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Jamaat attacks BGB vehicle

70 hurt in clash with cops in different districts

STAR REPORT

At least 70 people including policemen and journalists were injured as activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir clashed with law enforcers in five districts yesterday.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports that Amjad Hossain, a sepoy of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), sustained injuries when Jamaat-Shibir men attacked their vehicle.

Around 200 Jamaat-Shibir activists held a rally at Mohananda Bus Stand around 3:45pm. Suddenly a group strayed from the rally and vandalised the passing van of 9 BGB Battalion, injuring its driver, said Golam Mortuza, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station.

They also vandalised a pick-up van at the same time. In Khulna, at least 15 people including a policeman were injured. The Jamaat-Shibir activists hurled five cocktails on the policemen who retaliated by firing rubber bullets and teargas shells, reports our Khulna correspondent.

The clash sparked around 10:00am when over a hundred Jamaat-Shibir men brought out a procession in

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A policeman lies motionless on a road in Narayanganj yesterday after an attack by Jamaat-Shibir activists, but this young man continues to beat him up with a large stick.

PHOTO: COURTESY

AL wary of rebels

HASAN JAHIID TUSHER

The ruling Awami League high command is concerned about potential rebel candidates in the next parliamentary election.

Insiders say rebel aspirants in around 100 constituencies in the next polls might be a bigger threat for the party than the candidates of main opposition BNP.

Keeping this in mind,

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AL for 2-term ban on rebel MP aspirants

Asks EC to amend RPO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Joining the electoral talks with the Election Commission, the ruling Awami League yesterday proposed introducing a legal provision to punish parties' rebel candidates contesting parliamentary polls as independent contenders.

If a leader is expelled from a party for contesting parliamentary elections ignoring the party's decision, s/he should be

declared disqualified from contesting two consecutive parliamentary polls from the day of expulsion, the AL proposed.

Head of the 13-member AL delegation at the talks Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, also deputy leader of parliament, placed her party's proposal and urged the EC to take steps for necessary amendments to the Representation of the People Order to this effect.

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Arson in Rangpur during clash

300 shanties gutted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire gutted around 300 shanties at the camp of stranded Pakistanis in Robertsonganj area of Rangpur town during a clash between some youths of the camp and locals yesterday.

Quoting locals police said some youths of the camp had beaten up a tea

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL Pak army killed 370 at Pallabi

Says defence witness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A defence witness yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Pakistani army had killed at least 360-370 people at their village in Pallabi of Dhaka during the Liberation War.

"The Biharis looted our houses after the Pakistani army left [Alubdi village] around 2:00pm. No civilians collaborated with the Pakistani army in the killings," said Altab Uddin Mollah, fifth defence witness in the case.

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Azad, his men raped 2 sisters

Brother-in-law of victims alleges at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Abul Kalam Azad and his cohorts raped his two sisters-in-law at their home in Faridpur during the Liberation War.

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Workers with no safety gear repaint a footbridge over Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Farmgate yesterday in a tight space as the platform leaves room for double-decker buses to pass underneath. It is baffling why this job was not done at night when traffic is low closing a lane of the thoroughfare.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

METRO RAIL, BUS RAPID TRANSIT Loan negotiations start next week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will start loan negotiations with donors next week for the metro rail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects.

Funding for construction of three new bridges along the Kanchpur, Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges will also be finalised this month, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

He was briefing newsmen at his ministry about its activities during his one-year tenure as communications minister.

"Negotiations for Jica's credit line will open on Sunday. We are looking to sign a draft loan agreement with the donor by this month," said Quader.

The cost for the country's first-ever metro rail project has been estimated at \$2.7 billion. Of the amount, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) will provide \$2.1 billion. The financier has recently approved \$133 million for the current fiscal year.

The metro will run between Uttara 3rd phase and Motijheel in the city. The minister hoped the construction work of the project would

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Traumatised Tahera grabs her husband's leg while waiting to get her wage.

Past, present wiped out

TAWFIQUE ALI

It has been over 10 days but Tahera is still frantically attempting to flee the infernal horrors of the Tazreen fire.

"She worriedly clutches on to my sleeves and trousers, hides her head and wants to flee," said her husband,

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for BNP to extend its moral support to Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami's hartal?

Yes (52%)
No (45%)
No Comments! (3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 671

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Transparency International's annual corruption perceptions index (CPI) report that corruption is still remain at the same level in Bangladesh?

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Voyager-1 set to exit solar system

REUTERS, San Francisco

Nasa's long-lived Voyager-1 spacecraft, which is heading out of the solar system, has reached a "magnetic highway" leading to interstellar space.

It will be the first manmade object to leave the solar system.

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Voyager-1 is set to become the first manmade object to leave the solar system. PHOTO: NASA

HC OBSERVATION Stop parading detainees before media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law enforcers' placing detainees before the media and making them speak should be stopped, observed a High Court bench yesterday.

Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, senior judge of a

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PRAYER TIMING		December 6
Azan		Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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