



BLOCKADE TILL 5AM TOMORROW

Railway the main target

STAR REPORT

At least seven more people were killed and scores injured in fresh violence that rocked several districts across the country yesterday, the second day of the opposition's nationwide rail, roads and waterways blockade.

Initially, it was a 48-hour blockade in protest at the announcement of the polls schedule. But the BNP-led 18-party alliance yesterday extended it by 23 hours in two phases -- first by 12 hours in the afternoon and then by 11 hours late at night -- protesting the "killing of its activists and government oppression".

The blockade will now end at 5:00am tomorrow, but BNP sources said they may enforce a nonstop blockade from Saturday or Sunday to force the government to meet its demand for a nonparty polls-time government.

Like on the previous day, the railways continued to be a main target of the blockers yesterday, as the BNP-Jamaat men ripped up fishplates and set fire to tracks, snapping rail communications on different routes for hours.

**BLOODSHED
IN BLOCKADE****7**More killed in
violence

Death toll

16

in 2 days



Out of work, tired, and dejected Sohed Ali waits at Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday to get back to Jamalpur but the train schedule was in disarray due to the recent attacks on rail communication. He had come to the capital to earn a living as a labourer but the blockade ruined

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UN delegates
due Dec 6

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Taranco

UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs Oscar Fernandez-Taranco arrives in Dhaka on December 6 on a four-day visit to discuss with stakeholders the ongoing political crisis and next general election.

He is expected to carry a strong message of the UN secretary general for Prime

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SOLUTION TO STALEMATE

AL, BNP leaders hardly hopeful

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Policymakers of the BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance now see little hope for a solution to the political deadlock through talks with the government.

The ruling Awami League's strategy for the general election has made the opposition leaders believe that the government will go ahead with its plan for holding the polls regardless.

Several senior AL leaders said there is no possibility now of reaching a consensus with the BNP on the election-time govern-

ment as the opposition's main demand for formation of a non-party polls-time cabinet without Sheikh Hasina is "totally unacceptable."

The AL will make all out preparations for the January 5 national election. On Monday, the Election Commission announced the polls schedule.

The opposition alliance has refrained from enforcing a two-week long hartal, except for weekends, as per its earlier decision to protest the announcement of the election schedule. It showed restraint only

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

"Reduce my pain," human haulier driver Mozammel screamed to his doctors at the intensive care unit of DMCH yesterday. He died around 12:30am today. Opposition activists hurled a petrol bomb at his vehicle in Madartek Tuesday night and jammed the door shut so that he could not get out of the burning car.

Mother's blood on their hands

Son of blockade victim fumes at politicians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anwara Begum, who had her skull blown apart Tuesday night by a crude bomb hurled from a rally in the capital's Shantipur area, died early yesterday.

The 42-year-old mother had to be given full-blown anaesthesia as doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital tried to piece her skull together. But they could not revive her.

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