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BNP may continue JS boycott

Delwar sees 'no atmosphere' now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday hinted at continuing his party's boycott of parliament session saying the atmosphere is not congenial to their return to the House.

"We will go to parliament once proper atmosphere is created. It is the government which has to do this to make the House effective," he said at a press briefing at the party central office at Nayapaltan in

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BANGABANDHU VERDICT RELEASED

SC slams the way killers treated

Terms sheltering, protecting murderers great crime; comes down hard on 'embarrassed' judges

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

The Supreme Court in its full judgement of Bangabandhu murder case vehemently criticised the moves by subsequent governments after the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for baring trial of the heinous crime and rather promoting the killers to higher or diplo-

matic posts.

The apex court termed the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members a great crime against humanity, mankind and civilisation.

"A murderer is always a murderer and a terrorist is always a terrorist and is enemy to mankind and humanity and an

offender in the eye of the law. To protect and shelter such killers is a great crime, a great sin and sin spares none," said Justice Md Abdul Aziz of the five-member SC bench, which dealt the historic criminal case, in his portion of the 412-page judgment.

The signed copy of the full judgment

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AL amends its constitution

Modifies provisions in conflict with RPO

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Awami League has amended its constitution again, scrapping Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad's status as associated body and modifying a provision on foreign chapters to make the charter comply with the Representation of the People Order.

However, the way it has brought the changes does not seem to conform to its charter that says only the party's national council shall amend the constitution.

In a letter submitted to Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda yesterday, AL said, "On consent of the [Awami League] president, two provisions have been amended so the charter is more in keeping with the RPO provisions."

A three-member delegation led by AL's Deputy Office

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Zardari won't resign, vows to fight back

AGENCIES, Islamabad

Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari yesterday pledged to fight back following the annulment of a graft amnesty by the Supreme Court even as the ruling Pakistan People's Party said it had "complete confidence" in his leadership.

The beleaguered president made a vow "to fight back" while chairing a meeting of the PPP's central executive committee to review the fallout of the apex court's decision to strike down the National Reconciliation Ordinance.

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Shibir, BCL clash in Bogra college

2 bullet-hit, college shut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities closed Government Azizul Haque University College in Bogra for an indefinite period following a clash between Islami Chhatra Shibir and Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday.

At least 18 students were injured in the clash with two sustaining bullet wounds. One student was hurt as a locally made bomb was hurled at him, our staff correspondent at Bogra reports.

Mahtab Uddin, secretary of the college's academic council, said classes were suspended and dormitories were vacated after the fight.

Female students were asked to vacate halls by today 10:00am. The academic council however decided that the admission process and examinations under the National University would continue, Mahtab said.

Students said a procession of Chhatra Shibir was passing by a

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THE WIND MACHINE: As there is no cooling system inside the generator compartment of this intercity train, the engine operator set a wooden plank that flaps in the wind ensuring a flow of air into the room. The photo was taken at Tongi Railway Station yesterday.

Climate accord best possible

Claim world leaders; int'l media terms it a failure

AFP, Copenhagen

World leaders yesterday insisted that the climate deal clinched in desperation at the UN summit was the best that can be done as they returned home to a lashing from critics.

Newspapers widely called the summit accord a failure and experts such as the head of a Nobel Peace prize winning climate panel said "urgent" action was now needed.

US President Barack Obama acknowledged that all of the world's polluters would quickly have to do more, but German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the critics would only hold up the battle against rising temperatures that threaten devastating floods, storms and drought.

Obama returned to the White House and said "extremely difficult and complex negotiations" had been needed in Copenhagen.

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