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# 4 killed as cops fire on BNP men

100 policemen among 450 injured countrywide; half-day hartal called in the towns today

STAR REPORT

Four persons died in Laxmipur and Chandpur towns yesterday when police fired on demonstrating BNP activists and supporters.

To protest the killings, local BNP units called for half-day hartals in Chandpur and Laxmipur towns for today.

More than 450 people, including 100 police, were injured yesterday when the law enforcers attempted to foil

prescheduled marches of opposition activists in different districts.

Condemning the police atrocities, BNP held the government responsible for the killings.

Addressing a media briefing at BNP central office in Naya Paltan of the capital in the afternoon, the party's acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir demanded exemplary punishment for the persons responsible for the killings.

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Several law enforcers charge truncheons on an opposition workers in Laxmipur town yesterday after BNP-Jamaat activists brought out a procession there. At least two people died in what the opposition parties called police excess.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## Govt used law enforcers in planned attack

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government used law enforcers to make planned attacks on opposition processions which resulted in the deaths of three opposition activists, claimed BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday.

He said the blood of his party men would not go in vain.

"The government, using the police

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## No ban imposed

BNP says cops gave nod to its rally in Dhaka today; tension flares up as city AL, Jubo League also prepare for rally, human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There will be no ban on rallies and processions in the capital today, but the situation remains tense as the ruling Awami League and the opposition BNP are set to press ahead with their programmes today.

While the BNP will bring out a mass procession led by its Chairperson Khaleda Zia, the AL will organise a rally and form a human chain.

After a meeting with high police offi-

cials, BNP leaders yesterday said they had got verbal permission for today's programme, arranged to mount pressure on the government for a restoration of the caretaker government system.

Anwar Hossain, deputy commissioner (Motijheel) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star last night that the opposition had been given permission on condition that its procession would be confined

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## AL sees an evil plot

Says 14-party to face it off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

General Secretary of the ruling Awami League Syed Ashrafur Islam yesterday said there is a plot to create political tension in the country, which the AL-led 14-party alliance will face with united efforts.

"We are very cautious. The alliance is determined to tackle any evil plot," he said without specifying the plotter.

Ashraf, also LGRD and Cooperatives Minister, was briefing the press after a meeting of the 14-party at AL President

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Riot police keep ready a water cannon truck on the road in front of the Jatiya Press Club for use in case of a deterioration in law and order yesterday afternoon amid a ban on rallies and processions in the city.

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The search committee, formed to recommend names for the posts of election commissioners, yesterday declared that political parties had

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## Rangpur MP sued for chaos in hospital

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A general diary and a case was filed against Jatiya Party lawmaker Hossain Mokbul Shahriar Asif yesterday in connection with the violence at Rangpur Medical College

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## Mugger killed in shooting

2 crime suspects beaten to death in separate incidents

STAR REPORT

An alleged snatcher was shot dead while his fleeing accomplices made their escape by firing shots and exploding bombs indiscriminately in the Old Dhaka locality of Moulvibazar yesterday.

Meanwhile, two suspected criminals were beaten to death yesterday in separate incidents in Nawabganj in Dhaka and Ataikhula in Pabna.

Locals in Moulvibazar took the bullet-hit alleged snatcher Babul, 30, and victims -- bullet-injured Shahidul Islam Shahid, 30, and bomb-injured Shamsul Islam alias Shamsu Mia, staff of Muslim Store in the area - to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Two hours after admission, Babul died at 2:10pm, said a hospital source, adding that the dying man could only

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## PM evaluating report cards of party MPs

Cautions colleagues that no nomination in next polls for failure

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been evaluating the performance of her party lawmakers on the basis of reports she has received from different agencies.

Hasina, chief of the Awami League, said this at a meeting of the AL parliamentary party yesterday, several ruling party lawmakers told The Daily Star after the meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Sounding a note of caution, Hasina said lawmakers who had failed to drum up public support for the government would not get party nominations at the next parliamentary polls.

The lawmakers said the prime minister

told them that she had already gone through 200 of 300 reports collected from as many parliamentary constituencies.

"After reading all the reports, she will hold group meetings with lawmakers to discuss the reports' findings," said an AL lawmaker who asked not to be named.

The lawmakers said each group would comprise 25 lawmakers.

"I am constantly monitoring the performance of party lawmakers. Three years have gone by.

There is still time for them to solve the problems in their constituencies," the AL lawmaker quoted Hasina as saying at the meeting.

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