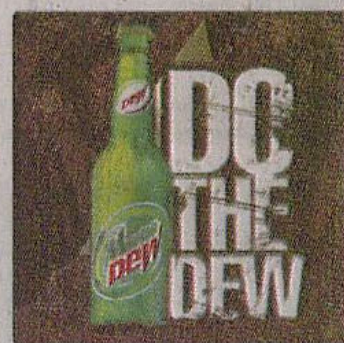


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OPPOSITION BLOCKADE

Cop, activist killed, 150 hurt in clashes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police officer and an opposition activist were killed and over 150 were wounded yesterday in clashes during the opposition's country-wide blockades of road, rail and river ways demanding realisation of its electoral reforms.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Abul Bashar was killed after being hit with stones thrown by opposition men at Murgapara in Narayanganj during the programme of the Awami League (AL)-led 14-party opposition combine.

Gulam Mustafa Milon, a city ward opposition activist, died during a clash near Titumeer College in the capital.

With serious head injuries, SI Bashar was taken to Sonargaon Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared him dead. Bashar had been brought to Dhaka from Sherpur for duty during the opposition's blockade programme.

AL leaders claimed that Milon, vice-president of Gulshan Sechchha Sebak League, died after being hit by a tear-gas shell and rubber bullets fired by the police.

A doctor at the Dhaka Medical College Morgue said no mark of injury was found on Milon's body. "We will have to conduct viscera test to find out the reasons of his death," Dr Tejendra Chandra Das, head of the three-member autopsy board, told reporters.

Violent clashes were also reported at different places in Dhaka and other districts during

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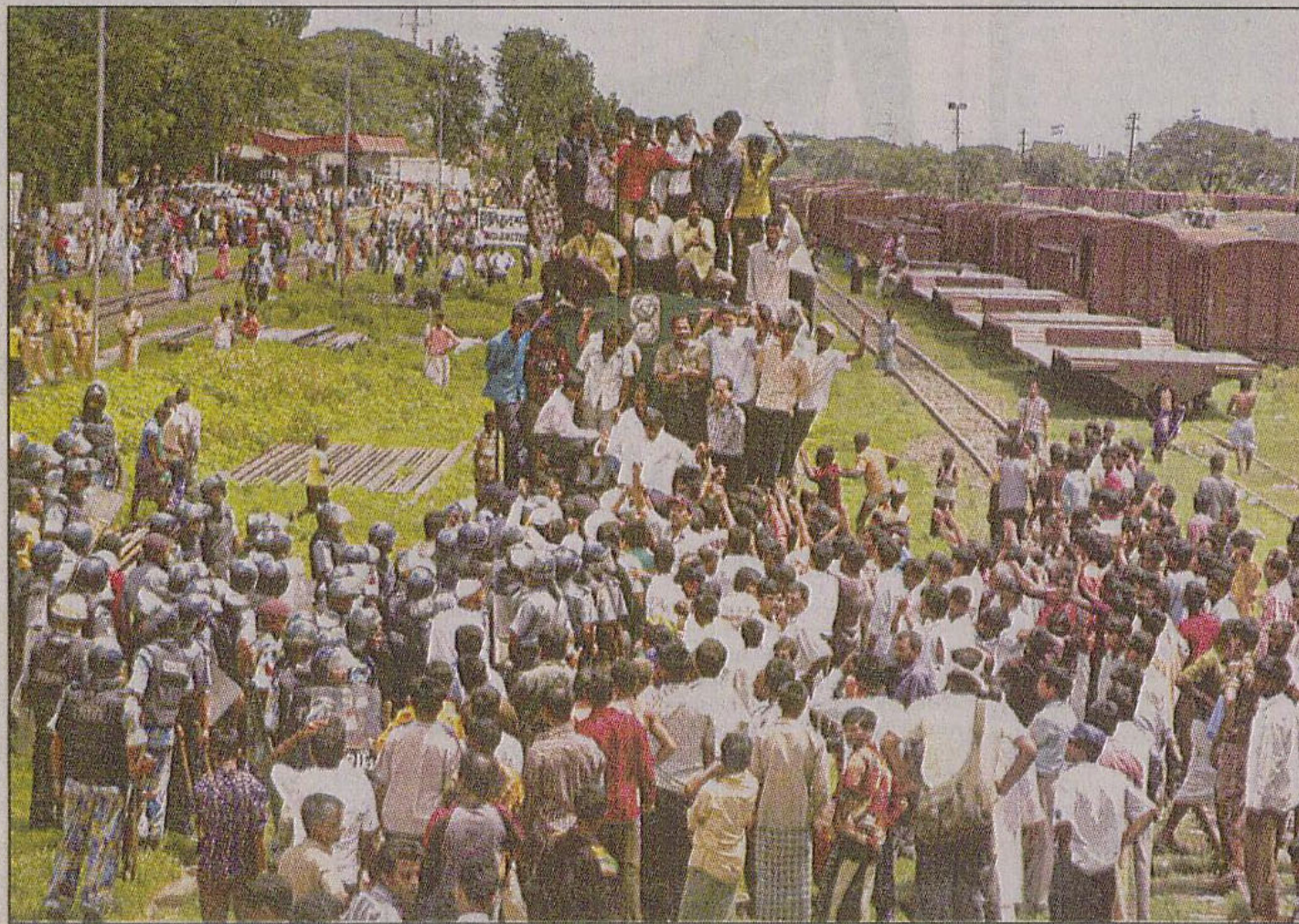


PHOTO: STAR

Opposition 14-party activists halt a train near Tongi Railway Station yesterday during their blockade programme.

14-party calls dawn-to-dusk hartal for tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 14-party opposition alliance will enforce a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal tomorrow protesting the killing of an Awami League (AL) activist at Mohakhali during their countrywide blockade programme yesterday.

Criticising the government's stance of resisting the people's movement, Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday at her Dhanmondi office urged people to make the hartal programme successful.

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AL walks out of JS protesting killings, Babar's comment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) lawmakers yesterday walked out of the House twice -- first protesting the killings of one party activist and a policeman during the opposition enforced programme, and then objecting to a statement of the state minister for home affairs on the killings.

Before the walkout, the AL lawmakers accused the government of killing the opposition activist and the policeman during

the blockade and demanded a discussion on it. But the acting speaker rejected the demand.

The lawmakers returned to the House after the Magrib break only to walk out again when State Minister for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar blamed the AL for killing the policeman.

"Demonstrators have killed the police officer," Babar told the House. He said the leader of the opposition on June 26 directed her party activists to avenge police

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It's now World 'European' Cup

AFP, Berlin

The World Cup was reeling in shock on Sunday after Brazil were dumped out by a resurgent France team, while England had the familiar taste of defeat in a penalty shootout with Portugal.

France and their inspirational captain Zinedine Zidane crushed the reigning champion's hopes of winning a sixth World Cup, a second-half volley from Thierry Henry in Frankfurt on Saturday setting up a semifinal meeting with Portugal on Wednesday.

With host nation Germany taking on Italy in the other semi on Tuesday, the last four at a World Cup is all European for the first since 1982.

"We deserve our victory," said Zidane, who at 34 will retire from football after the World Cup.

After a stuttering start to the tournament, he and his ageing teammates have rolled back the years to rediscover the spirit that carried them to glory in the 1998

World Cup on home soil.

"Now we will try and get into the final as we do not want it to end here. It is so wonderful that we want to carry on," Zidane said.

Brazil were puzzled and frustrated that its team, studded with global stars like Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Kaka, failed to find the net, or any of their trademark panache.

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira

admitted he had failed a country who were favourites to retain their crown.

"My duty was to get Brazil into the final and I must admit that I was not expecting this defeat."

"We made some silly mistakes and that cost us."

The Brazilian press was bitterly disappointed.

"Brazil go out of the Cup playing

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DHAKA-CTG EXPRESSWAY Cabinet decides on Malaysian offer today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet is going to take decision today about a foreign invested project for constructing the second national highway between Dhaka and Chittagong.

The Malaysia based Azimat Consortium last year proposed to build the six-lane expressway spending about \$900 million on built, own, operate and transfer (BOOT) basis.

"The proposal of constructing

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DGFI, Islamic parties against BB guidelines for Islamic banking

STAR REPORT

In an unprecedented move, the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) and some Islamic political parties are preventing the Bangladesh Bank (BB) from circulating its recently finalised new guidelines for Islamic banks.

Going out of its jurisdiction,

DGFI in a report to the finance ministry recommended that the central bank forms the guidelines in line with the wishes of a focus group comprising 'Islamic economists, bankers and Shariah Council experts'.

The central bank should not modify or add any idea to the focus group recommended guidelines, wrote DGFI. The report all along

echoed the recommendations of various Islamic groups and advised the central bank on how to protect the interest and image of the four-party alliance government.

Expressing DGFI's concerns about protecting the alliance government's image, the report urged the central bank to urgently frame the policy in line with the wishes of

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VOTER LIST UPDATE

Now staff go missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many assistant registration officers (ARO), tasked with distributing forms among the people for updating the voter list, did not turn up at the offices of ward commissioners yesterday.

At some places employees of those offices, who are not election officials, distributed the forms among those who came to collect them

"No officer has come today. So I am giving out forms if anybody wants them," Moyeedul, an office assistant at Mirpur thana election office at ward no 14 of the capital, told reporters. The ARO did not come to the office till 1:00pm.

The office of ward no 13 in Piterbag was found closed as the security guard had locked it and left the place.

Similarly, AROs were not found

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Khaleda asks Ershad to 'join' alliance

Exclusive meeting held at PMO

STAR REPORT

In a major political development, ousted president also Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad along with his wife had an exclusive meeting with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday and discussed various matters including future electoral alliance.

A highly placed source in BNP on condition of anonymity told The Daily Star yesterday that the prime minister (PM) had a lengthy meeting with the former president and his wife Roushan Ershad MP at the Prime Minister's Office.

PM's eldest son also BNP Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman

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SL president's Dhaka visit postponed

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa's official visit to Bangladesh, which was scheduled for this month, has been postponed due to the security situation in his country.

"The Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka has informed the Bangladesh government of the president's inability to proceed with the official tour," Sri Lankan internet-based newspaper Colombo Page reported.

The three-day tour had been scheduled on July 12-14 under an invitation from the Bangladesh government.

A foreign ministry source in Dhaka said the visit would be rescheduled later.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Navy chief Rear Admiral M Hasan Ali Khan, arrived in Sri Lanka on Sunday on a visit at an invitation by the Sri Lanka Navy.



উদযাপন উপলক্ষে ডাচ-বাংলা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড
জুন মাসব্যাপী নিম্নোক্ত সামাজিক ও জনহিতকর
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- বাংলাদেশ কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়কে বিরল ও বিলুপ্ত প্রায় উদ্ভিদ সংগ্রহ ও সংরক্ষণের জন্য ১৫.০০ লক্ষ টাকা ব্যয়ে একটি পিক আপ ভ্যান প্রদান।
- ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ও বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিকেল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পাঠাগারে ২৫.০০ লক্ষ টাকার বই প্রদান।
- ন্যাশনাল মেডিকেল কলেজকে ১৫.০০ লক্ষ টাকা ব্যয়ে একটি অত্যাধুনিক এন্ডোস্কোপি মেশিন প্রদান।
- "স্মাইল ট্রাইটার" কর্মসূচীর আওতায় ঠোট কাটা ছেলে-মেয়েদের প্রাথমিক সার্জারির ব্যবস্থাকরণ।
- এমফিল, ডক্টোরাল এবং পোস্ট-ডক্টোরাল পর্যায়ে গবেষণা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনাকল্পে গবেষণার পূর্ণাঙ্গ মেয়াদকালের জন্য প্রতিটি মাসিক ৫.০০ হাজার টাকার ৫০টি ফেলোশিপ প্রদান।
- এইডস রোগে আক্রান্ত রোগীদের চিকিৎসা বাবদ ২৫.০০ লক্ষ টাকার আর্থিক অনুদান প্রদান।
- ব্যাচেলর পর্যায়ে ৩ শত দরিদ্র ও মেধাবী ছাত্র-ছাত্রীকে শিক্ষাবৃত্তি প্রদান।

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