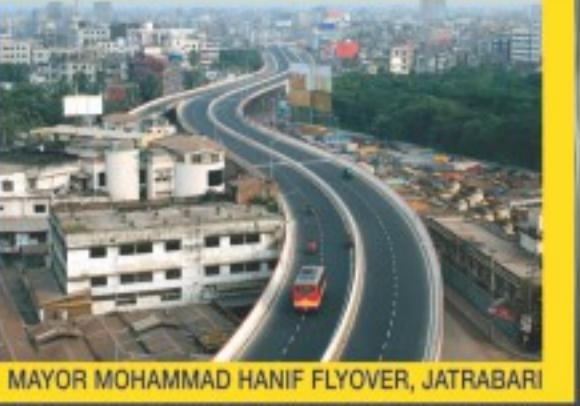


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Vandalism on highways

Blockaders damage more than 100 vehicles despite police escort

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Blockaders vandalised at least 100 trucks and buses in parts of the country yesterday although they were travelling under police escort.

More vehicles were seen plying the highways after the government arranged police escort in an effort to ensure safe movement.

Police vans were either leading or following fleets of vehicles, but the blockaders attacked one or more among them and fled, while law enforcers were far away.

The security measures came following an announcement by Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan that the government would ensure the safety of vehicles running on the highways during hartals and blockades enforced by the opposition.

Fifteen vehicles were vandalised when they were passing through Shahjahanpur upazila of Bogra, despite police and army protection.

On Natore-Dhaka and Natore-Rajshahi highways, blockaders vandalised some 40 trucks and 20 buses.

In Gaibandha, opposition supporters torched four buses and vandalised 19 others at different points on Dhaka-Rangpur highway.

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Text books for the 2014 academic year being delivered to Kapashgola Primary School in Chittagong city yesterday so that students get them on the first day of school. However, in Comilla, inset, piles of books remain stuck at a printer's in Kandirpar as the books could not be delivered due to blockade.

PHOTO:
ANURUP KANTI DAS/STAR

Not intended to disrespect Bangladesh

EU envoy on skipping V-Day programme

UNB, Dhaka

Amid criticism for not attending the Victory Day programme at Savar, the European Union envoy yesterday said they had to skip the programme for an urgent meeting, but no disrespect was intended for Bangladesh at all.

"We had a very busy week, and unfortunately we

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Fear of further violence grips people

SHARIFUL ISLAM from Satkhira

Joint drives of law enforcers have stopped widespread Jamaat-Shibir violence in Satkhira for the time being and people fear the top Jamaat leaders of the district would instigate violence again as they remain at large.

Even high officials who led the joint drives admit that they could not make any significant arrests as the people who allegedly instigated the violence had fled the district.

Locals and Awami League leaders say that Jamaat-Shibir would wreak havoc again soon after the drives stop and there were instances of retaliation from the ruling party activists too.

In the last 31 days at least 10 Awami League leaders and workers were killed and more than 70 houses and businesses of Hindus and Awami Leaguers were torched, vandalised and looted. An Awami Leaguer's child was abducted and shot in the head and a woman was killed when Jamaat-Shibir men chopped down a tree to block a road

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Attack on Hindus 'Instigator' arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmirhat

One of the instigators of November 4 attack on Hindu families in a Lalmirhat village was arrested Friday night, claim police.

After the round-up, anonymous callers issued fresh threats to the community over the phone.

On information, police arrested Hamidul Islam from his residence at Satpatki village in

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JP polls drama not over yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The drama over Jatiya Party's participation in the 10th parliamentary elections seems far from over still as JP president, member Mujibul Haque Chunnu yesterday said the party, led by Raushan Ershad, was going to contest the polls.

Chunnu, who is considered a trusted and close aide of JP Chairman HM Ershad, said this to reporters after a meeting with the party's presidium member Raushan, also wife of Ershad, at her Gulshan residence.

Chunnu said JP would participate in the elections under the leadership of Raushan Ershad for the sake of "the continuation of the constitution."

His remarks came just a day after JP presidium member GM Quader announced that HM Ershad still was deter

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Gonojagoron activist hurt in blast

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people, including a Gonojagoron Mancha activist, suffered injuries when miscreants hurled crude bombs at them in the capital's Shahbagh last evening.

The injured are Gonojagoron Mancha organiser Bappaditya Basu, also president of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri, street vendor Jamal Hossain and a rickshaw-puller.

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Only a handful of vehicles plied the highways during previous blockades called by the opposition, but yesterday a significant number of buses and trucks were seen on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Hemayetpur of Savar.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Opposition to boycott Thai polls

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's main opposition Democrat Party yesterday announced it would boycott snap elections in the crisis-gripped kingdom, piling further pressure on the government as protesters prepare to ramp up rallies aimed at suspending democracy.

Party members -- who resigned as MPs en masse to join the demonstrations that have rocked Bangkok for weeks -- voted against participating, according to Democrat leader Abhisit Vejjajiva.

"The Democrats think the elections will not solve

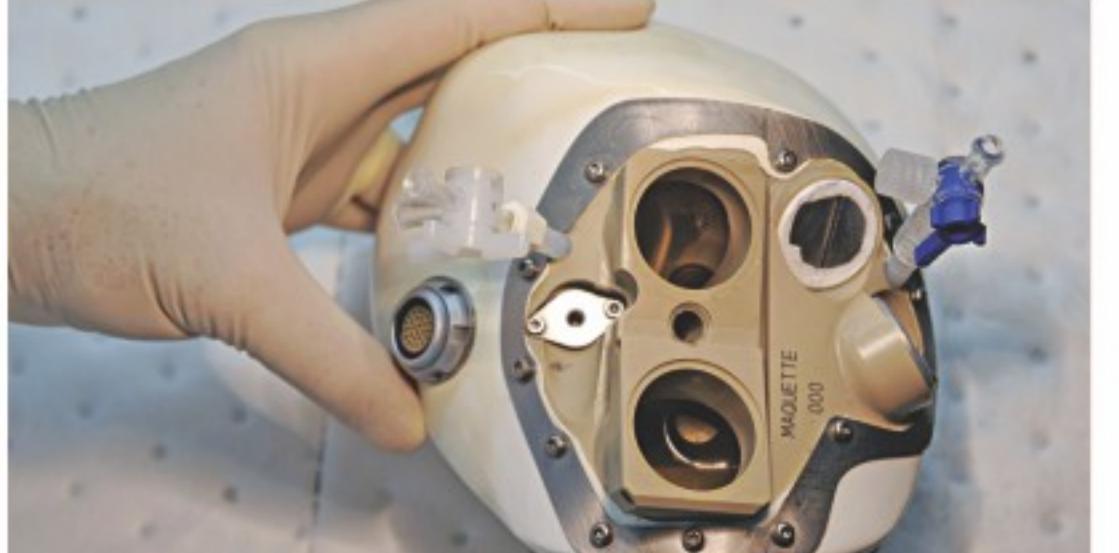
First human trial of artificial heart starts

AFP, Paris

French biomedical firm Carmat on Friday said it had begun the first human trial of its prototype artificial heart, which aims at overcoming shortages of organs available for transplant.

The implant operation, which took place on Wednesday at the Georges Pompidou Hospital in

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the law enforcement agencies would be able to provide people with safety as to the 10th parliamentary election approaches?

Yes No

TOTAL VOTES: 372

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Jatiya Party leaders are making contradictory statements deliberately on their participation in general election to confuse people?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING December 22

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-25	6-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-24	5-27
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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