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Heavy rain raised water level of rivers submerging thousands of thatched houses and shanties while strong wind uprooted trees and toppled houses. Many unions went under knee- to waist-deep water.

River communications between the capital and all southern districts remained cut off since yesterday morning. Power supply to those districts also snapped in the evening.

Ferry service between Paturia and Daulatdia was suspended around 3:00pm, while that in Mawa has already been put on hold since Sunday

evening. Local administration of districts and upazilas in the coastal belt had started evacuating people to safer places and many took shelter at cyclone shelters, schools and colleges before Aila made landfall.

The Met office has asked Mongla Port to hoist Danger Signal-7.

Bhola, Barisal, Patuakhali, Barguna, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi, Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira, Jessore and their offshore islands and chars will be under this signal, read a special Met office bulletin issued in the evening.

It, however, advised Chittagong and Cox's Bazar ports to hoist Danger Signal-6. In Dhaka and elsewhere in

the country, there were strong wind and heavy rainfall since yesterday morning.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday instructed her ministers to take necessary steps, from their respective positions, for helping the Aila affected.

At a cabinet meeting yesterday afternoon, she ordered members of the armed forces to join in the relief and rescue operations.

Our correspondent in Satkhira reports: Around one lakh people of 95 villages of Shyamnagar and Ashashuni upazilas became marooned as flood-protection embankments gave away in at least 25 places.

Over 100 people were reported missing in the dis-

Flood-protection dykes on the Kabodak, Khalpetua, Madar, Chulkuri and Kalia breached and swamped a number of villages. Many villages near the Sundarbans went under water as well.

A large number of people have taken shelter at different cyclone centres, schools and

higher than their usual levels.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdus Samad said a 33member team of Bangladesh Navy has left for the cyclonehit areas to conduct rescue operations. The team was facing difficulties due to the adverse weather.

Red Crescent has also gone in with water purifying tablets and other relief materials. The DC has allocated 10 tonnes of rice and Tk 1 lakh for immediate relief.

Our correspondent in Barisal reports: Aila snapped road and river communications in the district since Sunday night. Rivers, their estuaries and confluences became very rough.

High tides in rivers inundated many areas of the district causing considerable damage to properties. Strong wind also brought down houses and trees. The storm destroyed livestock and crops

Rabbi, 7, of Char Laxmi Bardhan, drowned, said UNO of Bakerganj upazila.

In Bhola, the dead were identified as Harun, 27, and Giasuddin, 30, of Bhola Sadar, Nazim, 18, of Charfashion, Rozina, 4, of Manpura.

Crops on 25,000 acres of land were damaged, the UNO claimed.

Our staff correspondent in Khulna reports: Aila struck Khulna city and Bagerhat around 2:30pm with wind speed of up to 90kmph. Three people died in

Batiaghata and Koira upazilas while over one lakh people got marooned in the districts. Of medical supplies in Mingora, the three dead, one was identi- which usually has a population fied as Kuntal Biswas, 65, of lileghata village of Batiaghata upa ila

Over one lakh people of Dacope and Koira upazilas in Khulna and Mongla, Sharankhola and Morrelganj upazilas of Bagerhat were moved to cyclone shelters or

safe places. Five ships were moved to the safety of the outer anchorage of Mongla Port.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Kazi Atiur Rahman of Dacope said six out of nine unions went under waistdeep water. Over 50,000 people were rendered homeless in

the upazila. Disaster control rooms have been opened up in upazilas of Khulna and Bagerhat where volunteers, officials of some nongovernment organisations and officials of Relief and Rehabilitation Department have been kept on standby to deal with the aftermath, said the deputy commissioners of the two districts.

Our correspondent in lies intatters.

Patuakhali reports: Huge areas

of Patuakhali and Barguna went under eight to 10 feet of Three people died in the storm in Patuakhali alone and

Of the dead in Patuakhali, Afzal Mollik, 60, of Bawfal upazila and two-year-old Sumaiya were identified. Several kilometres of flood-

another one in Barguna.

control embankments in Golachipa, Kalapara and Patuakhali Sadar was washed away by the tidal surge. Kuakata remained cut off from the rest of the country as

three ferry terminals on Kalapara-Kuakata Highway got submerged. In Nijhum Dwip in Hatia of Noakhali, Nazma Begum, 10, drowned and in Keringchar

two other children died when a wall collapsed on them, reported private TV channel Desh TV. The channel claimed that three, including two children.

Laxmipur. Our Cox's Bazar correspondent reports: Twenty-one fishing trawlers went missing

died in Chargajaria of

with 400 fishermen onboard. Around 25-km-long embankment in Moheshkhali was damaged and about 800 shrimp enclosures were washed away in the tidal

Acting Mayor of Cox's

Bazar Municipality Sarwar Kamal said around 2,000 houses were flooded by the tidal waves. Meanwhile, the ongoing

HSC and equivalent examinations in Aila affected areas have been postponed. A government handout last

night said the HSC examinations scheduled for Tuesday in cyclone-affected areas would be held later on. It said deputy commission-

ers of affected districts in consultation with the respective education boards would decide where examinations would not be held.

In Kolkata, incessant rain accompanied by strong wind, with speed reaching 100-120kmph, hit the metropolis and all flights at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport were suspended from 2:00pm, official sources said.

Chief Minister of West Bengal Buddhadeb Bhattacharya said he alerted the Indian army while the Border Security Force and police have begun rescue operations in the Sundarbans and South 24 Parganas district where hundreds of mud-built houses collapsed.

The army was moving into Some rivers of the district Sandeshkhali and Hingalganj were flowing eight to 13 feet in North 24 Parganas and at Sagar Dwip, Gosaba and Patharpratima in South 24 Parganas.

Pak forces

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"In the new influx, 2.38 million people have been registered," said Ariane Rummery, spokeswoman for the UN refugee agency UNHCR, citing figures given to the agency by the North West Frontier Province authori-

That's the new influx registered from May 2 from Swat, Lower Dir and Buner (districts)," sheadded.

Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira told reporters the government was doing all it could to care for the uprooted people, but said that one billion dollars would be needed to help them rebuild their lives.

The United Nations has already launched an appeal for 543 million dollars to help the massive number of displaced.

"Around 2.3 million people have been registered as displaced persons so far but this figure is not final," Kaira said, adding that nearly 200,000 people are living in camps while the rest stay with relatives.

The newly-displaced join more than 550,000 people who fled similar battles last year and rights groups have warned that it is Pakistan's biggest movement of people since partition from Indiain 1947

Fears are also growing for between 10,000 and 20,000 civilians that the military say are still trapped with scant food and of300,000

Pakistan says nearly 1,160 militants and 69 soldiers have died in the offensive launched in the districts of Lower Dir on April 26, Buner on April 28 and Swat on May 8, but those tolls cannot be confirmed inde-

pendently. Reporters and humanitarian workers have mostly been barred from visiting the conflict zone and telephone land lines and mobile signals appear to have been cut in Mingora, making the military's claims

impossible to verify. Security forces say 15,000 troops are now fighting 1,500 to 2,000 "hardcore militants" in Swat, where the government last month ordered a push to eradicate fighters who thrust to within 100 kilometres of Islamabad.

The extremists' advance came despite a February deal with a pro-Taliban cleric, which put three million people in the northwest under sharia law in a bid to end the two-year Taliban insurgency -- a deal which now

Cantt house

FROM PAGE 16 The counsel said Khaleda Zia received the third notice at 8:00 pm on Sunday, and they did not have time to attach the reply to this notice with her writ petition.

Attorney General (AG) Mahbubey Alam prayed to the court to adjourn the hearing till tomorrow, saying that he had some personal difficulties in participating in the hearing today. But it was not done.

Moudud Ahmed, another counsel for Khaleda, later told newsmen that the government has violated the HC order by issuing the third notice to the former prime minister as the HC had earlier directed it (government) not to harass or disturb her till the hearing is held.

He said the government is playing foul with the court by taking time from it repeatedly for hearing of the writ petition. Moudud claimed that the

third notice to Khaleda is also illegal just as its (government) earlier two notices to her.

The allegation made in the third notice that Khaleda has not replied to its (government) show cause notice is not correct, he said.

The AG told newsmen later at his office that the government has legally issued the third notice as the HC had earlier ruled that the government could take any step as perlaw.

He said Khaleda Zia has illegally occupied 165 Kathas of public land, and it is against the interest of the nation. The government has issued notice to restore this property, but it has not forced her to leave the house.

Mahbubey Alam also said the cantonment house, earmarked for the army chief, was allotted to Khaleda Zia on political consideration.

ACC chief

FROM PAGE 16 approves, he would take

charge of the ACC, he added. Ghulam said he would

carry out his job in accordance with the existing laws of the commission. He also hoped that the present government would not pass any law that could hamper the activities of the commission.

He sought three months' time for evaluating ACC activities after his joining.

Replying to a question whether he would appear before a parliamentary standing committee to explain ACC activities, he said he would follow the laws.

The government appointed Ghulam Rahman as ACC chairman on April 30, 28 days after Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury stepped down from the post.

Review body

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meeting at the PMO. He said the highest and lowest salaries of government employees would be Tk 45,000 and 4,000 respectively and employees themselves would

have to pay income tax. Government officials will gradually avail themselves of transport facilities within five to seven years, said the press

secretary. The pay commission recommended separate pay scale and increased allowances for the Bangladesh Bank staffs, he

added. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told the cabinet meeting that the government would have to ensure that prices of essentials do not go up and no extra pressure is put on people while implementing the pay commission

report. The pay commission report will be implemented in such a way that prices of essentials remain within people's reach, Azad quoted

Hasina as saying. Chaired by Hasina, also the president of ruling Awami League, the meeting approved in principle the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (Amend-

ment) Act 2009. It also approved the revised proposal of Real Estate Development and Management Act 2009 with

some important changes in it. As per the changes, an accused will now get bail for deceiving consumers, which was made non-bailable during the immediate-past caretaker government.

"Developers will face two years' imprisonment or Tk 20 lakh penalty or both if found guilty of cheating people," Azad said. Meanwhile, Hasina

directed MPs, the Navy, cost guards and party leaders to stand by 'Aila' affected people and to take part in the rescue operation. She also directed deputy commissioners of the districts concerned to distribute relief among the victims.

River-filling

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"If someone wants to carry 10,000 CFT of sand on trucks he will need at least 100 trucks," said an official working with a housing estate who does not want to be identified.

Developers say around 10,000 'bolgets' are carrying sand and earth to fill up wetland, floodplains and the rivers around the city.

Sources in the Ministry of Shipping say there are around 5,000 registered water vessels in the capital, most of which are mainly serving the purpose of 31 housing companies and private housing initiatives to fill up land.

Sometimes the cargo boats create such obstacles in the river routes that other modes of transport cannot move properly. In recent years, accidents on river routes around the capital have increased thanks to these boats.

When these boats are upwetland for the purpose. loaded, the upper deck almost goes down the water level. This makes it hard for other water transports to identify them at night and accidents occur as a result.

A couple of years ago BIWTA imposed a ban on plying of 'bolgets' at night so that other vessels don't face any obstacle.

No fishermen or fishing boats were visible during several visits to the Buriganga, Shitalakhya, Balu and Turag rivers in recent weeks. Only there were some dredgers and 'bolgets' either to fill up land or collect sand to fill up other parts of the rivers elsewhere.

Recently, The Daily Star published a series of reports on riverbed and riverbank

filling. During investigation, it was found that all the filling

was taking place by boats. BIWTA Secretary Syed Monowar Hossain said they are taking preparations to

evict all illegal grabbers. "We won't allow anyone to illegally fill up the riverbanks, even if it is their own land. We'll go by the port act and rules and regulations applicable for the rivers," he said.

As the BITWA and other authorities sit idle, both the sides of the Dhaka flood protection embankment from Kamrangirchar to Gabtali through Rayer Bazar have meanwhile been filled up.

Some government agencies are also violating the laws and filling up the wetland.

The Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) has taken up its Uttara third phase project after dredging the Turag. They also dredged the river and used 'bolgets' to fill

Different housing estates occupied and filled up Dangurdia, Durdi, Vatara, Telikhola and Brahmankhola canals in Satarkul and Vatara unions under Badda police station in the last five years.

Rashidkhali canal, one of the most important canals in eastern Dhaka, was once 10 kilometres long and connected the Norai river. Different housing companies have filled up around eight kilometres of this canal.

The grabbers have also filled up canals from Meradia to Nandipara in recent years using the river route.

They have also made attempts to fill up areas from Gabtali to Ashulia towards Tongi.

2 killed in Punjab

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In Amritsar, Sikhism's holiest city and home to the Golden Temple, police fired tear gas to control crowds after protesters torched dozens of buses and smashed windows. About 12 people were injured.

"One person was killed at Lambra village by the army bullet and another one was shot dead at Jalandhar by police in order to control the mob," a police officer who declined to be named told AFP.

Train services throughout the state were also severely disrupted.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, himself a Sikh, said he was "deeply distressed" by the attack on the guru and issued an appeal for calm.

"Whatever the provocation, it is important to maintain peace and harmony among different sections of the people," he said in a state-

Sant Rama Nand, 56, died and 16 other people were injured in Vienna during the temple attack, which was reportedly over a dispute about the role of castes in the

Sikh religion. A second guru, or "teacher," Sant Niranjan Dass, 66, was among those wounded as Sikhs fought each other with guns and knives

inside the temple. The two gurus, who belong to a group representing lowcaste Sikhs, were visiting Vienna to meet worshippers.

Leaders at the temple, which opened in 2005, have campaigned against the caste system, but their stance has

angered other Sikhs in Austria. Guru Nanak, who founded the Sikh religion in the early 16th century, denounced the Hindu hierarchy of castes and taught that all people were equal regardless of caste or

FROM PAGE 16 state of rivers across the coun

try and vowed to save them.' "If needed the committee will recommend the government to amend the prevailing law to ensure punishment of those behind the river pollu-

tion and grabbing," he said. He also said that the High Court's directive upon the government for saving the rivers helps to do their work.

Meanwhile, the High Court (HC) on Sunday directed the government to take appropriate steps to stop encroachment, earth-filling, and construction of illegal structures on the Buriganga, Turag, Balu and Shitalakhya rivers. Earlier on May 17, the

parliamentary body expressed concern over river pollution and asked the industries and environment ministries to take immediate measures to save the rivers, especially the Buriganga, Turag, Balu and Shitalakhya, from pollution.

Indian Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna blamed the attack on clan rivalry.

"Two groups of people owing allegiance to different families have set up confrontation amongst themselves and let the gurdwara (temple) be made the place where attacks and counter-attacks have taken place," he said.

Vienna police said Monday that six Indian men who lived in Austria had been arrested over the pre-planned assault.

Four of the alleged attackers were in a critical state in hospital, but the remaining two have been questioned, police said. In Jalandhar, the Indian

city where many low-caste Sikhs live, the army was out in force as protesters furious at the guru's death obstructed trains and erected road blocks on national highways. "Officers have been

to check any untoward incidents," said police superintendent R.K. Jaiswal. The Sikh religious community has about 2,800 followers in Austria and 25 million worldwide, most of

deployed at sensitive points

them in northern India.

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comparison with last year. "Litchi production has been affected badly due to absence of rainfall," Jahangir Alam, a litchi grower of the village said.

They also said there is almost no litchi in the orchards this year, which had bumper production in the

district last year. The orchards, which are on forest and moisture-retaining sites at different upazilas of the district like Nawabganj and Ghoraghat, have an average good production, according to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE)

officials. The production of the fruit is likely to drop significantly in the district due to lack of sufficient rainfall, they also observed.

Litchi production in the adjacent districts including Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Joypurhat is likely to be less than the previous years, DAE officials said. Only some higher varieties like Bombay, Bedana and Madragi have reported good production, farmers said.

Growers said they have experienced a new problem this year as the litchi flowers did not have enough rain while sprouting but in previous years the farmers used to spray water if they got less rain. This year they sprayed water on the trees but it became useless, they added.

Senior scientists and horticulturists claim that if the litchi orchards had rain during the sprouts, the production would be good this season.

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said witnesses over phone. The old Wapda dam that was protecting these villages since the 60's has been heavily damaged during Cyclone Aila.

All of these villages remained under water till filing of this report at 9:00 last night, although water level receded by one to two feet. The water was salty, the witnesses Ataur and thousand others

became homeless as 80 percent of the houses in these villages were built with mud. There are at least 1,500 houses in Patakhali alone.

"During the day we saw tin roofs of many thatched houses. By the evening those roofs crumbled down," said Ataur over phone from his safe refuge in the two-storey Patakhali Aminia Fazil Madrasa.

This madrasa provided shelter to around 2,000 people of the village.

Many people initially took refuge above their tin roofs. But as the tide water did not recede as was initially expected, they moved to safer locations on boats.

There is no food or drinking water for any of us here, said Ataur, who works in Dhaka as a videographer and was visiting his village to see his mother.

"This is the beginning of the season for shrimp farm ing. Farmers have harvested paddy and brought them home. The shrimp farms have been totally flooded and the paddy stacked at home has gone under the high tide waters," he informed.

farming in these villages is not emphasised, there had been a lot of poultry, which has been swept away by the tide. "In my 35 years of life, I have never seen such a disas ter in this village. There was a

major cyclone around this

area back in 1988. Even then

Though cattle or goat

nothing of this sort occured, he pointed out. Haziruddin Gazi, a 95-year old homoeopath of the village, reinforced this observation while talking to The Daily Star over the phone. "I have never seen such a disaster in this

village in my entire life. Gazi added, "I harvested 90 maunds of paddy and all of it is now under water. But it's not just me alone who incurred such a loss. All of us faced the

same."

HC verdict FROM PAGE 1

and all the acts since August 15, 1975. BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain and three SC lawyers--Tajul Islam, Kamruzzaman Bhuiyan and Munshi Ahsan Kabirfiled the petitions as per the SC

order. Earlier on May 4, the SC permitted the BNP leader and SC lawyers to file leave-toappeal petitions with the court against the HC judg-

The lawyers concerned said that the hearing of the petitions will be held at the apex court after the summer vacation of the court. The court will go on vacation on

June 4 and reopen on June 21. Delwar Hossain's lawyer Advocate TH Khan told newsmen that he has filed the leave-to-appeal petition on behalf of his client since the HC judgement was illegal and incorrect.

The HC has not any jurisdiction to cancel or declare illegal the 5th amendment to the constitution, as the amendment had been endorsed by a legal parliament where the lawmakers of both BNP and Awami League

were present. Tajul Islam told The Daily | sional statements to metro-Star that the HC judgement declaring illegal the fifth amendment to the constitution is beyond jurisdiction of

many things were endorsed in the interests of the state, he said. Quoting the petition, he said if the HC judgement is upheld, then Bismillahir

In the 5th amendment,

Rahmanir Rahim will not remain in the constitution. Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said that his office will place arguments before the SC for upholding the HC judgement when the hearing of the matter is held at the apex court.

"We believe that the HC

judgment, which was delivvesterday morning. ered on facts, documents and Since Samad's arrest on February 27, he said, he had correct information, was met him at the Kashimpur jail correct, legal and justified," he and then on the court presaid, adding that the spirit of mises. the liberation war and democ-Manjuara, sister of Nayek racy has been reflected in the Driver Aiyub Ali, said her HCjudgement. brother too is in jail.

N Korea conducts nuclear test

Test-fires 2 more missiles

AP, Seoull Washington

powerful underground

nuclear test Monday much

larger than one conducted in

2006 in a major provocation

in the escalating international

standoff over its rogue nuclear

agency says North Korea also

test-fired a total of three short-

range missiles Monday after

declaring that it successfully

Ministry confirmed an atomic

explosion at 9:54 am (0054

GMT) in northeastern North

Korea, estimating the blast's

yield at 10 to 20 kilotons com-

parable to the bombs that

flattened Hiroshima and

short-range, ground-to-air

missile Monday from the

same northeastern site where

it launched a rocket last

month, the Yonhap news

agency reported, citing

unnamed sources. That liftoff

widely believed to be a cover

for a test of its long-range

missile technology, drew

censure from the UN Security

the condemnation of the April

5 rocket launch, had warned

last month that it would

restart it rogue nuclear

programme, conduct an

through short message service

(SMS) to 4636 and 2323 on

mobile phones. The mobile

phone operators will circulate

tional institutions have been

asked to collect the result

sheets from the secretary of the

respective examination centre

while the candidates are asked

to collect their results at their

respective schools or exam

centres, said a press release o

the inter-board coordination

Besides, the results of SSC

and Dakhil examinations will

be available on the education

board website:

This year, a total of 10,63,484

students appeared in the exam-

inations in 1,888 centres. Of

them, 8.01 lakh students of

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SSC examinations under eight

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BDR mutineers made confes-

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mutineers to jail after the

Criminal Investigation

Department, which is investi-

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Meanwhile, family mem-

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are on the list of 25 mutineers

missing, yesterday claimed

that the two are in jail now,

lished the list in the media on

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brother at Dhaka Central Jail

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Azizul Haq, brother of

reports BBC Bangla Service.

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Our court correspondent

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bloody revolt, Faruk said, "

Technical Education Board.

Part of BDR

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www.result.bteb.gov.bd.

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North Korea, incensed by

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atomic test and carry out longrange missile tests. North Korea carried out a

On Monday, the country's official Korean Central News Agency said the regime "successfully conducted one more underground nuclear test on May 25 as part of measures to bolster its nuclear deterrent for self-defence."

US President Barack Obama said a nuclear test would constitute an act of "blatant defiance" of the UN Security Council and a violation of international law, and would only further isolate North Korea.

further details and did not Obama also said Monday South Korea's military that North Korea's latest nuclear test should be "a declined to confirm the matter of grave concern to all reports, saying it does not nations" and accused comment on intelligence Pyongyang of behaving reck-Pyongyang announced the lessly and defying internatest, and Russia's Defence

tional will. Obama also said in an early-morning statement that the United States "will continue working with our allies and partners" in multilateral talks and will hold consultations with members of the UN Security Council on it and a subsequent series of testfirings of short-range groundto-air missiles.

MP Bodi

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"Rakhal also blamed me for not making him GP and APP. He also made disgraceful remarks about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and at one stage somebody whisked him out of the shop," he added.

Shahidul Islam denied any kind of scuffle or argument between Rakhal and Bodi at Pizza Palace. District Bar Association and other organisations demanded

exemplary punishment of

Bodi.

April 30.

Director of Pizza Palace

The District Bar Association held an emergency meeting at its office with its president Faridul Islam in the chair. The meeting condemned the attack on Rakhal. A total of 81 members of the

bar association in a joint statement demanded punishment of Bodi for assaulting Rakhal. Meanwhile, Bodi earned controversy after he had beaten Teknaf forest department official Mujibur Rahman

and forest guard Ayub Ali on

In another incident on January 22 during the Teknaf upazila parishad election he unlawfully entered the polling www.result.educationboard.go centre and beat up three assistant presiding officers.

v.bd and of Technical Education on Assistant presiding officers of the polling centre Gias Uddin But, the results will not be available at the education filed a case with the Teknaf boards, education ministry or Police Station in this regard. The newspaper offices, the press results of the Teknaf upazila parishad polls have remained

suspended till now.

Khaleda

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Mancha to mark the 110th birth anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. "A desperate effort was going on in the country to destroy the nationalist forces for the past two and a half years but we have made the effort unsuccessful with the help of people. Now we have taken the task to organise the

city's Mahanagar Natya

Year' of BNP," she said adding she has to work facing many conspiracies Meanwhile, BNP standing committee, highest policymaking body of the party, has failed to declare the convening committees for district units

party and declared the current

year as the 'Organisational

for last two months due to serious internal feud. Khaleda Zia urged people to get united to save the country from conspiracy which has reached a severe stage, adding "Not only BNP men but the people as well as the members of civil society will have to

work together to save the country. She said conspiracy has started to destroy army and intelligence forces while BDR already has been destroyed. A plan has been taken to give the corridor (to India) in the name of connecting the country with Asian Highway. Even it will be seriously harmful for the country if the Tipaimukh Dam project is implemented,

she observed. The former premier said the government, which ruled the country for past two years was 'the government of Awami League's movement.'

"Election was held in 2008 as a part of the conspiracy against the country but BNP was not defeated by the people. CEC wanted to arrange a 1970 like election and he had done that," she alleged, adding that everyone knew that EC was not neutral at all. JASAS, the cultural wing of

the party, organised the discussion with its President MA Malek in the chair. Khandaker Mosharraf

Hossain, Prof Emajuddin Ahmad, Prof SM Lutfur Rahman, Prof Mahbub Ullah and poet Al-Mujahidi, among others, spoke on the occasion.

18 killed as Cyclone