



Passengers, including foreign tourists, wait for train at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital amid rail schedule disruption yesterday during hartal and blockade enforced by the BNP-led opposition combine. Sabotage at Mirsarai also hampered rail communications between Chittagong and other parts of the country.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

## Tk 4cr donated for better burn treatment

UNB, Dhaka

The National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery (NIBPS) of Dhaka Medical College Hospital will have a 100-bed separate ward and three more burn tanks to facilitate treatment.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday handed over cheques for Tk 4 crore to NIBPS Project Director Prof Abul Kalam at her parliament office for setting up the ward and burn tanks.

Later, PM's Press Secretary AKM Shameem Chowdhury briefed reporters.

Of the amount, Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) donated Tk 2 crore while Exim Bank Limited Tk 1 crore and IFIC Bank Ltd gave the rest.

The money donated by the DBBL and Exim Bank would be spent for setting up the burn tanks while that of the IFIC Bank for constructing the 100-bed burn ward at the NIBPS, the press secretary said.

## PM listens

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whether or not those leaders would be arrested, a minister told The Daily Star.

On listening to Khaleda's conversations, some ministers demanded arrest of those leaders who helped Khaleda to carry out the subversive activities in the name of a rally of freedom fighters in 2011, said the minister, wishing anonymity.

The latest incident took place at a time when the BNP-led alliance has been enforcing a nonstop country-wide blockade since January 6. And, some AL leaders have been asking the government to take stern actions against Khaleda for the ongoing violence.

The BNP chief had had the conversation on December 18, 2011. On that day, the BNP organised a reception programme for freedom fighters in celebration of the country's 40 years of independence.

But early in the morning of the day, a series of hand made bombs went off in the city as hundreds of activists of BNP and its key ally Jamaat clashed with police, vandalised more than a dozen vehicles and set some of those on fire. One person was killed and several others were injured.

Any time of that day, Khaleda Zia talked to some of her party leaders over the telephone. And she was heard directing the leaders to ensure that the opposition men took to the streets.

The audio files of Khaleda's conversations were uploaded on youtube by Bangla Leaks.

After the formal meeting of the cabinet, five audio clips of Khaleda's phone conversations were played on loudspeakers, sources in the meeting said.

## Trains attacked again

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The two burn victims were being brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital last night.

Meanwhile, two more persons, including a local Jamaat leader, died in Laxmipur and Sirajganj yesterday, taking the death toll to 40 in political violence since January 5.

At least 13 vehicles came under arson attacks on the 28th day of the blockade. Of them, five were torched in the capital.

In Rajshahi, two truck drivers and a helper were burnt after unidentified men threw petrol bombs at two trucks in the city last night.

The injured -- drivers Saidul Islam, 50, and Faruk Hossain, 45, and helper Saiful Islam, 45 -- were admitted to the burn unit of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. They have suffered 20 per cent burns, said on-duty doctors at the RMCH.

The attacks were carried out in Thakurmara area and at Barorasta intersection around 9:00pm when the trucks were entering the city from Chapainawabganj and Poba upazila.

In Gaibandha, a cattle-laden truck bound for Sirajganj from Rangpur came under attack in Palashbari upazila around 9:00pm, reports our local correspondent.

The suspected pickets charged three petrol bombs at the truck, leaving its driver, his helper and a cattle-trader injured, said Mojibur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Palashbari Police Station.

In the capital, rickshaw-puller Abdul Malek and passenger Md Ali were injured in a crude bomb blast at Nawabpur in Old Dhaka yesterday, the second day of the BNP-led alliance's 72-hour hartal on top of the blockade.

Alleged blockaders torched three buses in the evening. They set fire to a BRTC double-decker bus at Mirpur-11, a New Pallabi Paribahan bus at Mirpur-1 and a bus of Bihanga Paribahan at Gulshan-1.

In Chittagong, the locomotive and two coaches of Mymensingh Express went off the tracks on its way to Chittagong around 3:30am after "miscreants" removed fishplates and clips in Barotakia area of Mirsarai, said Mozammel Haque, general manager (east zone) of the railway.

This was a major act of sabotage since the government deployed more than 8,000 Ansar and VDP members at 1,041 risky points across the country on January 12 to check subversive activities.

Rail communications between Chittagong and other parts resumed around 2:30pm after a relief train salvaged the derailed engine and carriages, said Firoz Iftikhar, Chittagong divisional transportation officer (east zone) of the railway.

A five-member committee headed by the divisional transportation officer was formed to probe the incident.

In Chittagong city, pro-blockade pickets exploded a crude bomb in front of the new court building around 3:30pm.

A pick-up carrying vegetables was

torched at Fateyabad of Hathazari while two auto-rickshaws were vandalised in the area.

In Sholoshahar area, three crude bombs were hurled at a city bus around 8:00am. None was hurt.

In Laxmipur, suspected blockaders threw a petrol bomb at a CNG-run auto-rickshaw around 10:30pm on Sunday when the vehicle carrying Md Liton and his three relatives reached South Mojujur Mohila College.

All four passengers suffered burns in the attack.

Locals took them to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital. Doctors there referred Liton to the DMCH.

Liton died around 3:00am when he was being brought to the capital by an ambulance.

In Sirajganj, local Jamaat leader Saidul Islam, who was injured during a drive by law enforcers, died at a hospital early yesterday.

Police said they conducted a drive at Bakua village of Ullapara upazila where some Jamaat leaders were holding a secret meeting on Sunday night.

Sensing law enforcers' presence, the Jamaat men threw several crude bombs at police, forcing them to open fire.

Saidul, secretary of Jamaat's Bakua union unit, and four policemen were hurt in the incident. Police arrested Saidul and recovered three crude bombs.

The injured Jamaat leader, who was admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital, died around 2:30am.

Saidul was accused in 11 cases, and two arrest warrants were issued against him, said Tajul Huda, officer-in-charge of Ullapara Police Station.

The local unit of Jamaat called a daylong hartal in Sirajganj for tomorrow.

In Noakhali, two activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, pro-Jamaat students' body, were held with petrol and crude bombs when they tried to torch a three-wheeler at Napiter Pool.

## Libya's kidnapped OPEC envoy freed: oil company

AFP, Tripoli

A senior oil official who represents Libya in the OPEC cartel has been freed, three days after being kidnapped in Tripoli, National Oil Company sources said yesterday.

Samir Salim Kamal, an NOC engineer who is also Libya's governor for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, had not been seen since Thursday when he left the company's offices.

"He was freed yesterday (Sunday). He is safe and sound and well," an NOC official told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No further information about the circumstances of Kamal's abduction or the identity of his kidnappers was immediately available.

## Ex-IMF chief Strauss-Kahn goes on trial for 'pimping'

AFP, Lille

Ex-IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn arrived in court yesterday to stand trial for "pimping" as part of a prostitution ring, four years after a sex scandal cost him his job and a shot at the French presidency.

The disgraced 65-year-old economist finds himself back in the dock -- this time in the northern French city of Lille -- accused of being at the centre of a vice ring which hired prostitutes for sex parties in Brussels, Paris and Washington.

The silver-haired Strauss-Kahn, dressed in a dark suit, slipped past a throng of journalists to arrive in the empty wood-panelled courtroom, where he paced up and down with his hands in his pockets in front of the imposing stone bench.

## Mystery shrouds

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The relative also went to the police on Sunday to file a general diary, but police refused to take it, said Tawhidul.

Asked about the allegations of arrest and not taking the general diary, Abul Hassan, officer-in-charge of Kotwali police, said, "I did not pick him up. I will not make any more comment on it."

Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, denied that they arrested Mukul.

## Nipah virus

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Mahmudur advised all not to drink raw date juice or fruits that bats contaminate with Nipah virus.

The virus has a fatality rate of nearly 80 percent. Bangladesh first recorded human Nipah virus infection in 2001.

Since then, it infected 284 people and caused deaths of 200 until January 25 this year, Dr Mahmudur told The Daily Star.

There is no vaccine against the virus. The primary treatment for a patient is intensive supportive care.

## Magna Cartas

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where they are kept.

In a joint statement, the library and cathedrals said: "King John could surely never have anticipated the enduring global legacy of Magna Carta when he agreed to its terms in 1215.

"Eight hundred years later, the international interest and excitement about this unification event is testament to the extraordinary significance and symbolic power of these four manuscripts."

It is believed about 250 copies of the original manuscript were created and sent to legal and religious officials across the country to make sure it was carried out.

Seventeen of these copies are known to have survived.

## China focuses

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name during the three-day visit, Obama welcomed what he called a "greater role for India in the Asia-Pacific".

Freedom of navigation in the region must be upheld, he added.

Beijing claims sovereignty over most of the South China Sea.

To Lavrov, meanwhile, Xi expressed his satisfaction with China-Russia ties.

Beijing and Moscow, allies and then adversaries during the Cold War, have found common ground internationally and often take similar stands at the UN Security Council where they have permanent veto powers.

They have also forged increasingly closer economic ties as China is hungry for the vast hydrocarbon resources of Russia, which is seeking stable markets amid Western sanctions over its annexation of Crimea and fighting in eastern Ukraine.

"Over the past year, we have together been advancing the development of the overall strategic relationship between China and Russia," Xi said.

"Our joint efforts have yielded rich results... our cooperation grows ever deeper," he added.

Lavrov pointed out that Xi and Putin met five times last year.

"The consensus reached at the highest level between the two leaders has played an extremely important role in pushing the development of relations in the right direction," he said.

## Sinai attacks underscore uphill battle against Egypt jihadists

AFP, Cairo

A wave of deadly attacks on soldiers in Egypt's Sinai has exposed Cairo's floundering strategy against jihadist insurgents in the peninsula despite an unprecedented offensive.

After carrying out their first attacks following Egypt's 2011 uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak, militants launched a campaign against the government in earnest after the overthrow of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in July 2013.

Scores of Egyptian soldiers and police have been killed since then-defence minister Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, now Egypt's president, ousted Morsi.

The main jihadist group, Ansar Beit al-Maqdis, pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in November -- apparently bolstering its ability to conduct major attacks despite the mobilisation of thousands of troops in Sinai.

Last week saw one of the deadliest attacks to date, with militants launching coordinated assaults that spanned the capital of North Sinai and several towns, killing at least 30 soldiers and police.

The attack prompted a fierce response from Sisi, who vowed the army would no longer hold back and promised a "hard and hellish" battle.

Sisi, who also urged officers to safeguard civilian lives in an address on Sunday, had previously shaken up the army command in the strategic peninsula and pledged more funds to

support the military.

But after an intense campaign against the insurgents, the military appears no closer to rooting them out.

The jihadists, led by Bedouin militants and a mysterious cleric known as Abu Osama al-Masry, have taken advantage of the peninsula's inhospitable desert and mountains to elude the overstretched army, analysts and officials said.

In some parts of North Sinai, jihadists have even set up impromptu checkpoints, stopping suspected policemen and informants and executing them.

"The Sinai is a very difficult operating environment, even for the Egyptian army," said Aaron Reese, the deputy research director at the Washington-based Institute for the Study of War.

"The spread-out terrain makes it easier for militants to mass in the desert, and then strike at isolated outposts," he said.

The jihadists have been bolstered by arms smuggled in from Libya and munitions seized in an attack on a checkpoint in October that killed 30 soldiers.

In Thursday's attack, which involved a suicide bomber and mortar fire on military and police bases, the jihadists used mortars seized from the army checkpoint in October, interior ministry spokesman Hany Abdel Latif told AFP.

The military last week retrieved at least one of the mortar pieces in a raid that also killed three militants.

## Khaleda's Gulshan office

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Mosaddek Ali Falu and Shamsuzzaman Dudu on remands in two cases.

Sources said BNP leaders and activists are not visiting Khaleda as over 15 opposition men have been detained at the entrance to the office in last four days.

Talking to The Daily Star, Shamsuddin Didar, a member of the BNP chief's media wing, said a party supporter tried to enter the office yesterday afternoon, but was detained immediately.

Moniruzzaman Akond, a duty officer of Gulshan Model Police Station, said the detainee, Mazharul Islam, works for a private organisation.

Plainclothes detectives were patrolling the streets around the office yesterday. Khaleda has been there in since January 3.

Also the chairman of the private television channel ntv, Falu was picked up by police as soon as he stepped out of the office on Sunday night.

The BNP said law enforcement agencies took the "hard stance" against the party men to "force Khaleda out of her office."

The additional police force and barricades were removed from in front of the office early on January 19, 16 days after the BNP chief was confined there.

The electricity line to the office was

snapped early on Saturday, said BNP sources. The cable, internet and land/mobile phone connections were also disconnected. The electricity line was restored after around 19 hours.

A BNP standing committee member said the government wants to "isolate the BNP chairperson" (from outside) to compel her to withdraw the nonstop blockade.

"But such repressive acts would not work as Khaleda Zia is determined to continue the movement until the administration agrees to sit in a dialogue with the BNP for a fair and inclusive election," he added.

LEADERS ON REMAND

A Dhaka court placed BNP leader Mosaddek Ali Falu on a five-day remand in a case filed for torching a bus in the capital's Khilgaon on January 30. Police had sought a 10-day remand for him.

He has been shown arrested in the case though his name was not included in the first information report. Police accused him of masterminding and instigating the arson that left four passengers burnt, according to the case statement.


Another Dhaka court granted four-day remand for Shamsuzzaman Dudu in a case filed with Mirpur Police Station for blasting crude bombs in the capital on January 10.

Dudu was arrested the following day.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

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1. Developing Module and conducting training of local Journalists in CHT (Pre-bid Meeting date : Sunday, 08 February 2015 at 10:30 am)  
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2. Analyzing the National Budget 2014-2015 from the CHT perspective and identify potential pitfalls and advocate by providing inputs and recommendations into budget debate to turn the gaps into desired outcomes ; (Pre-bid Meeting date : Sunday, 08 February 2015 at 02:30 pm)  
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All interested organizations are requested to attend a pre-bid meeting at CHTDF, UNDP Dhaka Office (IDB Bhaban, 7th Floor, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka) as per above schedule. Maximum two (2) participants from each organization are allowed.

The deadline for proposal submission is **Monday, 16 February 2015 04:30 pm (Local Time)**

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