



Left, Ekattor TV Senior Newsroom Editor Zakaria Biplob being treated in United Hospital of the capital for wounded legs. He came under a bomb attack near his office around 6:40pm last evening by unidentified men. **Right,** the inside of a burnt bus in Farmgate which was set afire by miscreants around noon yesterday.



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Bomb blasts rock capital

Targets include houses of SC judge, law minister, environment minister and CEC, offices of police commissioner, and Ekattor TV; countrywide violence leaves at least one dead, 116 hurt and 71 arrested

STAR REPORT

Scores of crude bombs exploded in at least 50 places including the houses of a Supreme Court judge, law minister, environment minister and chief election commissioner, and the offices of a police high-up, a police station, and Ekattor TV in the capital yesterday.

An Ekattor TV journalist and a videographer were injured in one blast, while an unexploded cocktail was located near the office building of Desh TV and Bhorer Kagoj.

On the eve of hartal, opposition activists torched and vandalised dozens of vehicles and clashed with police across Dhaka city and the country, which left at least one person killed, 116 wounded, and 71 arrested, according to witnesses and police.

A garment worker, Nasima Begum, 20, is fighting for life in Dhaka Medical College Hospital with 43 percent burns to her body after a bus full of passengers was torched in Dhaka Uddyan Lohar Gate area around

7:20pm. At least five others suffered burns.

Meanwhile, yesterday was the second consecutive day that miscreants were targeting high profile government officials, politicians and police with bombs.

On Friday, two cocktails went off at the Zigatola residence of minister without portfolio Suranjit Sengupta followed by three successive blasts in front of the Dhanmondi residence of Dhaka district BNP President Abdul Mannan.

The Kakrail office of Ashrafuzzaman, deputy commissioner (Motijheel zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, was hit by the bombs first around 9:30am yesterday.

"A cocktail exploded on the wall of my office," said Ashrafuzzaman. Several persons were arrested in this connection.

The attacks came a day after anonymous callers issued threats to kill several police officials and their family members.

The Dhanmondi house of Environment and Forest Minister Hasan Mahmud was

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Govt repressing opposition while talking of dialogue: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The opposition BNP yesterday alleged that the government was "misleading" the people by speaking of dialogue while repressing their leaders and activists.

Addressing the media at BNP's Naya Paltan central office in the capital, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said eight opposition leaders and activists were killed in the firings by police, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and the ruling party hooligans in Cox's Bazar, Chandpur, Nilphamari and Satkhira on Friday.

In addition, he claimed, over 650 leaders and activists of the 18-party alliance were injured and 575 arrested. He, however, did not give the details

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Mozena discusses Bangladesh with Indian diplomats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Amidst the government-opposition face-off over the upcoming parliamentary election in Bangladesh, US Ambassador in Dhaka Dan Mozena has held a series of meetings with top Indian foreign ministry officials discussing the emerging situation in that country.

Mozena met Indian Foreign Secretary Sujatha Singh and other senior officials in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi Friday.

One thing that clearly came out of Mozena's consultations is that India and the US are on the same page as far as establishing peace and political stability in Bangladesh and the need for free, fair and inclusive elections, sources said here yesterday.

Both New Delhi and Washington agreed that the situation should be created for participation of all parties in the polls.

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POLL-TIME GOVT

Hasina, Khaleda can negotiate solution

Says Akbar Ali Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former adviser to a caretaker government Akbar Ali Khan yesterday said the interim government formulas of both Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had some problems but it was possible to negotiate a solution through dialogue on those.

Referring to Hasina's proposal of an all-party government where the cabinet will comprise leaders of all parties, he suggested giving "veto rights" to every member of that "all-party government".

On the other hand, Khan criticised the opposition for coming up with a proposal at the eleventh hour of the government, when, he said, finding a neutral person was very difficult.

Hasina disclosed her proposal on October 18, but shied away from the issue on who would head that all-party government.

Khaleda's formula came three days later, on October 21, where she sought a non-partisan person as head of the poll-time administration, which will comprise advisers from the two previous caretaker governments.

Addressing a dialogue of Nagorik Oikya at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital, Khan warned that if the two parties failed to resolve the crisis, the country might slip into the hands of "miscreants".

ASM Abdur Rab, president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rab), said, "One day has already gone from the election time but we were yet to find a solution."

M Hafiz Uddin Khan, another former adviser to a caretaker government, criticised both the parties, saying they had no basic differences. He urged all to reform the political system.

Mahmudur Rahman Manna, convener of Nagorik Oikya, said there was no alternative to building a third political force. He urged the civic society to participate in forming the force.

Opposition leader gone crazy for power

Says Shajahan Khan; slams journo for report on his foreign trips

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan yesterday said the opposition leader had gone "crazy" for power and accused her of "choosing terrorism" in the name of establishing democracy.

He also criticised her for coming up with a poll-time government formula without counting the number of advisers in the two previous caretaker governments.

Shajahan Khan was addressing the commissioning ceremony for a mobile scanner vehicle and two container carriers recently purchased for Chittagong Port at Port Training Institute.

Referring to the Jugantor newspaper, the minister accused a journalist of the daily of writing a "false" report about his visits to different ports abroad.

The report published on August 24, 2011 says the minister wasted crores of taka of Chittagong Port by making 14 foreign trips

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AVOIDING POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Selima says it depends on govt, Matia for complying with constitution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Vice Chairman Selima Rahman yesterday said avoiding possibilities of political violence was up to the government while Awami League Presidium Member Matia Chowdhury said such possibilities can be avoided through compliance with the constitution.

The statements came at the 44th episode of BBC Bangladesh Sanglap in the capital's Biam auditorium in reply to questions over whether political violence had become inevitable as a result of disagreement

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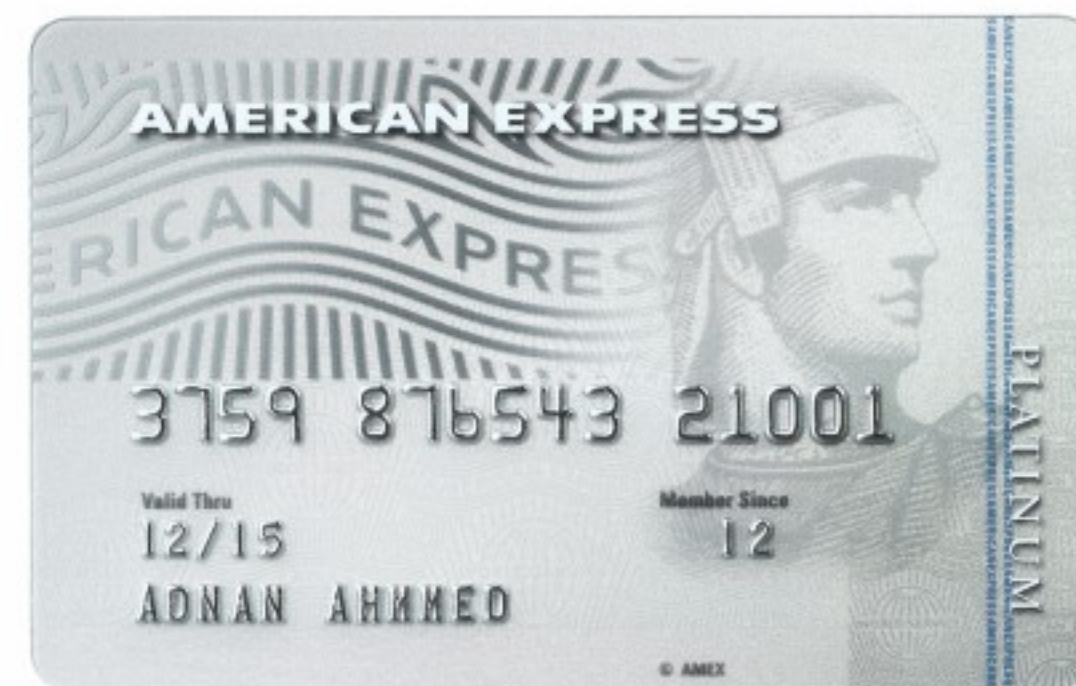
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