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# Stop war crimes trial

*Demands BNP; asks world to put pressure on govt*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The main opposition BNP yesterday demanded that the government immediately stop the proceedings of the war crimes tribunal.

The party also called on the international community to raise objections to what it said was the tribunal's violation of human rights in an extra-judicial manner.

The world, it said, must put pressure on the government to fulfil the commitments Bangladesh had made through signing international

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Our correspondents Ashutosh Sarkar, Rizanuzzaman Laskar and Tuhin Shubhra Adhikary yesterday talked to a number of leading personalities:



**Ferdousi Priyabhashini**  
**Try anti-trial elements**

The people who are talking about pulling the plug on the war crimes trial should themselves be tried, said Ferdousi Priyabhashini, a victim

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**Dr Anisuzzaman**  
**No logic in the demand**

Dr Anisuzzaman, Professor Emeritus at Dhaka University, in his reaction noted that the BNP had never taken any initiative to try the war

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**Shahriar Kabir**  
**It's blatant disrespect**

The demand is a blatant demonstration of disrespect to the sovereignty of the country and its judicial system, said Shahriar Kabir, Executive President

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**Dr MA Hasan**  
**Resist BNP demands**

War Crimes Facts Finding Committee (WCFFC) Convener Dr MA Hasan has dubbed the BNP's latest demand as another of its efforts to protect the

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**Mizanur Rahman**  
**Accused getting more rights**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The International Crimes Tribunal in Bangladesh has been according more privileges to the country's war crimes accused than what tribunals in other countries have been giving to their accused in similar cases, National

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## FIRE PANIC AT RMG FACTORY

# 2 workers killed in stampede, 65 hurt

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Two female garment workers were trampled to death yesterday by their fellow workers while rushing down the pitch-black and narrow staircase of a garment factory in the city's Chankarpool area fearing a fire.

The incident also left at least 65 others injured, mostly women.

The deceased are Jasmin Akhter, 20, daughter of late Idris Ali of Shahidnagar in Lalbagh and Taslima Akhter,



A garment worker is holding the body of a deceased colleague. PHOTO: STAR

18, daughter of Aziz Hawlader of Keraniganj.

The injured were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Of them, 22 were released after given first aid, said DMCH doctor Mehedi Hasan.

Incensed, workers of Eurotex Ltd on Hosni Dalan Road later vandalised parts of the factory and staged demonstrations demanding the production manager be punished since he had allegedly asked the factory gate to be

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## BNP demands referendum on DCC split

*Dawn-to-dusk hartal in city today*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

BNP enforces a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the capital today in protest at the splitting of Dhaka City Corporation into two.

Party's acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru

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## WB funding Tipai project

*Manmohan asks to speed it up*

**PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi**

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday asked all ministries concerned to actively pursue the funding of Tipaimukh hydroelectric project.

Addressing a public rally in Imphal, capital of north-eastern Indian state of Manipur, Singh said the environmental clearance has been accorded to the proposed

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## Tipai will rather be good for us

*Says Gowher Rizvi*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Gowher Rizvi, foreign affairs adviser to the prime minister, yesterday

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|                      | 0900 - 1100  | 1100 - 1300   | 1400 - 1600                       | 1600 - 1800                  |
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| 5 December Monday    | Inauguration of the First Session of the Bangladesh Urban Forum and Opening of the Urban Exhibition (By invitation only) | Urbanization: The Engine of Growth  | Urban Land Tenure & Housing       | International Best Practices |
|                      |  | Education   | Transport                         | Mayors' Roundtable           |
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|                      | Environment and Climate Change   | Urban Governance in Bangladesh  | Water & Sanitation                | Youth in Urban Future        |
|                      |  | Urban Poor Assembly   | Culture & Heritage                | Planning & Research          |
| 7 December Wednesday | Urban Declaration & Closing Ceremony   | Women, Children & People with Disabilities                                |                                   |                              |
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