

## Nursing held

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forming a committee and resolution through an election we have to limit our activities in Dhaka district. So we are collecting members from across the country," he said.

Shahjahan, general secretary of the DNA, denied the allegations of forced transfers using the DNS office as the chief election commissioner's office.

He was dismissed from his job on January 3rd, 2005 for placing a memorandum with false statements against the high officials of the DNS to the office of the then prime minister and holding a press conference.

He also threatened to blast the DNS office with bomb and a case was filed against him in this connection. The health ministry directed the home affairs ministry to take steps against him but no actions were taken.

After losing his job, he started working at the Trauma Centre, a private hospital. But soon after the Awami League-led government came to power he has been reassigned through an official order on March 2nd.

Another allegation on Shahjahan Howlader is that he was engaged in extortions during the BNP and also AL reign through changing colour and played a vital role in illegal recruitment of Jahanara Begum as the acting director of the DNS.

Jahanara Begum went to LPR on October 30th last year. Though the contract-based recruitment took place before her going to LPR, she was recruited eight months after her LPR, documents show.

Sources said soon after taking charge, Jahanara Begum started "transfer

## Shibir, BCL

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attacked a prescheduled rally organised by Chawkbazar Juba League protesting the bomb attack on Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh.

The attack left five Juba League men including its President Mohammad Ekram Hossain injured.

The attack triggered further clashes between Juba League and Shibir activists in Chawkbazar, Gulzar Moar and Parade Corner areas.

Vehicular movement remained suspended for over two hours on different city streets including College Road, Chatterway Road, and Chawkbazar due to the clash.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police Banaj Kumar Mazumder said over three platoons of police were deployed to control the situation.

Seven injured BCL activists were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital, sources said.

## Col Rashid's daughter

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granted five days' remand in response to police's prayer for 10 days'.

Assistant Commissioner Ali Akbar of DB said a team led by AC Moniruzzaman made the arrest at the house No. 7 on road-55 in Gulshan-2 at around 6:30am.

On the arrestee's request, police allowed her elderly domestic help to be with her for looking after her three-month-old girl.

Mehnaz said her husband Rafiqul Islam was not home overnight as he did not return from his brother's house in Badda.

She also told police her parents are settled in Libya along with her three other sisters, while she and her husband live in her mother's Gulshan house.

Police have so far arrested three leaders of Freedom Party in connection with the attempt on the life of Taposh, whose parents were among those killed along with Bangabandhu and family on August 15, 1975.

The investigators however are not saying what exactly the charges against the three are.

AC Ali Akbar, also investigation officer of the bomb attack case, said the other detainee, Abdur Rahim, was hauled in from the city's Fakirapool area on Thursday. A hotelier by profession, he used to serve as press secretary of Freedom Party.

Akbar said they had gathered that Dalim's brother Swapan, who was arrested at

business" and violating rules. More than 50 nurses have already been transferred by this time and a list of around a hundred more has been prepared in collaboration with Shahjahan.

She also promoted third class employee Shiria Begum to Deputy Nursing Superintendent of Suhrawardi Medical College and Hospital, a first class gazetted officer post.

When contacted, Jahanara asked to call her five minutes later and then switched off her phone.

The health ministry on Wednesday issued a show cause notice to explain her involvement with the DNA, extortion and transferring and ordered to suspend the transfer orders issued in the last month.

However, the ministry is yet to take any actions against Shahjahan.

## Khaleda

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against all conspiracies against the nation after the party's national council slated for December 8.

"They [the Awami League] want to change the country's map instead of changing the fate of the people. But the people are now united to resist this conspiracy," she said.

The BNP chairperson also alleged that the ruling party has been torturing and murdering BNP activists since it came to power.

The ruling party has politicised all institutions including the administration and the judiciary instead of implementing its electoral pledges like reducing prices of essentials and giving job to at least one person of each family, Khaleda said.

She claimed that her party promoted skilled officials during its tenure in the government but now incompetent ones are getting promotion.

She also claimed that people were better off during the tenure of the BNP government compared to any other.

"Awami League activists are grabbing everything--whether it is land or house--from the people. The present government has not implemented even a single development work as of now and even failed to ensure congenial atmosphere for investment," Khaleda said.

The country is facing gas and power crises while a conspiracy is on against the garments industry, she claimed.

She alleged that the government is hatching a plot regarding the Tipaimukh dam and the Asian Highway but BNP will foil all conspiracies against the country.

The BNP chairperson urged the pro-BNP lawyers to work together.

## Save rivers

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Nations' Copenhagen Conference to be held in December.

They said the United States is the highest gas emitting country and Bangladesh is the worst affected due to disasters caused by climate change.

They said in such a situation, the rich countries have a greater responsibility but so far their role is frustrating.

In another rally held by Save Environment Movement at the estuary of Subhadda Khal-Buriganga river, the speakers demanded to free Buriganga river, Subhadda Khal (canal) and other rivers and canals from the clutches of the grabbers and pollution.

The Movement's general secretary Kamal Pasha Chowdhury, among others, demanded eviction of the re-emerged illegal installations on the traditional Subhadda Khal at Keraniganj.

The Movement's chairman Abu Naser Khan said the grabbing of Buriganga river has to be stopped and the river land has to be reclaimed.

Noted folk song artists Quddus Bayati, Papiya Quddus and their group rendered songs at the rally.

## Taposh

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again out to kill him," Hasina said. "What is the guilt of a kid like Taposh?"

Taposh came under bomb attack at such a time, when appeal hearing of Bangabandhu Murder case has started, she said.

The Awami League chief said the defeated force of 1971 liberation war proved their anti-liberation stand by their activities in the country.

"You must have the memory that years back, BNP had called hartal on the day when the verdict was handed down in the Bangabandhu murder case. What did BNP want by calling hartal on such a day? Was it their attempt to save the killers of Bangabandhu?"

She said the people of Bangladesh are conscious and patriotic; they understood, who can hurl bomb on prohibition persons.

The prime minister voiced her strong commitment to upholding the rule of law, saying that speedy trial could be arranged to bring the killers of Bangabandhu to book, but that was not done.

She said Bangladesh will be built as the most peaceful nation in South Asia and "war criminals and militants will have no place on the soil of Bangladesh."

Recalling the historic role of the expatriate Bangladeshis in every movement of the country including the 1971 liberation war, Sheikh Hasina urged them to invest back at home in larger volume.

"Help the government to turn Bangladesh into a modern digital country," she said.

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## Raise realistic fund

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She said the climate change adaptation financing must be additional to and distinct from ODA targets of 0.7% of Gross National Income meant for the developing countries and 0.2% for LDCs by 2010, as reaffirmed in the Brussels Program of Action.

Besides, the prime minister said, out of this fund, every year a substantial amount should be kept aside for adaptation needs of developing countries with maximum share going to low lying coastal countries, LDCs and the small-island developing countries.

She said though Bangladesh established a US\$ 45 million Climate Change Fund with own resources, and there is also a Multi-Donor Trust Fund of US\$ 150 million with support of the United Kingdom, the amounts are meagre in comparison to the needs.

Sheikh Hasina observed that re-budgeting and readjusting of existing development assistance to developing countries, particularly LDCs, would jeopardize their ongoing projects and programs.

In Bangladesh, she said, much of the present ODA received is invested in alleviating poverty, healthcare, gender parity till graduation level in education, women empowerment through micro-credit, eliminating militancy and terrorism, energy, infrastructure, and social safety programs.

She further called for adopting a new legal regime under the UNFCCC Protocol ensuring social, cultural and economic rehabilitation of climate refugees from COP 15 in Copenhagen.

Bangladesh and other most vulnerable countries (MVC) to climate change are anxiously looking forward to Copenhagen, Hasina said.

"The outcome in the Copenhagen meet must uphold the core principle of common but differentiated share of responsibility; assured, adequate, and easily accessible funding for adaptation; access to scientific information to climate change in sectors like risk reduction, water resources, agriculture, energy, urban planning and health disorders."

She also said the Copenhagen meet must also ensure affordable, eco-friendly technology transfer to developing countries, particularly LDCs; make maximum possible specific commitments for deeper cuts in greenhouse gas emissions for atmospheric stabilisation.

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