

# AL plans big for Nov 3

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 public rally at Suhrawardy Udyan marking the Jail Killing Day. The party plans to bring more than one million people to turn the city areas from Sonargaon intersection to Sadarghat into a human sea.  
 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday held a meeting with MPs and leaders from Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Manikganj and Munshiganj and directed them to make the rally a success.  
 At the meeting held at Gono Bhaban, a number of senior AL leaders also gave detailed instruction about holding the rally.  
 General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam said the rally had been planned to show AL's strength on the streets.  
 He added, "We have to increase our strength as no-one compromises with the weak. If we have the strength, everybody will come to talk with us."  
 "A rally is one of the major means to show a party's political strength. It's not muscle power, it's people's strength," he elaborated.  
 Insiders claim the gathering of the rally would be so massive that no other party would be able to match it in the next 50 years.  
 The party also plans to launch a verbal attack on BNP by branding the main opposition as an agent of Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI).  
 AL stalwart Amir Hossain Amu alleged Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia had been staging movements in the country with financial aid

from the ISI.  
 "Khaleda Zia has been conducting all activities under the directives of the ISI," he said, adding that Pakistan did not want Bangladesh to advance and progress more than itself.  
 Bangladesh was a part of Pakistan until 1971 when the country got independence through a nine-month-long bloody war.  
 "Pakistan also does not want peace and stability to prevail in Bangladesh," he said, adding that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had been working as an ISI agent in Bangladesh to implement the intelligence agency's blueprint.  
 Dhaka City AL General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said November 3 would be a turning point for the party. He added after their programme the opposition would not be able to hold its planned November 7 rally at the same venue.  
 "We will fill the capital with people from Sonargaon to Sadarghat and no-one will be able to make such huge rally in next 50 years," claimed the city AL stalwart.  
 AL lawmaker from Dhamrai constituency Benzir Ahmed asked the party chief to become tougher in dealing with the opposition's chaos and violence.  
 "They will keep killing people and we will observe it without doing anything. This can't go on forever," he warned.  
 Several lawmakers and leaders also spoke at the meeting.

# Education in peril

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 and madrasa students under nine education boards are scheduled to end on November 20.  
 The BNP-led 18-party alliance's decision about the three-day blockade came on Tuesday night. Party insiders say they may call more shutdowns or blockades until mid-November, when the Election Commission is expected to announce the poll schedule.  
 "After enforcing a three-day blockade in the first week of November, the opposition alliance plans to enforce hartal or blockade in the second week as well," a BNP policymaker told The Daily Star yesterday, requesting anonymity.  
 If the government ignores the opposition demand and the EC declares the election schedule, the opposition will go for non-stop agitation programmes, including hartal and blockade, to resist the polls, party sources said.  
 "We want a solution to the ongoing crisis through talks. But under no circumstances our programmes will be relaxed," Moudud Ahmed, a BNP standing committee member, told this newspaper yesterday.  
 Such a plan is sure to wreak havoc on the students and their guardians, not to mention the people in general.  
 The three-day blockade will also put the country in a holiday trap. If the blockade is enforced, the first week of November will have two work days -- Sunday and Thursday.  
 But then on Sunday, the ruling Awami League is to hold a rally in the capital where the party expects to gather a "huge number" of leaders and workers from adjacent districts. This may very well collapse the capital's traffic system.  
 Thursday, the remaining work day of the week, will see a BNP rally in the capital.  
 Parties are yet to announce programmes for the second week of November, but it is likely that they will.  
 Meanwhile, examinees, guardians and teachers expressed deep frustration over the planned blockade and urged the political parties to refrain from announcing such programmes during examination.  
 "We are in a great uncertainty as to whether our examinations will be held on time. It hampers our preparation badly," said an examinee of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College.  
 Guardians say they are very concerned over the political situation and fear it will affect the academic lives of millions of students.  
 "Our children had suffered a lot due to the hartals during the SSC and HSC examinations. Their exams were postponed one after another, ruining their preparation at that time. We don't want such ordeals to return," said Nizam Uddin, a guardian from Mirpur.  
 He said it was difficult to go out of home on hartal days as violence, arson and bomb explosions were seen almost everywhere during shutdown.  
 Such scenes affect children's psychology, he added.  
 "We would make a fervent appeal to the politicians to reconsider their programmes," Nizam said.  
 Teachers of different schools say November is a crucial month for students.  
 "The annual examinations will begin in the middle of next month. The schools give important lessons and last minute's advices during this time. But things will be difficult if such volatile political situation persists," said a senior teacher of a reputed school in the city.  
 Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid fears the education sector may suffer a heavy blow if the political situation worsens further.  
 "Apart from the 20 lakh JSC-JDC examinees, academic life of around four crore children of up to secondary level will be badly hampered," he told The Daily Star.  
 He urged the opposition to refrain from enforcing any programme that harms education. "The children are our future. So, please reconsider your decision."  
**18-Party Meeting**  
 Chiefs of the alliance components last night met BNP chief Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office and recommended enforcing three days' hartal instead of blockade.  
 Most leaders said they should call hartal, keeping educational institutions out of its purview considering the examinations, including that of the O- and A-levels, meeting sources said.  
 Khaleda spoke in favour of blockade, but she was yet to make the final decision.  
 The decision in this regard will come tomorrow, said Bangladesh Islamic Party Chairman

# ALLEGED MASS SURVEILLANCE US spy chiefs hit back at EU allies

AFP, Washington  
 US espionage chiefs turned the tables on European allies in the transatlantic spat over intercepted phone records, saying in many cases it was European agencies -- not the NSA -- that gathered and shared them with America.  
 They dismissed as "completely false" allegations that American spy agencies had swept up data on millions of phone calls, and said European newspapers that had made those claims did not understand the data they were using to make the allegations.  
 The assertion came as a senior official said President Barack Obama was considering banning US spies from tapping the telephones of allied leaders, in the wake of German outrage over alleged snooping on Chancellor Angela Merkel's communications.  
 German political and intelligence envoys were due to hold talks with US officials in Washington later yesterday on rebuilding a "basis of trust". Two high-ranking Berlin officials will seek answers and fresh rules on intelligence cooperation, Merkel's spokesman said.  
 America's European allies have spent days angrily protesting after newspaper reports, based on leaks from fugitive analyst Edward Snowden, that Washington collected tens of millions of telephone calls and online communications in Europe as part as a vast anti-terror sweep.  
 General Keith Alexander, head of the National Security Agency, and the Director of National Intelligence James Clapper testified to Congress that the reports were based on a misunderstanding of informa-

tion passed by Snowden to European newspapers.  
 "The assertions by reporters in France, Spain, Italy that NSA collected tens of millions of phone calls are completely false," Alexander told the House Intelligence Committee.  
 "To be perfectly clear, this is not information that we collected on European citizens," he said.  
 Hours earlier, the Wall Street Journal reported that electronic spying was carried out by the intelligence agencies of France and Spain outside their own borders and sometimes in war zones and was then passed onto the NSA.  
 The claims, if true, could embarrass European governments which have vehemently protested to the United States about alleged overreaching and infringements on the privacy of their citizens by the NSA.  
 Alexander said journalists had misinterpreted leaked data about the alleged spying operations.  
 "They cite as evidence screen shots of the results of a web tool used for data management purposes, but both they and the person who stole the classified data did not understand what they were looking at," he said.  
 Dianne Feinstein, chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, backed up claims that the European media reports were wrong.  
 "This was not the United States collecting on France and Germany. This was France and Germany collecting. And it had nothing to do with their citizens, it had to do with collecting in Nato areas of war, like Afghanistan," she said.

# VIPs barred from using govt

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 development budget during the pre-election period.  
 It also prevents election candidates from exercising authority in any government development programme or joining any meeting related to such programme.  
 If any candidate is a member of a governing body of any educational institute, he cannot exercise the authority of his post during the pre-election period, says the proposal.  
 Besides, the VIPs can enter polling centres only for casting ballot. And if they are not candidates, they will not be allowed to enter the vote counting room.  
 They cannot use any employees of the government, non-government or autonomous bodies or educational institutions for conducting election campaign, it maintains.  
 On several occasions, the CEC and other commissioners said the commission would amend the electoral code of conduct in such a way that would ensure a level playing field for all.  
 Referring to the EC's move, former election commissioner M Sakawat Hussain said it is not possible to ensure a level playing field only by bringing amendment to the electoral code of conduct.  
 He said amendments need to be made to the constitution and the Representation of the People Order if the election is to be held under a partisan government.

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# 6 killed in road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, SAVAR  
 At least six people were killed and 40 others injured in a head-on collision between two buses on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Dhamrai of Dhaka yesterday.  
 The deceased were identified as Delowara Begum, 50, Abdul Mazid, 40, Maznu Miah, 42, and Korban Ali, 45.  
 The identities of two other deceased could not be known immediately.  
 The accident occurred as a Dhaka-bound bus of D Link bus service and another Sauria-bound bus of SB Link had collided head-on at Joypura bus stand on the highway around 6:20pm, said Mohammad Rassel Sheikh, senior assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Savar circle.  
 Abdur Rashid, officer-in-charge of

Dhamrai Police Station, said three people including a bus driver were killed on the spot while another two succumbed to their injuries at Dhamrai Upazila Health Complex and Gonoshasthaya Kendra Hospital.  
 Another one succumbed to injuries on the way to hospital.  
 Following the accident, severe traffic congestion was created on the highway.  
 Amzad Hosen, a resident medical officer (RMO) of Dhamrai Upazila Health Complex, said there was a body of an unidentified youth aged about 35 in the hospital.  
 More than 10 injured were admitted to the hospital, the RMO said, adding that the condition of five of them was critical.

# PM 'did not react

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 He said the government was waiting for the opposition leader's response. "If she [Khaleda] wants, we will invite her again. We will invite her one hundred times for the sake of the country."  
 Hasina, also president of the ruling AL, said 20 lives could have been saved had opposition leader Khaleda Zia withdrawn the 60-hour shutdown (Oct 27-29) by responding to her request.  
 The prime minister phoned her archrival Khaleda Zia on Saturday evening and invited her to Gono Bhaban to talk about the next polls-time government. In reply, Khaleda said she could talk only after the opposition's hartal ends on October 29 evening.  
 "I offered her [Khaleda Zia] to sit for a dialogue and withdraw the hartal. But she turned down the invitation. What did she achieve from the hartal and lives of 20 people [who were killed during hartal violence]?" questioned Hasina.  
 "When I requested her to withdraw the hartal, she [Khaleda] put forward many conditions -- why didn't I call her a day before. At one stage, she [Khaleda] said she would withdraw the hartal if I accepted her demand for non-party caretaker government," mentioned the premier.  
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 the world. Four out of five of them live in developing countries. Bangladesh ranks third in the world in terms of adolescent pregnancy, and first in Asia.  
 Ubaidur said rate of child marriage is high in Khulna, Rangpur and Rajshahi regions due to social insecurity while Sylhet comparatively is in a better position, as girls in this region get married at 18.  
 Pornchai Suchitta said adolescents comprise about half of the youth population of Bangladesh. "Adolescence is a critical time for many people and the skills acquired during this period can set up the foundation of rest of their lives," he said.  
 He said while Bangladesh has made great stride in addressing many issues like malnourishment and child labour, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights must be given more attention.  
 Motherhood in childhood is a huge global problem, especially in developing countries, where every year 7.3 million girls under 18 give birth, says the report released by UNFPA.  
 Of these 7.3 million births, 2 million are to girls 14 or younger, who suffer the gravest long-term health and social consequences from pregnancy, including high rates of maternal death and obstetric fistula.  
 According to the report, early pregnancy takes a toll on a girl's health, education and rights. It also prevents her from



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Contact details of the official inviting tender	Tel : 7745464 , 7745465, Fax : 7745069		
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