

**Try 1/11 plotters**

**Demands BNP**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders once again urged the government to try the main plotters of 1/11 changeover in 2007 on sedition charges.

Saying that the 1/11 changeover was a conspiracy against the country, the BNP leaders said they would try the main plotters including the advisers of that caretaker government on sedition charges.

The BNP leaders have been making the demand for the last two years saying that the past caretaker government was an illegal government and it was hatching conspiracy against the country.

They told a rally in the city's Muktangan yesterday afternoon.

The BNP leaders also alleged that the ruling party is trying to manipulate the municipal elections. They threatened to launch a tough movement if the elections were not held in a free and fair manner.

BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed urged the government to try that illegal caretaker government. If they don't try them then we will try them including the advisers of the caretaker government on sedition charges if BNP get chance, said Moudud.

The prime minister had said that she would publish a white paper about the misdeeds of that caretaker government but she did not do it, he said.

BNP Standing Committee Member Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said that caretaker government had arrested the present prime minister too and it had sent notice to all the airports imposing a bar to her entrance to the country saying that she is dangerous for the country.

BNP Vice Chairman Shah Moazzem Hossain presided over the rally was also addressed by BNP Standing Committee Member Mirza Abbas, Joint Secretary General Aman Ullah Aman. Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Farroque moderated the rally.

**Qulkhwani**

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Qulkhwani of Mahmuda Haque, wife of Alaul Haque and a retired teacher of Willes Little Flower School, will be held at her residence at 45/E Hafizabad Colony, New Eskaton Road in the city after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release.



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Dhaka City BNP holds a rally at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding fair elections to the municipalities.

**383 killed in workplace accidents last year**

UNB, Dhaka

Some 383 workers were killed in 270 workplace accidents across the country in 2010 showing a sharp rise in death toll compared to 265 during the previous year.

Safety and Rights Society, an NGO working for ensuring safety and rights of workers, yesterday revealed the figures, compiled from reports of 26 major dailies across the country.

Sekender Ali Mina, programme director of Safety and Rights, said the casualty figure is lower than the actual. It is likely that all the workplace deaths had not been reported by the daily newspapers.

The highest number of workers (152) was killed in factories and other manufacturing units followed by construction sites (142), service organisations like hotel, workshop, power supply organisations (63) and others (26).

Some 98 died in electrocution, 92 in fire, 51 in fall from high places like scaffolds, and 26 in suffocation from poisonous gas.

Some 116 of the workers died from vari-

ous reasons including boiler burst, chemical or gas explosions, earth, roof or wall collapse, hit by hard objects and entangling with machines.

The organisation observes that most of the electrocution deaths occurred when iron rods carried by construction workers came into contact with live electric wire passing near the under-construction buildings.

Workers fall victim to electrocution as they do not take safety measures -- wearing helmet, gloves, shoes etc -- during the work. The main reason why workers fell from high places was due to poorly made scaffolds (macha).

The organisation suggested proper monitoring of regulatory bodies including Rajuk, factory inspectorate to enforce relevant laws, separate health and safety policy for respective organisations, safety plan before construction work, providing proper PPE (personal protective equipment) free of cost, health and safety training and right technology for right person.

**Tk 38 lakh looted from Ctg factory**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Unidentified burglars stole around Tk 38 lakh in cash breaking open the vault of a textile factory office in Chittagong city early yesterday.

Police said the robbery took place somewhere on Monday night or in the wee hours of yesterday at Base Textile Ltd in Kalurghat Industrial area.

Assistant Manager (admin) of the factory, Uttam Das Gupta, said the officials had left locked all the rooms of the five-storey building around 8:00pm on Monday.

The cleaners found broken the doors of the record room where the vault was kept and the adjoining account room and the windowpanes of IT room on third floor yesterday morning, he said.

Officer-in-charge Omar Faruk of Chandgaon Police Station said the burglars entered the IT room breaking the windowpanes, and then the adjoining account section, and finally the record room.

Uttam said around one crore taka was withdrawn from a bank on Monday to pay the salaries of the staff. After paying some on that day, the rest of the money was kept at the vault, he added.

Shahadat Hossain, one of the three owners of the factory, claimed it was a premeditated burglary.

Amena Begum, deputy commissioner (DC) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) north zone, visited the spot.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Gendaria High School form a human chain in front of the institution in the city yesterday demanding arrest of the killers of Dipti Das, a class IV student of the school.

**PM to open 50MW army power plant tomorrow**

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate a 50MW rental power plant tomorrow, set up by the Bangladesh Army at its Pagla Camp in Narayanganj district.

DPA Power Generation International, a company floated by the Bangladesh Army, installed the plant under a government crash programme.

The government undertook the programme to resolve the nagging power crisis through setting up fast-track power plants by the private sector.

DPA Power Generation International is a joint initiative of the army-run Bangladesh Diesel Plant, Primordial Energy Ltd and Germany-based Aggretech AG.

The state-owned Power Development Board (PDB) last year signed a huge number of agreements with private sponsors to set up rental power plants having a total capacity of about 2000 MW.

But so far, only a few of them could come into operation while most remained under process of installation.

The Bangladesh Army's diesel-run plant came into operation on November 15 of last year, after signing a contract with the PDB in July 15.

However, the plant's commercial operation started on November 24 last year. Now, the prime minister will formally inaugurate the plant.

As per the contract, the PDB will purchase electricity from the plant for the next three years at a rate of Tk 13.96 per kilowatt hour (per unit).

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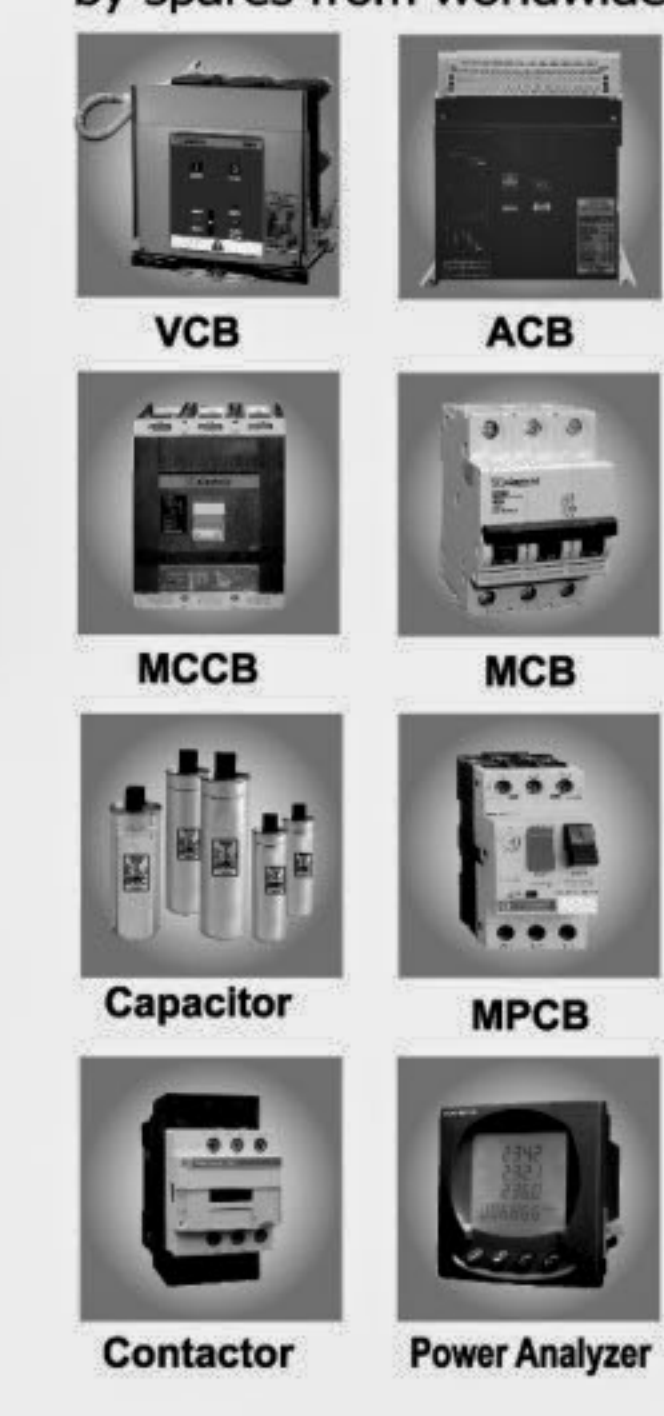
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