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**Tension in city over AL rally**

**DMP still silent on ban; JCD calls hartal for today in 14 dists to 'foil AL rally'; security stepped up around Khaleda's office; Shamsuzzaman Dudu held**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With security tightened around BNP chief Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office, police yesterday arrested one of her advisers, as the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal called a daylong hartal in Dhaka and 13 adjoining districts for today in a show of strength against the ruling Awami League.

The AL, on the other hand, has almost completed preparations for a rally -- to be addressed by Prime Minister and party chief Sheikh Hasina -- at Suhrawardy Udyan today.

According to the PM's press team, Hasina will attend the rally at 2:00pm.

The party sought a fresh permission on

Friday after the Dhaka Metropolitan Police had imposed the ban on rallies and processions in the capital for an indefinite period amid heated political situation from January 4.

An official of the DMP media wing last night said the AL was yet to be given the permission.

As the AL expects a massive gathering, the JCD is enforcing the hartal to make it difficult to bring people from adjacent districts to the rally, said insiders of the pro-BNP student organisation.

"The Awami League used Chhatra League [pro-AL student body] to foil madam's

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**GIVE PEACE A CHANCE ...** Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas joined French President François Hollande and other world leaders in a solidarity march in Paris yesterday. Crowds of around 1.5 million walked through the City of Light in an unprecedented tribute to the victims of last week's terror rampage that left 17 people dead. Story on page 16

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**Chashi Nazrul passes away**

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**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE-SETTLERS CLASH**  
**Curfew clamped on Rangamati**

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A nightlong curfew was imposed on Rangamati yesterday after violence spread in the hilly district following clashes between Bangalee settlers and Adivasis.

The curfew that began from 7:30pm yesterday is scheduled to remain in place till 8:00am today, Rangamati Deputy Commissioner Shamsul Arefin said yesterday evening after talking to the prime minister over the phone.

Immediately after clamping the curfew, the district administration publicised it through loudspeakers asking all to return to their homes by 7:30pm and warning of legal actions against those who would violate the order.

It all began on Saturday. Indigenous students' body Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) clashed with pro-Awami League student and youth bodies Chhatra League and Jubo League during a blockade enforced by the PCP to protest the inauguration of a medical college in Rangamati.

The ethnic students' body backed by the Parbatya

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**No respite from arson, vandalism**

**Blockade violence takes two more lives**

**VIOLENCE (JANUARY 5-11)**



STAR REPORT

The sixth day of the BNP-led combine's indefinite blockade witnessed sporadic violence in several districts, arson, sabotage, vandalism and torching of vehicles.

One person was run over and killed by a truck in Gaibandha as he tried to escape the flames inside the bus he was travelling on in Gaibandha. Alleged pickets had hurled a petrol bomb inside the bus.

Another person injured in blockade violence earlier died of his wounds yesterday.

The railway, which was brought down to

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**BISWA IJTEMA ENDS**  
**Devotees pray for peace**

HELEMUL ALAM and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND

The first phase of Biswa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim congregation after the hajj, concluded yesterday with the final supplication -- Akheri Munajat.

Millions of Muslims from home and abroad raised their hands together seeking world peace, forgiveness and blessings for mankind, especially for the Muslim Ummah.

Noted Islamic scholar Mawlana Muhammad Saad from India led the prayers on the bank of Turag in Tongi. The sea of humanity hushed during the 31-minute munajat started at 11:17am.

Earlier, devotees of all ages from home and abroad gathered at the ground in Gazipur, defying the chilling winter and ongoing blockade enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

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