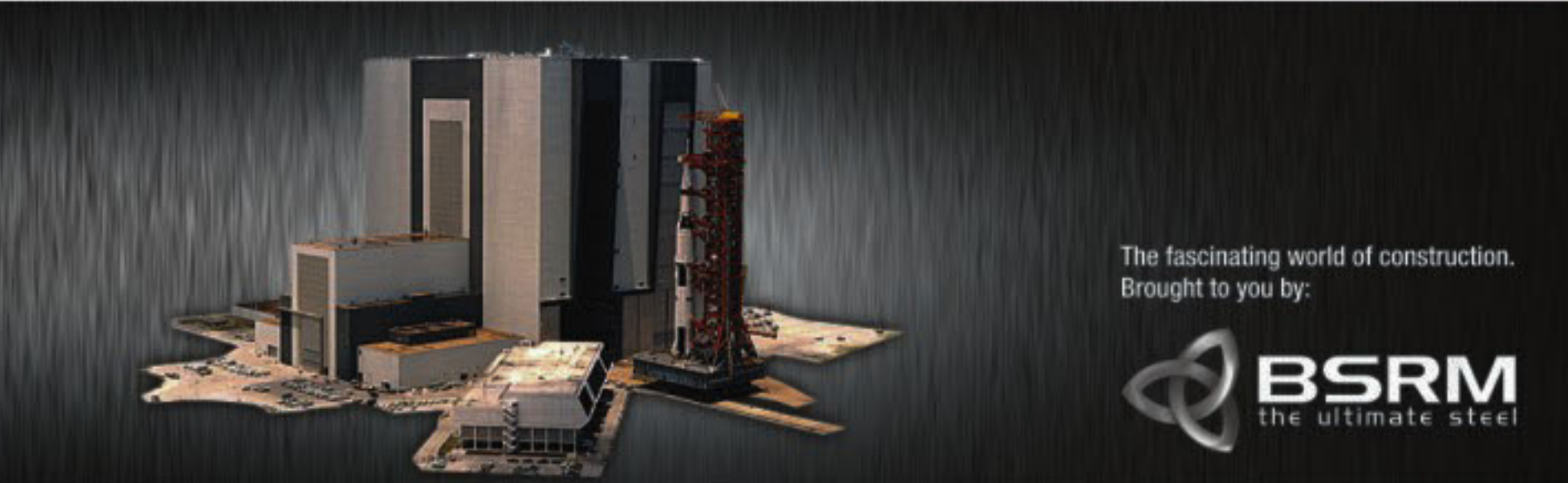


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# Govt to go after party-loyal staff

Most of bureaucrats, cops with dubious records followers of Jamaat-Shibir politics

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The government has decided to get tough on administration and police officials who would be found using their offices in favour of any political party.

The decision comes in response to concerns over dubious role played by some high government officials during the recent spate of violence in educational institutions, particularly in Rajshahi University, some highly-placed admin sources told The Daily Star.

Two investigations are already underway to find those who had acted out of

political bias in the past and are now working against the government, they added.

Officials with dubious records are mostly followers of Jamaat-Shibir politics, said a government source who would not be identified to speak freely on the matter.

"Gradually, they all will be disciplined," he added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has ordered prompt measures against the officials who would be found involved in anti-government activities.

The punitive measures include forced retirement and suspension.

Lately, an intelligence agency has submitted a report to the home ministry, identifying several hundred law enforcement officials who were given appointment and promotion on political consideration during the last BNP-Jamaat rule.

Most of those officials have not been cooperating with the government in its efforts to improve law and order, noted the report.

In another report, admin officials known as BNP-Jamaat beneficiaries have been identified as not working sincerely.

The primary information would be

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks after inaugurating the first session of two-day Bangladesh Development Forum 2010 in the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.

## Mohaiminul not involved in politics

Family refutes Shibir claim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Family members of Chittagong University student Mohaiminul Islam yesterday claimed that he is not involved in any political organisation and refuted Islami Chhatra Shibir's assertion that Mohaiminul is their activist.

Moinul Islam, elder brother of Mohaiminul, read out the statement at a press conference at Chittagong Press Club where his elder

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## RMP lists 54 Jamaat, Shibir men for arrest

33 more held in Rajshahi, Satkhira; 31 Shibir men held in city may face sedition charge

STAR REPORT

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) prepared a list of 54 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its associated organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir for their arrest in connection with the Rajshahi University violence that killed a worker of Bangladesh Chhatra League.

Meanwhile, police arrested at least 33 activists of Jamaat and Shibir from Rajshahi and Satkhira on Sunday night and yesterday during the ongoing drive, which began following the RU violence.

Police are also taking preparation to bring

sedition charges against 31 Shibir men who were arrested in Uttara in the capital on February 11.

RMP sources said the list was prepared Sunday night on the basis of information given by the Rajshahi city Jamaat Ameer Ataur Rahman and other Jamaat and Shibir activists, who were taken on a five-day remand on February 12, and the injured RU students.

The names of RU unit Shibir president Shamsul Alam Golap and general secretary Mobarok Hossain are included in the list, which

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## Maoists kill 17 Indian policemen

AFP, Kolkata

Suspected armed Maoist rebels riding motorcycles yesterday killed 17 policemen and injured dozens in a daring gun and bomb attack on a security camp in eastern India, police said.

It was the deadliest Maoist raid on security forces since October, when the left-wing guerrillas gunned down 17 policemen in western India, one of a series of assaults in an increasingly lethal insurgency.

The latest deadly rebel attack came amid a security

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## JAMUNA FUTURE PARK Rajuk preparing to knock down top 4 illegal floors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha in collaboration with a joint team of experts is preparing for the knock down of illegally built top four floors of Jamuna Future Park Shopping Complex in the city.

"We will go on action as soon as possible," Rajuk Chairman Md Nurul Huda told The Daily Star.

Rajuk has made a proposal to the labour ministry to form a joint team of experts and officials from the home ministry, army, fire brigade, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and the Power Development Board to look after the demolition procedure.

"We have proposed for the joint team to ensure safety as it is a

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## Stop saline water flow to farmland

HC asks govt to take steps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take effective measures to stop flow of saline water for shrimp cultivation in agricultural lands in four coastal districts.

The directive was issued as a writ petition sought it for saving farm lands from salinity and for protecting environment in the districts of Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Noakhali, and Chakaria

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## Liberation War books in high demand

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Amar Ekushey Boi Mela witnessed a good sale of books on the Liberation War with the arrival of new titles of famous writers including freedom fighters in the first 15 days of the fair.

A total of 42 new titles with stories of the Liberation War, biographies of noted freedom fighters, etc. delineate the freedom fighters' struggle at the battlefields.

A bookstall, Shudhui Mukijudhher Boi where only books on war of liberation are available drew most visitors' attention and had a good sale of books along with other stalls selling books of the war.

Publishers said parents are interested to buy books on war of liberation that can help their children know the real

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A girl returns from Amar Ekushey Book Fair yesterday. The painting on the back of her hand enthusiastically suggests the date -- February 21 -- language movement day.

PHOTO: SHAFIQUE ALAM

## BHAWAL NATIONAL PARK Govt re-imposes ban on setting up industries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to re-impose the ban on setting up industries and other structures on 2,500 acres of private land inside Bhawal National Park.

The decision came at a cabinet meeting yesterday, a day after The Daily Star ran a story headlined "Industries Inside Bhawal National Park- Green light to 300 units".

Briefing newsmen after the meeting, Abul Kalam Azad, press secretary to the prime minister, said environment clearances to all illegal industries in Bhawal National Park area would be cancelled, considering environmental aspects.

In September 2008, the caretaker administration decided to allow setting up industries and other structures on private land inside the park on environmental clearance from the government.

The decision was applicable to around 300 illegal industries already set up in the area, provided they did not contribute to environment pollution.

The national environment committee led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina first decided to go with the caretaker government's decision, and accordingly a gazette notification to that effect was issued on December 6 last year.

The environment and forest ministry had even been working to give environmental clearance to some more industries, said a ministry source.

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## ATTACK PLOT IN AUSTRALIA Bangladeshi descent jailed

AFP, Sydney

Five Muslims, including one of Bangladeshi descent, who plotted an attack using guns and explosives to protest

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## KILLING, LAND GRAB BID Six cops sued

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Six police officials including a deputy commissioner were sued yesterday for an attempt to kill the family members of a freedom fighter and grab their land in November last year.

The accused are DC of Wari Taufiq Mahmud Chowdhury, Officer-in-Charge of Sutrapur Police Station Abdul Hanif, Sub-Inspector Mohammad Kamal and Mohammad Nasir, Patrol SI Saiful Islam and Assistant SI Mohammad Kabir.

Enayet Hossain, son of Nannu Miah, 87, of Swamibagh in the city's Sutrapur, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, against the policemen.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abdullah Al Mamun took the charges into cognisance and fixed February 18 for an order on the case.

In his complaint, Enayet said Saiful with some others went to his residence around 8:15pm on November 25 last year and asked them to move out. After being refused, the policemen beat

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## Bus rams another, helper dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A person was killed and another injured as a bus ramed another from behind in the city's Mirpur area last night.

The dead, a driver's assistant, was identified as Firoz, 22, while the injured, Badal, 23, is a mechanic.

The accident occurred around 10:15pm when a Pallabi-bound bus of Bahan Paribahan hit a stationary bus of Dhaka City Super in front of City Corporation Market at

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## Now BCL, Jubo League clash over admission

15 hurt in Kushtia Govt College; local BCL chief held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

At least 15 persons were injured in a clash between Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jubo League activists in Kushtia yesterday.

The two groups were locked in a battle to control admission trade in Kushtia Government College only a day after the college authorities had been forced to stop its first year honours admission process for the second time on Sunday.

Kushtia sadar unit BCL President Abu Taiab

Badshah was arrested in the evening in connection with the clash, police said.

Campus sources said a band of Jubo League men led by Kushtia town unit general secretary Emam Hannan Biswas had been trying to enter the campus around 11:00am.

The members of college unit BCL obstructed the Jubo League activists at the main entrance to the institution triggering a fight.

The two groups started chasing one another using firearms, hand-made bombs, bamboo

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## OnlinePoll

Do you think the government made the right decision by providing clearance certificates to industries illegally set up inside the Bhawal National Park?

No (92.5%)  
 Yes (6.4%)  
 No Comments (1.1%)

Total votes: 1248

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