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Death relieves his pain

Burnt by hartal pickets three days ago, little Monir loses battle for life



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Monir, the 14-year-old boy set on fire by pickets during the opposition's hartal on Monday, has gone beyond all pains and sufferings.

He died an agonising death at Dhaka Medical

College Hospital before daybreak yesterday.

For most of his stay in hospital, the fifth grader was conscious and groaning with pain.

The skin all over his body erupted in blisters, and every breath he took was with racking pain as his

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WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

No one affiliated with BNP has done this. Government agents are

MIRZA FAKHRUL ISLAM
BNP

Hartal supporters have killed him, but the opposition is now refusing to take

TOFAIL AHMED
AWAMI LEAGUE



Monir came to see the capital for the first time only a few days back, and now returns home in a coffin. His father stares blankly through the window of the ambulance carrying the body of the ill-fated boy.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Hasina, Khaleda open to Ashraf-Fakhrul talks

But both leaders keep trading salvos; EU urges BNP not to boycott polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and opposition leader Khaleda Zia yesterday once again traded blame for their failure to sit in a dialogue, with business leaders and foreign diplomats renewing their calls for resolving the crisis through talks.

Speaking at separate rallies, the Awami League and the BNP chiefs yesterday accused each other, referring to their recent telephone conversation. During the 37-minute conversation on October 27,

they could not agree on a date for talks.

But still, the two leaders yesterday spoke in favour of a secretary general-level dialogue.

"Today, I am saying that we are still waiting to have a secretary general-level dialogue between the two parties as proposed by the businessmen," Khaleda said yesterday.

When business leaders met Hasina yesterday, she assured them of holding an unconditional secretary general-level discussion.

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At least 20 ministers 'resign'

No official version available

HASAN JAHRID TUSHER and
PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

At least 20 cabinet members resigned yesterday, to pave the way for the formation of a new, polls-time cabinet, The Daily Star has learned.

They include four senior and influential ministers, said a minister who has direct knowledge about the

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Big demand from AL's small allies

Eight electoral partners plan to field candidates for 200 JS seats

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Eight components of the Awami League-led grand alliance want to contest 200 parliamentary seats in the next polls.

Several AL leaders said the demand was quite unjustifiable as many of the alliance partners do not even have offices across the country.

Some of the alliance members have already finalised their candidates, while the others are in process of doing so. They will put forward their demands once the AL opens discussion on seat sharing with its allies, sources in alliance partners said.

Among the grand alliance partners, the Jatiya Party wants

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Vote for parties that will return old GB

Says Prof Yunus in KL

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN,
from Kuala Lumpur

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday said he will urge people to vote for the parties that will return Grameen Bank to its original shape.

"People should vote for the parties that will come forward to make necessary amendments [to the Grameen Bank act]," he told some Bangladeshi reporters here.

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