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# Faulty work blamed for wall collapse

4 engineers suspended; death toll in Ctg landslide rises to 17

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Chittagong

Faulty construction and lack of maintenance of the wall built by the Chittagong City Corporation to protect the Batali hill caused Friday's tragic death of 17 people living in the foothill shanties. "Just by looking at the wall, we can easily find some

faults in its construction," said Ehsane Elahi, convener of the five-member probe committee formed by the district administration.

There should have been strong angular concrete walls to protect the outer portion of the main protection wall but there has been nothing like that, said Elahi, also the additional deputy commissioner of Chittagong.

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Another risky settlement in the valley of Motijharna in Lalkhan Bazar in Chittagong. The landslide in Batali hill happened not far from here. This valley is no stranger to landslides. After each disaster in almost every year or two, victims resettle here as rehabilitation is something they have heard of, not experienced.

### TODAY'S HARTAL No BNP backing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has not lent support to today's half-day hartal as it is still in the dark about the content of the gas exploration deal with American energy company ConocoPhillips.

Acting Secretary General of BNP Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir told this at a press briefing at the party's central office in Nayapaltan yesterday.

Fakhrul however said BNP does not support any agreement that compromises country's interest.

Meanwhile, unidentified criminals set two buses afire in the city's East Shewrapara and Kalyanpur areas last

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## Amendment Says Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged that BNP opposed the 15th constitutional amendment as it wants to snatch away people's voting rights.

"BNP does not want people elect their own government. It has always

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## done to secure AL not fully happy

Syed Ashraf says ultimate goal is to restore '72 charter: agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League is not "fully satisfied" with · the 15th constitutional amendment passed on Thursday, its General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam said yesterday adding · that the ruling party's ultimate goal is to reinstate the 1972 constitution.

"We will say 'no' if anyone asks if we are fully satisfied with the constitutional amendment. If we can come to power SEE PAGE 19 COL 1 again, we will reinstate 72's constitution,"

he told a press briefing at the AL presi-: STAFF CORRESPONDENT dent's political office at Dhanmondi in the capital.

Ashraf said reinstating the 1972 consti- : alliance is set to announce tution might take 5, 10 or 15 years. ; simultaneous agitation However, he added, they have "total confi- : programmes including dence in the 15th amendment" and are ; hartal in protest against committed to protecting it at any cost.

Terming politics "an art of compromise · government system from and possibilities", he said due to some : the constitution. realities, a number of provisions that were:

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### BNP, allies to go for simultaneous

: The BNP-led opposition · scrapping of the caretaker

> The decision came at a SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

## Manmohan's ISI remarks erased from govt website

It was mistakenly posted, explains his media adviser

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Indian government has removed all references to Bangladesh in Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's observations that have sparked criticism both in Bangladesh and India.

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### Shab-e-Barat on July 17

Bss, Dhaka

Shab-e-Barat, the night of divine blessings for the Muslims, will be observed on the night of July 17. The decision was taken

by the National Moon Sighting Committee at a meeting yesterday.

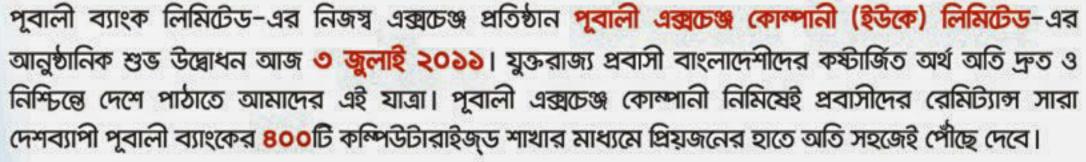
As the committee received no information of sighting of the new moon yesterday, it decided that Arabic

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