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Slum people of Mirpur stage a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding power, gas and water connections. Basti Unnayan Federation and Onnesan organised the event in support of the Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Monday violence was to save war criminals

Say organisations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday said Jamaat-e-Islami men "staged the Monday's violence" in the capital and elsewhere in the country to protect its top leaders from war crimes trial.

The organisations urged the country people to be united against this conspiracy by Jamaat and ensure peaceful completion of the party leaders' trial by the International Crimes Tribunal.

In separate statements, they also demanded stern action against the Jamaat men who went on rampage during the Monday protest demanding release of five senior leaders of the party.

Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and his four other top leaders have been behind bar on charges of committing crimes against humanity during the country's liberation war in 1971.

On Monday, hundreds of Jamaat leaders and activists rioted with police, vandalised vehicles, and torched them in Kakrail, Bijoy Nagar, and Paltan areas in the capital and in Chittagong, Barisal, and Kushtia during demonstration that exploded into

violence when police barred the protesters from holding rallies, processions, and other protest programmes.

Protesting the violence, several hundred leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, a pro-Awami League student body, brought out a procession and held a rally at Dhaka University demanding action against the Jamaat men involved. The BCL leaders alleged that the main opposition BNP backed Jamaat to carry out the rampage.

The student body also rallied at Jagannath University demanding punishment to the rioters.

Sammilito Samajik Andolan, Shamprodaiykota-Jongbad Birodhi Mancha, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, and Bangabandhu Adorsha Forum condemned and protested the violence through press statements.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) Chairman Andaliv Rahman and Secretary General Shamim Al Mamun in a press release protested "police action" on Jamaat men, saying police attacked Jamaat men when they tried to bring out peaceful procession in the city on Monday.

4 killed in N'ganj road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Four people, including a father and his son, were killed and seven others injured when a bus collided head-on with a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj yesterday morning.

The deceased--Badal Mia, 45, his son Hira Mia, 18, Sulota Biswas, 42, and

Sujon, 22,--were passengers of the auto-rickshaw.

Witnesses said a passenger bus of Komol Paribahan rammed the oncoming three-wheeler head-on around 8:00am at Sailo in the upazila, leaving Badal dead on the spot and 10 others seriously injured.

Hira and Sujon died after they were taken to Dhaka Medical College

Hospital while Sulota succumbed to her injuries at Khanpur 200-bed Hospital.

The injured passengers of both bus and auto-rickshaw were admitted to different local hospitals, said Quamrul Alam Mollah, officer-in-charge of Siddhirganj Police Station.

Police seized the bus but its driver and helper fled, he added.

Two commit suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife and a teenage female domestic help committed suicide at Pallabi and Rampura in the city yesterday.

Shahinur Begum, 20, wife of electrician Mohammad Shamim of Rupnagar area, hanged herself from a ceiling fan around 1:00pm in her residence.

She was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the on-duty doctor declared her dead, Shahinur's mother-in-law Jayeda Begum told reporters.

Police arrested Shamim from DMCH. Meanwhile, police recovered hanging body of a domestic help in city's Rampura area on Monday night.

Deceased Champa Akhter, 14, has been working in the residence of bank official Jahid Mahmood Khan of West Rampura for last two months.

Police said they recovered the body from the balcony after breaking open the door of her master's residence around 10:00pm.

Jahid and his wife who were outside the residence found the door locked from inside and called police.



National Debate Federation launches a 150km cycle marathon from in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday in memory of Mishuk Munier and Tareque Masud and to create awareness about road accidents.

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Pry terminal exams from Nov 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terminal examinations, 2011 of the primary level students under general and madrasa education would begin November 23 instead of the earlier fixed November 16.

The national steering committee on the examinations yesterday in a meeting decided to postpone the examinations by a week since it was coinciding with the Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations from November 1-21.

The meeting, held at primary and mass education ministry with its minister Afsarul Ameen in the chair, also decided that the examination results would be published in

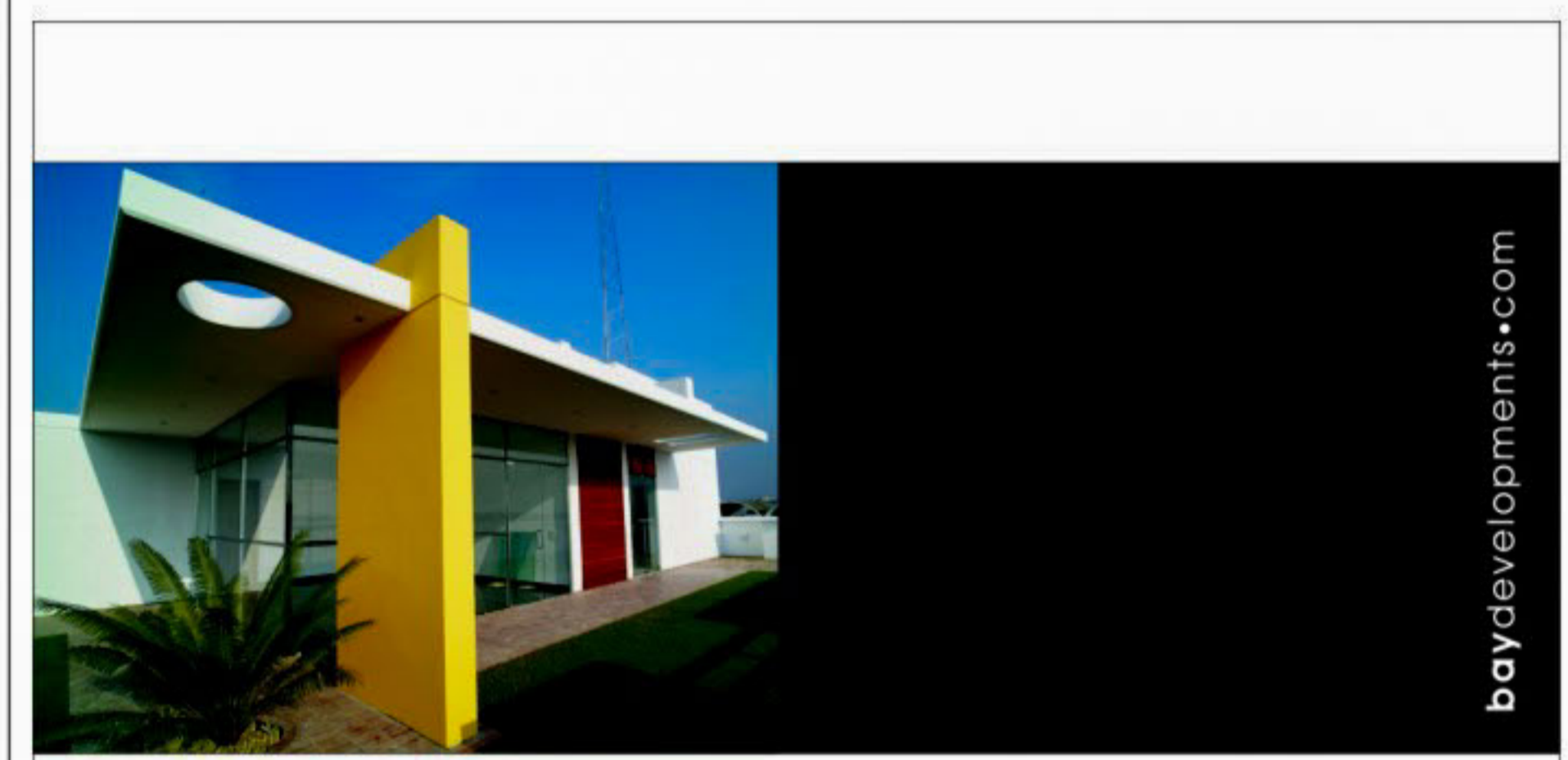
the grading system and that the students with physical challenges will get 15 minutes extra time during the examination.

Primary and Mass Education Secretary AKM Abdul Awal Majumder said manpower problems may arise at the examination centres if the examinations of primary terminal and JSC and JDC are held together.

He also said the students may face pressure on the transport scenario.

The meeting sources said the terminal examinations would be held everyday from 11:00am to 1:00pm till November 30.

More than 19 lakh general primary and madrasa students took part in the examination last year and around 17.91 lakh of them passed.



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INT'L DAY OF PEACE TODAY PM's call to uproot causes of conflicts

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has reiterated its unwavering commitment to the principles of peace, tolerance and harmony and its pledge to work for the promotion of peace and development around the world.

In a message on the eve of the International Day of Peace today, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the world has sadly witnessed the occurrences of wars and regional conflicts that led to war crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity since the inception of the United Nations (UN).

There are new threats to international peace and security emanating from acts of terrorism, abject poverty, food insecurity and climate vulnerability, she said.

The International Day of Peace reminds us of the necessity to make collective efforts to uproot all these causes of conflicts, instability and uncertainty, she added.

The PM said Bangladesh, as a nation, takes its inspiration from the ideal of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman 'friendship to all and malice towards none'.

Bangladesh remains committed to the principles of the UN Charter; and since its independence, has been contributing to the realization of these principles to promote global peace, she said.

"Our proactive participation in UN peacekeeping missions and our contribution in the development agenda of the UN specially speak for our unflinching commitment to a lasting global peace.

We firmly believe that peaceful settlement of all disputes can best be achieved under legitimate and universal mandate of the UN. Similarly, we also believe that peoples' aspirations for better standards of life can be materialized by our collective efforts to establish a fair and just global financial and economic architecture," the PM said.

"I also reaffirm our deep commitment to democracy, people's empowerment, human rights and justice all that foster global peace, progress and prosperity for our succeeding generations," she added.

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