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5 BNP leaders sent to jail

Hearing on their remand Thursday

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Three out of the five arrested BNP leaders are over 60, but police yesterday showed the five arrested in two cases for “attempted murder of cops and creating violence in the capital.”

Law enforcers produced the arrestees -- lawmakers MK Anwar, 81, and Moudud Ahmed, 73, Rafiqul Islam Mia, 71, Abdul Awal Mintoo, 56, and Shimul Biswas, 53, -- before a Dhaka court yesterday and prayed for 10-day remand in each of the cases for each of them.

The court sent the arrestees to jail and fixed November 14 for hearing the bail and remand prayers.

Anwar, Moudud and Rafiqul are members of the BNP standing committee, while Mintoo is an adviser to the BNP chief and Shimul is a special assistant to Khaleda Zia.

In the remand prayers, police said the five were planning to carry out subversive activities. So, they need to be remanded to identify the sources of explosives used in committing crimes, its suppliers as well as the whereabouts.

BNP leaders' lawyers appealed to the

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People in queue buy goods from a TCB fair price outlet in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. A series of long hartals has left the capital short on essential supplies, shooting up prices in its kitchen markets.

PHOTO: STAR

Hasina lashes out at Khaleda

Says BNP doesn't understand language of democracy

BSS, Moulvibazar

Criticising the BNP for creating anarchy, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the main opposition party doesn't understand the language of democracy, it only knows how to kill and torture people.

"The BNP was born out of the pocket of a military dictator, who grabbed power through a coup and plot violating the constitution. That's why the party doesn't understand the language of democracy," she said.

Whenever the BNP comes to power, doomsday dawns in the country and people die, Hasina said at a huge rally, organised by the ruling Awami League, at Barolekha Degree College Ground in Moulvibazar.

"They cannot change the lot of people; they only know how to loot people's property," she said.

Hasina, also president of the ruling AL, came down heavily on the leader of the opposition for enforcing hartal during the junior school certificate (JSC) examinations.

"Before November 4, I requested Begum Zia not to call hartal, and let the children sit for exams. But she turned down my

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AL'S NOMINATION FORM

Hasina buys it first today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League would start selling nomination forms from today to pick candidates for the forthcoming 10th general elections.

The process would be started through selling of a form for AL President Sheikh Hasina for Gopalganj-3 constituency, party sources said.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam will buy the form for her at the

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WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

Formal charges against Qaiser likely today

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The prosecution in a war crimes case is likely to press charges today against Syed Mohammad Qaiser, alleged member of a local Peace Committee, for involvement in crimes against humanity and genocide in 1971.

"We have prepared formal charges after scrutinising a probe report, witness statements and other relevant documents and expect to submit the charges tomorrow," Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta told



the form of a petition requesting the tribunal to initiate trial proceedings against an

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The Daily Star last night.

He added that 16 charges would be brought against Qaiser, alleged founder and leader of the "Qaiser Force", which was an associated organisation of the Pakistani army at Habiganj and Brahmanbaria during the war.

As per the law, the prosecution submits formal charges in

The Economist

Critical view on BDR verdict

STAR REPORT

Influential British weekly The Economist has said the BDR carnage verdict could give Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina a much-needed boost as the conviction of the mutineers will bolster her position with the army.

The reason for the original mutiny appears simple. Poorly paid and ill-treated foot soldiers in the BDR

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City dwellers wait at Farmgate for transport yesterday as many buses, taxis and auto rickshaws chose to stay off the streets fearing pre-hartal violence.

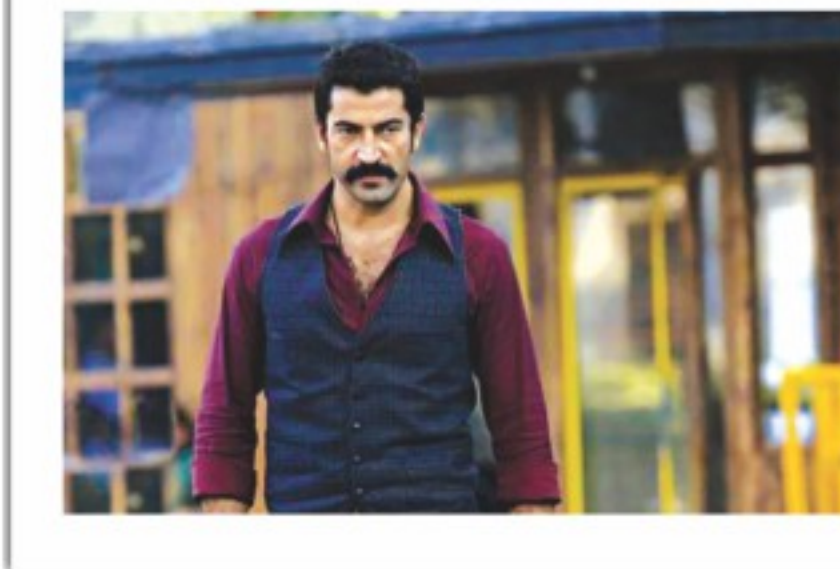
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Tourists go to Turkey to get mustache!

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Turkey's delicious baklava and its crowded Grand Bazaar have always attracted tourists, but now there's a new reason why men are flocking to the transcontinental country -- bushier mustaches and beards. No, it's not

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TYPHOON HAIYAN IN PHILIPPINES

1,200 feared dead

AFP, Tacloban

One of the most powerful typhoons in history is believed to have killed 1,200 people in the Philippines, the Red Cross yesterday, as rescue workers raced to reach towns devastated by tsunami-like waves.

A day after Super Typhoon Haiyan whipped across the central Philippines with maximum sustained winds of around 315 kilometres (195 miles) an hour, a picture emerged of entire communities having been flattened.

Haiyan's wind strength made it the strongest typhoon in the world this year and one of the most intense ever recorded.

It exited into the South China Sea yesterday and was to hit Vietnam early today, where more than 200,000 people crammed into

storm shelters.

Authorities said that, aside from the ferocious winds, storm surges of up to three metres (10 feet) high that swept into coastal towns and deep inland were responsible for destroying countless homes.

"Imagine a strip one kilometre deep inland from the shore, and all the shanties, everything, destroyed," Interior Secretary Mar Roxas said after visiting coastal towns in Leyte, one of the worst-hit provinces in the east of the archipelago.

"They were just like matchsticks flung inland. All the houses were destroyed."

The official government death toll on Saturday night was 138.

But with rescue workers yet to reach or communicate with many ravaged communities across a

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ONLINE POLL

Don't you think there should be a law to realise compensation for the damage caused by pro-hartal activists?

Yes (71%) No (29%)

TOTAL VOTES: 281

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for the government to arrest top BNP leaders?

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PRAYER TIMING		November 10
Azhan	Jamaat	
Fajr	5:00	5:35
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	3:45	4:00
Maghrib	5:22	5:25
Esha	7:00	7:30
Source: Islamic Foundation		

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