

Hartal from 6am to 2pm today

FROM PAGE 1 and urged people to make today's hartal a success. The main opposition also warned the ruling party leaders of "public curfew", and said it should not be long when the ministers would not be able to go outside their homes.

Several homemade bombs also went off in Dhaka last night. Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir has meanwhile vowed to resist the shutdown.

pro-hartal activists yesterday around 4:30pm, reports our correspondent. Police charged batons, lobbed teargas canisters and fired rubber bullets to disperse the activists.

cleaners of Dhaka City Corporation are reluctant to work during hartal hours fearing attack and assault by the pro-hartal activists.

violence," said Tariqul Islam, also a senior member of the BNP standing committee. He said, "Hanif was a shrimp trader and the vice president of Bheramara upazila Awami League.

Gonoparishad at her Gulshan office said, "This government has failed and is incompetent. The country will be destroyed if we fail to oust the government from power."

Water crisis

FROM PAGE 20 Khan, managing director of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa), told a press conference at Wasa Bhawan yesterday.

percent by 2021. To achieve the target, construction of three more water treatment plants is underway. The plants are Padma-Jasholdi treatment plant with a capacity of 45 crore litre, Sayedabad phase-III treatment plant with a capacity of 45 crore litre and Khilkhet water treatment plant with a capacity of 50 crore litre per day.

IAEA to visit Iran today

AFP, Vienna The UN atomic agency's chief inspector said he hopes Iran will grant his team access to the Parchin military base during talks in Tehran today.

Pay more, ensure workplace safety

FROM PAGE 20 Conference Centre in the capital. Garment workers are poorly paid, earning as low as \$37 a month, though they helped bring home \$19 billion in apparel exports last year, about 80 percent of Bangladesh's total earning from overseas markets.

We should not miss the opportunity," she said. The prime minister also talked about sabotage -- a matter she recently raised after the blaze that killed at least 112 people, mostly workers, at Tazreen Fashions last month.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraful Islam sharply criticised US Ambassador Dan W Mozena for pushing Bangladesh to allow trade unions in RMG factories.

FROM PAGE 20 offices of the Council on Foreign Relations. "This is not a price discussion," Duke said. "This is just a case if a factory is not going to operate with high standards then we will not purchase from that factory, and there's no discussion about price," Duke said.

not authorised to make its clothes and fired a supplier that was using it. In a wide-ranging conversation that covered everything from wages paid to workers in US stores to questions about the retailer's e-commerce, Duke said his company faces high expectations from the public because of its size.

began investigating possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act at Wal-Mart's Mexico unit. Meanwhile, at home, union-backed protesters demanding better pay and benefits have picketed the company's US stores.

possible violations. The retailer has seen its stock surpass \$70 this year for the first time ever after sales improved in the US, its largest market. Duke and Bill Simon, head of Wal-Mart US, have changed course by returning thousands of items to stores that had been removed and invested in cutting prices to reinforce its slogan of "Save Money. Live Better."

and Dollar Tree Inc. (DLTR) have attracted some of those customers with smaller-format stores that allow for quicker trips and by adding food items. Asked about his regrets, Duke said he wished the company had been more aggressive in e-commerce, where it has faced increasing competition from online retailers such as Amazon.com Inc.

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