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Still no trace of Ilias Ali

Lawmen make no fresh drive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcement agencies have apparently halted their drives to rescue missing BNP leader M Ilias Ali, restricting their activities only to interrogating suspects.

Intelligence chief of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) Lt Col Ziaul Ahsan told The Daily Star that they conducted no drive yesterday to locate Ilias Ali since it yields no result if

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Hartal again

BNP-led 18-party announces dawn-to-dusk shutdowns for today, tomorrow as deadline for govt to rescue Ilias ends without result

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party alliance has called back-to-back shutdowns for today and tomorrow for the government's "failure to return" missing BNP leader M Ilias Ali by the opposition-set deadline.

Acting BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir announced the dawn-to-dusk hartal at a press conference in the party's Nayapaltan office in the

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capital yesterday.

"The government has failed to produce Ilias before the nation by our chairperson's four-day deadline. Such forced disappearance is nothing but a crime against humanity," he said.

He also threatened to go for tougher programmes if the government fails to make any progress in tracing Ilias and his driver Ansar Ali by Monday.

Fakhrul, however, hinted that the

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Pre-hartal violence in capital

4 vehicles torched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four vehicles were torched in different parts of the capital yesterday on the eve of two back-to-back shutdowns called by the BNP-led 18-party alliance protesting the disappearance of former lawmaker M Ilias Ali.

Police said a group of four to five youths set fire to a bus of Gazipur-Azimpur route after pouring petrol on it at New Market intersection yesterday around 4:00pm.

AKM Azizul Haque, officer-in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station, told The Daily Star, the

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A student, one of those hurt in an attack by Chhatra League activists at Jahangirnagar University, is being taken to hospital yesterday. More on page 19.

PHOTO: COURTESY

VIOLENCE AT JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY 15 hurt in BCL attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League men at Jahangirnagar University yesterday beat up at least 15 cultural activists for protesting the pro-government student body's

vandalism at a demonstration by teachers the day before.

Late at night, a group of BCL men hurled brickbats at the teachers holding a sit-in outside the vice-chancellor's

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A microbus set ablaze in the capital's Fakirapool area around 7:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Fire kills 5 of a family in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Five members of a family were killed as a devastating fire broke out at a house in Bhanga upazila of Faridpur early yesterday.

Police identified the victims as Abdur Rashid Bhuiyan, 80, his grandchildren Shahin Bhuiyan, 17, and Fiha, 3, and two relatives Golam Mohiuddin alias Sumon, 16, and Tohura, 11.

Dadan Fakir, officer-in-charge of Bhanga Police Station, told The Daily Star that the fire originated at Rashid's house at Khakanda Nazirpur village around 12:30am. All of the deceased were asleep, he said.

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CIVIC RECEPTION Hasina warns against attack on democracy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged all to be cautious so that none can play games with people's fate and democratic rights.

Stating that repeated

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RAILWAYGATE SCAM

No headway in probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty days into the railwaygate scandal, none of the three committees probing the haul of Tk 70 lakh has visited the BGB headquarters in Pilkhana -- the spot of the incident.

Besides, no serious effort appeared to have been made

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Deepto Monghlapara...

More than 3,000 people in four remote villages of Bandarban and Khagrachari districts in Chittagong Hill Tracts now have their first access to electricity at home with 'Deepto'. 'Deepto' is the new CSR initiative of BAT Bangladesh providing solar home systems in remote off-grid areas, free of cost, to complement Government's efforts in the renewable energy sector. 'Deepto' will continue its journey to kindle the light of hope in more remote villages like Lama's Monghlapara.



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