

## 10 Shibir men held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested 10 leaders and activists of Jamaat backed Islami Chhatra Shibir in the capital's Jatrabari as they were holding a secret meeting "to plan subversive activities during upcoming agitations and hartals of the party".

Rab also recovered huge organisational documents, leaflets and jihadi books from their residences in Sutrapur as per the information revealed by the arrestees, said Lt Col Md Imran Ibne A Rouf, director of Rab-10, at a press briefing.

The arrestees include Md Abdul Hamid, 22, president of Sutrapur unit of Shibir, Md Shafiul Alam, 24, the unit's former president, he added.

A team from Rab-10, led by ASP Abdullah Hadi, nabbed the Shibir men around 10:00pm Friday from a community centre where they went to participate in a marriage ceremony of an acquaintance of Hamid, the official said.

## INDO-BANGLA RELATIONS

# Historic opportunity missed

Say senior journalists of the two countries

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Journalists from Bangladesh and India yesterday said a new era had been created in the relations between the two countries with the visit of Sheikh Hasina to India in 2010, but it turned into a missed opportunity.

They said Sheikh Hasina had taken a political risk during the visit, which had created a historic opportunity, but it was not properly utilised.

Terming it as "history of a missed opportunity", the Indian journalists frankly admitted that the Indian side had failed to understand the problems in Bangladesh despite having like-minded governments in both countries.

They further recognised that a peaceful and stable situation had been prevailing in north-eastern India because of the Hasina administration's cooperation.

Journalists of the two countries spoke at a dialogue, "Role of media in strengthening relations between Bangladesh and India", at a hotel in Dhaka, organised by Dhaka chapter of "Friends of Bangladesh".

Senior journalists of both countries said Sheikh Hasina took a high risk and responded to India's main concern of security, transit, border management but India failed to reciprocate, as it had yet not solved pending issues with Bangladesh.



Editor of Samakal Golam Sarwar speaks at a dialogue on "Role of media in strengthening relations between Bangladesh and India" at a hotel in the capital yesterday. Seen on his left are senior journalist Abed Khan, CEO of Boishakhi TV Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, and Indian filmmaker Goutam Ghosh. Friends of Bangladesh, Dhaka chapter organised the programme.

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## Jubo League activist hacked to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An activist of Jubo League was hacked to death and two others were injured critically allegedly by his rivals at Chowdhury Haat of Noapara in Raozan upazila of Chittagong last night.

The deceased was Mobarak Hossain, 40, while the injured are Jasim and Sekander.

Police said the rivals attacked local Jubo League activist Mobarak and his associates with sharp weapons while they were sitting in a shop in the area at about 8:00pm.

Mobarak was killed on the spot, said Tutan Majumder, sub-inspector of Noapara Police Outpost.

The injured were admitted to a private clinic in the area, said AFM Nazim Uddin, assistant superintendent of police in Chittagong (Hathazari circle).

## CCC ward councillor sued for making explosives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A case was filed yesterday against a pro-Jamaat Chittagong City Corporation ward councillor and a Jamaat activist on charge of making explosives, said police.

The accused are Mahfuzul Alam Chowdhury, councillor of ward no-13; and Manik alias Sada Manik, 33.

Manik was arrested on Friday night at a clinic.

Khulshi police Sub-inspector Kawsar Alam Bhuiyan said Jamaat man Manik was injured when a crude bomb exploded while he was making it at a house in Railway XEN Colony in the city's Khulshi area Friday night.

Manik confessed that Mahfuzul provided bomb making materials to them, said Kawsar.

Police seized explosives, a live bomb and gun powder from the house, he added.

## Consensus with AL over next polls unlikely: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP deems it unlikely that it will reach a consensus with the ruling party over the next parliamentary elections, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

"From the statements of the prime minister and other ruling party leaders, it seems that there is no chance of a mutual understanding taking place between the Awami League and the BNP over the election," he said.

The BNP spokesperson said if the two blocs failed to reach a consensus, the country would face anarchy, and the ruling party would be blamed for it.

Talking to reporters after a meeting with party joint secretaries general and organising secretaries at party's Nayapaltan office, he urged the government to shun the path of

conflicts by restoring the caretaker government system for holding the upcoming general election.

He said the country's future would be uncertain after October 25. "The prime minister has said the ninth parliament will be dissolved by October 25, and according to the constitution experts, there are no instructions in the constitution for doing so." It would create a constitutional crisis, he added.

Asked about the party's next course of action, the BNP leader said it would be decided in meetings of BNP's standing committee and the members of the 18-party opposition alliance.

The meeting sources told The Daily Star that the party leaders told Fakhrul to launch the final stage of the movement to oust the government, and Fakhrul replied that he would inform it to the party standing committee.

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Chief Nursing Officer of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka Ranjana R Williams, second from left, General Manager-Business Development Dr Shagufa Anwar, third from left, Director-Strategy Execution Ranjan De Silva, forth from left, Senior Consultant-Apollo Diabetes Clinic Dr Abdul Mannan Sarker, second from right, Senior Consultant-Apollo Heart Centre Dr Tamzeed Ahmed, first from right, with others at the inaugural ceremony of Apollo One Stop Diabetes Clinic at the hospital in the capital yesterday.

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## Road crashes kill ten

CITY DESK

Ten people were killed and 58 others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Friday.

Our Khulna correspondent reports, four people were killed and 20 others injured when a Khulna-bound bus carrying them skidded off the road at Chachibunia intersection in Batiaghata upazila yesterday.

Three of the deceased were identified as Abdul Zilil, Chand Mia Akon, 65, and his wife Emily Begum, 55. The injured were sent to Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Our Kushtia correspondent adds, two persons died after a bus rammed their motorbike from behind at Bheramara in Kushtia yesterday.

The victims were Akash Hossain, 26, and Sawon Ali, 20.

A Comilla correspondent reports, Jewel Ahmed, 28, died after a bus hit his motor-

bike at Doulotpur in Daudkandi upazila yesterday.

Our Pabna correspondent adds, two persons were killed and eight others injured when two motorised human haulers collided head-on near Kazirhat Ferry Ghat area in Bera on Friday.

The dead were Yousuf Ali, 50, and his wife Jahanara Begum Buli, 42, of Sariatpur. Four of the injured were admitted to Bera upazila health complex.

Our Jhenidah correspondent adds, 30 passengers were injured when a bus fell into a canal at Pathra in Moheshpur upazila yesterday.

Locals rushed the injured to Moheshpur Upazila Health Complex and Bhairaba Health Sub Centre.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent reports, Sudhon Mia, 75, died after a motorbike hit him at Thollakandi in Bariakandi of Nabinagar upazila yesterday.

## World Vision sponsored students do well in HSC exam

CITY DESK

More than 1,000 underprivileged students under the education programme of World Vision Bangladesh, an organisation dedicated to ensure children's well-being, have obtained outstanding results in this year's HSC examination.

Among the 1,235 college graduates of 30 districts, 65 have secured A+ while 578 obtained A or A-. The pass rate of 81 percent is higher than the national average rate of 74 percent, said a press release.