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4-YR-OLD 'FALLS INTO DEEP WELL'

No clue after 10 nerve-racking hrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite over 10 hours' frantic efforts, the rescuers could not yet get a sight of the four-year-old boy said to have been trapped at the bottom of a deep well in the capital's Shahjahanpur yesterday.

As a camera probed the well shaft, the nation waited anxiously with their fingers crossed and eyes glued to the live TV. Around 2:00am today, the camera completed its slide into the hole but there was no sign of the boy. The monitor showed some



ragged clothes only.

The latest development gave rise to speculations whether the child fell at all into the well at Shahjahanpur Railway Colony.

There was confusion also about the depth of the well. The state minister for home said it was about 253 feet while some individuals who too sent a camera

down the pit put the depth at over 600 feet.

The fire brigade personnel employed various techniques one after another,

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4:00pm

Jihad reportedly falls into borehole

4:10pm

A local raises alarm

4:35pm

Firefighters called in

4:55pm

Rescue operation begins

12:10am

Volunteer prevented from going in

12:45am

Borehole camera sent in

1:58am

Camera reaches "the bottom", finds no sign of the boy



Rescuers pump in oxygen into a well shaft and try to recover what they thought was a child trapped in it. Tying a sack at the end of a rope, they lower it down at Shahjahanpur Railway Colony in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



In a show of strength, BCL activists bring out a procession spearheaded by motorbikes in Gazipur yesterday. The pro-Awami League student body had announced a rally for today at Bhawal Badre Alam Govt College ground to prevent a BNP-led 20-party rally there. More photos on page 2.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

KHALEDA'S PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Ban on rally; hartal called in Gazipur

BCL postpones counter rally; cops take over venue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid growing political tension and Chhatra League's threat to resist Khaleda Zia's rally at the Bhawal Badre Alam College ground today, the administration has imposed Section 144 on the venue and adjacent areas prohibiting all political gatherings.

In protest at the ban, the BNP will observe a dawn-to-dusk hartal in Gazipur and hold countrywide demonstrations today, its acting general secretary Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told journalists.

The decision was made at an emergency meeting BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had

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BAKSHIBAZAR VIOLENCE

Goyeshwar remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed BNP standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy on a three-day remand in a case filed over Wednesday's Bakshibazar violence.

Metropolitan Magistrate Younus Khan passed the order after police produced him before the court

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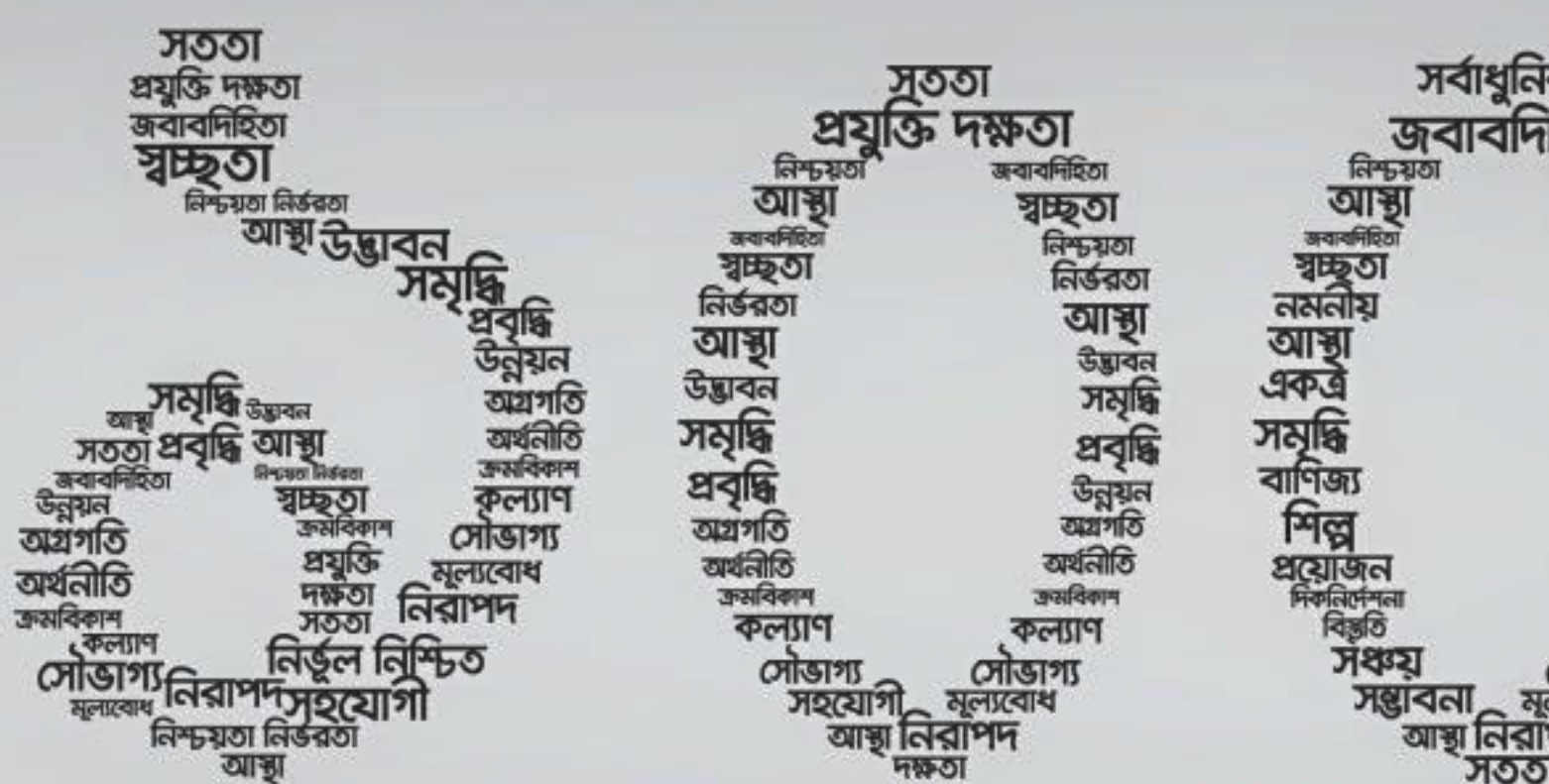
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