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BNP for hard game

Inspires itself with results of confrontational politics in the past

SHIAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

The main opposition BNP believes its street agitation for a non-partisan polls-time government is now gaining momentum and the party should keep stepping up the movement until the demand is met.

Buoyed up by what it claims were successful demonstrations, the opposition may enforce more hartals, road blockades and other programmes in the coming days like the Awami League-led opposition parties did twice in the past on the same issue, a number of senior BNP leaders told The Daily Star on Monday.

The leaders think the grassroots will overcome internal feuds and organisational weakness by surviving attacks from the police and ruling party men during the street agitation ahead.

The role played by Jamaat-e-Islami men would contribute largely to intensifying the movement as

they have proved their strength by independently enforcing a countrywide hartal on December 4 and also by turning out in strength during the latest blockade, added the BNP leaders.

"We will go for all sorts of agitation to compel the government to press home our demand. More hartals and road blockades will be enforced. Even waterways and railways will be blocked," said BNP leader MK Anwar.

The opposition parties, he continued, would no more be confined to enforcing "soft" programmes.

Tuesday's hartal, a day after the countrywide road blockade, is a clear indication that the opposition has stepped up gear in its movement for caretaker government system.

On the role of Jamaat, Anwar, also a BNP standing committee member, said, "Jamaat will put its entire strength to ensure the agitation programmes

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Pandit Ravi Shankar passes away

STAR REPORT

Indian iconic sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar, who led worldwide spread of Indian music, died early yesterday in San Diego of United States.

He was 92.

Shankar, who was unwell for the last several years, underwent a surgery on December 7 at the Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, California where he breathed his last.

The composer was admitted to the hospital last week following complaints of breathlessness.

"It is with heavy hearts we write to

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The Sitar falls silent

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

With him goes a coruscating era in Hindustani classical music. For Pandit Ravi Shankar embodied an entire genre of melody, one that he not only recommended to the world outside India but also worked assiduously in giving it the

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Hartal from 6am to 2pm today

BNP, allies ask people to make it a success

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance is enforcing an eight-hour countrywide hartal from 6:00am today protesting against the arrest of BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and demanding restoration of the caretaker government system.

The BNP and its allies yesterday staged demonstrations in all municipalities, upazilas, and districts across the country

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Please, find alternative

Hit by hartal, top business body urges opposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) yesterday urged the BNP-led alliance to withdraw the eight-hour hartal called for today and proposed holding dialogues to resolve political issues.

"Please find alternatives (to hartal) to carry out your political movement. Do not call hartal for any more days. It hurts us, our businesses and the economy as a whole,"

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WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

Justice Kabir new chief

BNP-Jamaat backed lawyers demand trial afresh at ICT-1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice ATM Fazle Kabir is likely to return to International Crimes Tribunal-1, this time as its chairman, while Justice Obaidul Hassan is to lead Tribunal-2 where Justice Md Mojibur Rahman Miah could join.

Following the resignation of Tribunal-1 chief Justice Nizamul Huq, the government

has recommended the changes in the two tribunals and appointment of Justice Mojibur to Tribunal-2 to the president.

Justice Mojibur is a judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court.

The government asked Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain for a judge's name for appointment to the tribunal and the chief justice suggested Justice Mojibur.

The law ministry sent the proposals to President Zillur Rahman via the Prime Minister's Office. All the procedures are expected to be complete by today.

State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam told The Daily Star that Justice Fazle Kabir had been recommended for the chairman post at Tribunal-1.

Justice Kabir was a member

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Ijtema begins on Jan 11

Second phase a week later

UNB, Dhaka

The Biswa Ijtema, one of the largest congregations of Muslims, will be held in two phases this year also, said Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir yesterday.

The first phase of the Ijtema will be held on January 11-13 while the second phase on January 18-20 on the bank of Turag

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BISHWAJIT MURDER



3 culprits expelled

Jagannath cancels certificate of 2 others; MKA says BCL men not involved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jagannath University (JnU) authorities yesterday expelled three students and cancelled certificates of two others for their involvement in the murder of Bishwajit Das during the opposition's roadblock on Sunday.

The action was taken based on

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3 OTHER MURDERERS

RASHIDUL HASAN

Through interviewing eyewitnesses, The Daily Star has learnt the identities of three more Chhatra League activists who were involved in the killing of Bishwajit Das.

Earlier on Tuesday, this paper published a story headlined "Of The Murderers," identifying

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SHAON

A fourth-year student of history, Rasheduzzaman Shaon is a cadre of the university's BCL unit, according to his classmates and peers.

"He is one of the Chhatra League assailants who took part in the killing of Bishwajit," an eyewitness told The Daily Star.

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RINTU

A fourth-year student of English, Rintu directly took part in the brutal murder. Photographs show Rintu indiscriminately beating Bishwajit with a stick.

He belongs to the faction led by FM Shariful Islam, president of BCL's campus unit, said his friends and classmates.

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UZZAL

Mohammad Uzzal is a fourth-year student of social science at JnU and is involved in extortion and other criminal activities with blessings of Sirajul Islam, university sources said.

Photographs of the gruesome murder show that Uzzal,

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The list of 2030 recipients of the Dutch-Bangla Bank Tk. 102 crore Annual Scholarship Programme who passed H.S.C./Equivalent Examination in 2012 will be published in the following newspaper and website:

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