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# BNP, Jamaat to rally together

Settle for joint movement against govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP and its key ally Jamaat-e-Islami have agreed to forge a joint movement against the government.

The decision came when top leaders of the two parties met at BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office last night.

The government move to try war criminals also came up for discussion at the meeting, which began at around 9:00pm, said meeting sources.

Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami led a nine-member delegation that included party stalwarts Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid,

Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, Delwar Hossain Saidee and Azharul Islam.

Khaleda was accompanied by BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Senior Joint Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, standing committee members RA Gani and Nazrul Islam Khan, among others.

Asked if they have discussed the trial of war criminals, Mojahid said, "We don't have any disagreement on any issue."

The meeting sources said Jamaat leaders raised the trial issue and stressed the need for joint efforts against the government move. They said Awami League has political intention

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These elderly parents lost their only son in the Old Dhaka fire Thursday night. Now they find no way that can put them on the road of healing. They wait in the burn out site yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

A car ploughs across knee-deep pool at the capital's Mouchak yesterday. The area was waterlogged after hour-long downpour.

# Downpour downs Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Roads at different parts of the capital went under ankle to knee-deep water for several hours due to heavy downpour yesterday, causing immense suffering to the city dwellers especially the homeless.

Commuters from low-lying areas were severely affected with water logging. They said the rainwater submerged many streets for hours creating an immense traffic gridlock.

The sufferings of the people became worse during and after the rainfall, as ongoing digging, potholes, and open manholes on both sides of the roads interrupted the vehicular movement.

The vagrants were found taking shelter at underpass, under the shed of high-rise buildings, shops, marketplaces, mosques, bus terminals and train stations.

Office goers, students and businessmen had to wait long in the queue for bus, while many rickshaw and CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers' charged double or triple fare from the passengers, the victims said.

On the other hand, the passengers of the public transports as well as personal vehicle riders also suffered a lot, being stuck in heavy traffic for hours.

Sohrab Ali, a commuter at Kallaynpur bus stand, said he had been waiting for an hour to get a vehicle to go to Dhaka Medical College Hospital but not getting any vehicle to get into.

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A four-storey building at the city's Nakhapara tilts to one side yesterday afternoon. The sudden leaning of the structure spread a wave of panic through the area as the memory of Tuesday night's building collapse at Begunbari is still fresh among the city dwellers.

PHOTO: STAR

# 2 more city buildings tilt

Owner of Begunbari building held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two buildings tilted and a 20-storey one rumoured to have developed cracks in three areas of the capital yesterday, adding to fears for repeat of such incidents in the last few days.

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# Drogba not out yet

Ivory Coast to wait on him till last minute

THE GUARDIAN

Didier Drogba, the Ivory Coast captain, underwent an emergency operation in an attempt to save his chances of participating in the World Cup after the Chelsea striker damaged his elbow in a friendly against Japan on Friday.

The Ivory Coast manager, SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

# 3 generations gone with fire

KAILASH SARKAR and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Mokbul Hossain, with his sick wife, a daughter and a grandson reached Dhaka from Noakhali for the treatment of his wife around 5:00pm Thursday.

His other daughter Sharmin and her husband Siddiq worked as cooks at a restaurant near Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Mokbul decided to stay with them since a good connection with hospital employees could get his wife better treatment.

With the visitors, seven people were in the rented tin-built house at Nimtoli that Thursday night. Fifty-year-old Mokbul Hossain, his wife Shahar Banu, 42, his daughter Ferdousi, 24, his grandson Sunny, 8, his other daughter Sharmin Begum, 20, son-in-law Siddiq, 25, and two-year-old grandson Fahim.

Thursday night's Nimtoli fire swept through three generations of this family. None of the seven survived.

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# Good gesture from banks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd has come forward with a big amount of money to help the families affected by Thursday's Nimtoli fire.

It has decided to give each family Tk 1 lakh for their

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June 6		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
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Source: Islamic Foundation

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