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# Shibir, BCL run amok in Ctg

20 hurt, medical college closed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Medical College was closed indefinitely yesterday after a clash between Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir left at least 20 injured.

The college authorities at an emergency meeting in the afternoon took the decision and asked the male students to evacuate two hostels by 8:00pm last night. The female students have been asked to leave their lone dormitory by 8:00am today.

Earlier, the medical college turned into a battle field following the clash between ruling Awami League-backed BCL and Jamaat-e-Islami-backed Shibir over establishing supremacy on the campus.

Both the BCL and Shibir activists vandalised several rooms of their opposition camp. They also ransacked and set fire to over 20 rooms of Main Hostel of the college and vandalised at least 10 shops in Chawkbazar.

Police charged batons on both the groups and fired tear gas shells to quell the situation.

Sources say the clash ensued in the morning when both the organisations brought out processions on the campus to welcome the freshers.

The admission activities for the first year

MBBS course of the college had also started yesterday.

The BCL men brought out a procession and held a rally welcoming the freshers at around 11:30am at Mozammel Chatter.

The Shibir men also brought out a procession with a number of outsiders prompting the BCL men to chase them. But police intervened and brought the situation under control.

The authorities at an emergency meeting at around 2:00pm suspended academic activities for indefinite period and asked the students to evacuate the hostels.

Later, both BCL and Shibir brought out separate processions from the Main Hostel at around 4:00pm and locked in a chase and counter chase.

At this stage, unruly Shibir men vandalised and set fire to 10 rooms of the BCL men at the hostel, campus sources said.

Witnesses say a huge number of Shibir activists from nearby Abdus Sabur Hostel of Chittagong College joined the attack on the BCL activists inside the hostel.

Police fired blank shots and charged batons to disperse the activists of both the organisations leaving 15 students injured.

The Shibir activists took to the street and

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Labourers place makeshift pillars at NCTB warehouse to prevent the roof from collapsing after fire fighters termed the recently gutted building risky.



PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

Activists of Chhatra League and Chhatra Shibir torch nearly 20 residential rooms at Chittagong Medical College yesterday following a clash between the two students' organisations.

## Nursing held hostage by a few culprits

Unregistered body extorts nurses over member registration

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

A quarter with the help of Directorate of Nursing Services (DNS) is extorting and threatening nurses of transfers if they do not become members of yet to be formally constituted Diploma Nurses Association.

Under the banner of Diploma Nurses Association (DNA), which has no registration, Senior Staff Nurse Shahjahan Howlader of National Institute of Traumatology, Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation is leading the extortion.

Shahjahan and his associates forced 24,000 nurses across the country into becoming members of the DNA by paying Tk 200 at a time and Tk 50 per month.

More than 50 nurses were transferred for refusing to become members but later they compromised and paid between Tk 50,000 and Tk 80,000 to cancel the transfer order, sources said.

Nazma Begum, general secretary of DNA, Mymensingh, told The Daily Star that within 20 days after she had refused to become a member she received a transfer order.

The DNS even issued an advertisement on September 23rd asking nurses to become members and take part in the DNA elections. They also claimed the DNS office as the chief election commissioner's office.

When asked Shahjahan said the DNA was formed in 1984 and as divisions have been created in it, "we are trying to collect new members across the country."

"On January this year we have applied for registration but the office of Deputy Director of Social Welfare said before

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## Jalil not quitting AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Former Awami League general secretary Abdul Jalil last afternoon said no plan to detract him from the party would succeed.

Jalil said this while addressed a gathering in Naogaon at a makeshift venue near the town's JR market as the district administration issued section 144 for the Nawjoan field, where the meeting was scheduled to be held.

"Section 144 has been

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## OnlinePoll

Do you think the government without any delay should make public the activities of Hizb ut-Tahrir in details for which it has been banned?

☐ Yes (82.87%)  
☐ No (14.22%)  
☐ No Comments (2.91%)

Total votes: 928

TODAY'S POLL

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## Prayer Timing

October 25

|         | Azan | Jamaat |
|---------|------|--------|
| Fajr    | 5-50 | 6-25   |
| Zohr    | 1-45 | 2-15   |
| Asr     | 5-00 | 5-15   |
| Maghrib | 6-32 | 6-35   |
| Esha    | 8-15 | 8-45   |

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Govt paving way for its fall

Says Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night said the present government will have to step down before completing its tenure.

"A movement against the government is already underway over its education policy and the fifth amendment to the constitution. Government itself paved the way for the movement," she said at a meeting with the leaders of Jatiyatabadi Lawyers' Forum, a pro-BNP organisation, at her Gulshan office.

Khaleda said BNP will articulate its strong stance

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## Pak troops capture key militant town

US drone strike kills 14

AFP, AP, Peshawar/Khar

Pakistan said yesterday it had captured Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud's hometown as the US demonstrated its support for the war on the Islamists with an air strike that killed 14 people.

"Security forces took control of Kotkai overnight and a clearance operation is in progress," a security official told AFP on condition of anonymity at the start of the second week of a major anti-Taliban offensive.

"It is a major breakthrough because it was the stronghold of Taliban and hometown of Hakimullah Mehsud and Qari Hussain," he added, also referring to a reputed trainer of suicide bombers.

Another security official said ground forces

had surrounded the Kotkai village for the past three days as jets and helicopter gunships pounded militant positions.

"Security forces entered Kotkai late Friday after they had secured important heights behind it," the official said.

And in another part of the northwest tribal belt, a missile fired by an unmanned US drone spy plane killed at least 14 people including three foreign militants, local officials said.

The strike took place on a village 15 kilometres (nine miles) north of Khar, the main town of the restive Bajaur tribal district.

"Fourteen people are now known to have been killed in the drone attack and the toll is likely to rise," a tribal administration official told AFP.

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## UN to inspect atomic plant

AFP, Tehran

UN inspectors will enter Iran's controversial second uranium enrichment plant today, two days after Tehran postponed its response to a UN deal on supplying the Islamic republic with nuclear fuel.

Media said the team will spend three days in the country as it inspects the facility being built inside a mountain near the holy city of Qom, south of the capital.

Tehran's disclosure of the new plant to the IAEA on September 21 triggered widespread global outrage, with US President Barack Obama warning Iran would face "increased pressure" if it does not come clean on its nuclear activities.

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## BOAT CAPSIZE

## 8 more bodies recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Eight more bodies were recovered from the Padma in Faridpur yesterday after a boat capsized on Friday.

The death toll stands at 14.

The victims were identified as Kalu Pramanik, 25, Atiqul, 25, Forhad, 25, Ujjal, 23, Altaf, 22, Azad, 30, Bipul, 21, and Jamal, 25, of Char Nabin, Nabin and Chaikula villages of Chatmohor upazila in Pabna.

Two passengers were still missing, some of the survivors said. Earlier on Friday, divers of Fire Service and Civil Defence recovered six bodies after the motorboat capsized in the Padma near Shoitankhali of Sadarpur upazila.

Many of the passengers managed to swim ashore while others went missing.

The sand-laden boat was headed to Narayanganj from Akoter Char with 40 labourers and collided head-on with a trawler from the opposite direction around 6:00am due to dense fog.

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## Call to save rivers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmental groups held different programmes yesterday demanding to free Buriganga river and other canals from grabbers and pollution and to cut green house gases and to ensure compensation to the people of coastal area.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) demanded containing greenhouse gas emission below 350 ppm - the danger level.

The speakers in a citizen's rally in front of the National Museum at Shabbagh with its president Prof Muzaffer Ahmed demanded adopting a resolution on making the emission limit mandatory for all countries at the United

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Friday meets European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek during her visit to Stockholm to attend the European Development Days 2009.

PHOTO: PID

## Ashraf warns AL men over extortion

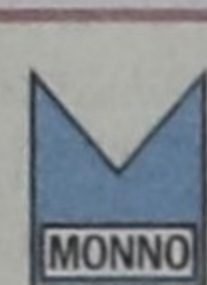
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday said the trial of Bangabandhu murder case is now at its fag end and after which the trial of war criminals would commence.

"We all should keep a vigil so that the evil forces cannot fish in the troubled water," he said.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the two-day triennial conference of Mymensingh Bangladesh Awami Swachhwasebak League as the chief guest yesterday evening at Railway Krishnachura Chatter.

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