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BARAPUKURIA CASE
ACC to appeal
against HC
stay order
Sends list of 116
convicts to NCC
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) will appeal against the court order that stayed the Barapukuria Coalmine corruption case filed against former prime minister Khaleda Zia and 15 others.
ACC Director General (admin) Col Hanif Iqbal during a routine press briefing at the ACC headquarters said, "We have not received any order from the court regarding the stay of the Barapukuria coalmine case. We will initiate a legal move as soon as we get the order."

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Students clash in 3 educational instts

Teachers, students, cops among 60 injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Clashes between the students of Dhaka College and Dhaka City College, campus violence at Jagannath University and Dhaka Polytechnic Institute over separate matters yesterday left at least 60 people injured.

The injured included the vice principal and two teachers of City College, more than 50 students and six police personnel.

Students of Dhaka College and City College clashed twice over eve teasing while clashes between

police and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Jagannath University broke out over admission form distribution. And two factions of BCL at the Polytechnic Institute fought over domination at a dormitory.

DHAKA COLLEGE Students of Dhaka College allegedly attacked students at City College at about noon following a trifling incident over teasing of a female student of the latter by a student of Dhaka College.

They made a second attack as

City College teachers and students held three of the previous attackers at the college building.

Anwar Hossain, vice principal, Masudur Rahman and Shafiqul Islam, both teachers, around 15 students and a policeman were injured in the incidents.

Dhaka College students alleged that about 10 students of the college were injured as police charged batons on them and fired six rounds of tear gas shells on their campus.

A policeman of Dhanmandi

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Ctg mayor relieved of graft charges
Indicted in another case
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A court here yesterday exempted Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury from the charges in one corruption case and framed charges against him in another.

The Divisional Special Court framed charges against the CCC mayor in a graft case filed by the now-defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption on April 9, 2001.

In the case, Bac accused the mayor and two others of embezzling Tk 11 lakh sanctioned as fare for garbage carrying trucks.

Judge SM Solaiman fixed

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DU braces for more BCL violence

Leaders of two factions fight for new hall committees

NAJMUL ALAM NOBIN and RAKIB AHAMMED

Disputes between central and mid-level Dhaka University (DU) leaders of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) over forming new committees for residential halls are turning for the worse.

The mid-level leaders have been pressing for the hall committees for the past three years. The pro-Awami League student outfit last formed such committees in 2002.

BCL president Mahmud Hassan Ripon told a press conference in May that the DU hall units would be reorganised in a week.

But the central leaders, backed by the upper echelon of the university unit BCL, have since been biding their time, arguing that they should now focus on pressing for the unconditional release of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

Students said the disagreement between the two factions may erupt into full-bore clashes at any time.

The two factions clashed at Zahurul Haque Hall on Sunday, spreading panic among hundreds of hall students.

Students said the incident may lead to more violence on the campus at any time.

Meantime, BCL activists at the university declared four top central and DU unit leaders persona non grata on the campus yesterday, accusing them of failing to forge an effective movement for Hasina's release.

BCL sources said the four student leaders are planning to come to the campus with their Dhaka City unit followers. The face-off is certain to worsen the situation, they said.

The BCL leadership sat several times to decide on hall committees a few months back, but failed due to wrangling over placing their own

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Police try to quell the situation yesterday after students of Dhaka College clash with students of Dhaka City College on Mirpur Road yesterday. Students of City College beat a student, inset, as policemen try to stop them.

PHOTO: STAR

34 Taliban killed in Afghanistan
AP, Kandahar

An Afghan official says 34 Taliban were killed in an operation by Afghan and foreign forces near a key southern Afghan city.

Daud Ahmadi says the Afghan forces battled the militants south of Lashkar Gah on Sunday evening. Ahmadi is the spokesman for Helmand's governor.

Ahmadi says the authorities recovered a number of weapons.

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44 killed in fresh Lankan fighting

Govt admits heavy troop loss

AFP, Colombo

At least 33 Sri Lankan government soldiers and 11 Tamil Tiger rebels have been killed in the latest heavy fighting in the north of the island, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Government forces also suffered at least 48 soldiers wounded and another three soldiers missing in the latest battles with Tamil Tiger guerrillas since Saturday south of the rebel political capital of Kilinochchi.

The ministry said security forces recovered the bodies of 11 members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) following the weekend clashes.

Meanwhile, the Sri Lankan

government admitted that scores of its troops had been killed or injured in fierce fighting with the Tamil Tigers, its biggest reported battlefield loss in months.

The defence ministry said troops had edged closer to the rebels' northern capital of Kilinochchi but the battles since Saturday had left 33 soldiers dead, three missing in action and 48 injured.

The ministry said the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) also suffered heavy casualties, with the bodies of 11 rebels recovered from the battlefield.

"Troops have captured approximately half a square kilometre of

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Dhaka extradited 11 suspected Indian insurgents
BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh has extradited 11 suspected Indian insurgents between June and August this year as legal process is underway to return several other criminals as part of efforts for mutual confidence building, security officials said.

"We have handed over 11 suspected insurgents in between June 12 and August 22 this year as part of our policy to fight against cross-border terrorism and crimes despite the absence of any extradition treaty between the two neighbours," a senior security official said preferring anonymity.

He said the law enforcing agencies arrested more than 120 suspected Indian criminals and insurgents since 2003 and many of

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Prayer Timing		
October 21		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-36	5-39
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Hillary joins Obama's bid to crush McCain comeback hopes

AFP, Chicago

Barack Obama yesterday aimed to put another dent in John McCain's comeback hopes with a double-bill rally in Florida with ex-foe Hillary Clinton to kick off a frenetic final fortnight of the White House race.

Obama's new offensive follows a quickfire combination of blows to Republican McCain over the weekend including a key endorsement from Colin Powell and the announcement of a stunning 150 million dollar fundraising haul last month.

The Democratic nominee will spend much of the week charging through what was nominally Republican territory, seeking to convert his lead on the electoral map and clear opinion poll edge

into a big victory over McCain on November 4.

In Florida, Obama and Clinton were to headline a joint rally and several separate events Monday, pitching for a state which had looked solid for McCain, but where a wave of mortgage foreclosures offer the Democrats an opening.

The former first lady is highly popular in the Sunshine State and trounced Obama in the Democratic primary there, but the contest was declared void after Florida violated party scheduling rules.

McCain, 72, was meanwhile on the defensive Monday, attempting to cling onto states that helped send President George W Bush back to the White House in 2004.

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