Jaintapur.

Jaintapur, banglalink

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