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AL lawmakers wary of crises

Govt may deploy army to manage water, shut fertiliser factories to save power

HASAN JAHD TUSHER

Senior Awami League leaders, who were left out of the party's central committee, yesterday urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to speed up efforts to resolve power, water and gas crises and other priority issues.

They also advised Hasina, also the AL president, to pay more attention to maintaining law and order.

The suggestions came after a meeting of the AL parliamentary board that primarily picked two candidates -- Maj (ret'd) Jashim Uddin and Nurunnabi Chowdhury -- for April 29 by-polls in Bhola-3 constituency.

AL leaders Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Kazi Zafarullah, Obaidul Quader, Syed Ashraful Islam and premier's adviser Dr Alauddin Ahmed were present at the meeting.

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Mosquito menace goes on

HELEMUL ALAM

Dhaka dwellers have no respite from the menace of mosquitoes because Dhaka City Corporation has failed to tackle the problem due to its inefficiency and the discontent in the workforce for not being paid.

An official from DCC said water covering an area of 5,142 bighas of land in the city must be cleaned on a regular basis during the mosquito season, which starts in October and continues until March or April, to prevent the water from becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

For most of the year the DCC has not had sufficient supplies of adulticide, which is

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First task to scan records

Says chief investigator of war crimes trial; tribunal members visit office

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

The investigation agency of International Crimes Tribunal will use all sorts of historical records, documents and literature available at home and abroad to try alleged war criminals of 1971.

After obtaining information and evidence about a person for filing a case in the tribunal, the investigators will start field investigation for more evidence.

"Our first task would be to go through all archived print and video materials at home and abroad," chief investigator of the seven-member investigation agency Abdul Matin said yesterday. It was his first working day at the tribunal's office.

"Although the war crimes were committed 39 years ago, I am

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Mojaheed warns of 'explosive situation'

STAR REPORT

Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed has warned the government of an "explosive situation" if his party leaders and workers are roped in on imaginary charges, reports UNB.

The warning came in the wake of wide speculations that Jamaat leaders would soon be brought to the dock on charge of war crimes.

Meanwhile, Jamaat leaders said the government move to try war criminals does not have "any legal base" as 195 identified war criminals were

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GULSHAN DOUBLE MURDER 'Killer' Rubel, 2 others held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rubel, the prime suspect in Wednesday's gruesome double murder of a couple in the capital, confessed to the killings yesterday to police, after his arrest from Jhalakathi in the pre-dawn hours.

Rubel's friend Mithun, who had been with him during the murders, and Rubel's brother-in-law Bappi were also arrested with him from Bappi's Gabkhan area residence in Jhalakathi district town.

Rubel shot dead Sadequr Rahman, 55, general secretary of Bangladesh Nursery Owners' Association, and his wife Romana

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Travel alert for war criminals

Confusion over Jamaat leader Kashem Ali's departure

HASAN JAHD TUSHER

The government has placed law enforcement and intelligence agencies on alert to prevent alleged war criminals from fleeing Bangladesh ahead of the upcoming war crimes trials.

The alert came as alleged war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mir Kashem Ali went to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday using Hazrat Sahjalal International Airport.

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Road links with Ctg snapped

AL leaders' demand for 'bribe' over accident leads to transport strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Movement of buses on different routes between Chittagong city and its southern districts including Cox's Bazar and Bandarban remained suspended since yesterday morning as transport workers and owners enforced an indefinite strike in protest against extortion.

Around 5,000 tourists, including foreigners, were stranded in Cox's Bazar following the strike.

Transport owners and workers under the banner of Chittagong Cox's Bazar Teknaf Paribahan Malik Sramik Shamonnay Parishad called the strike, sources said.

The Parishad leaders alleged that a leader of Awami League Cox's Bazar unit demanded Tk 5 lakh from the owners of Shah

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