



Worries pile up for people

Blockade goes on; fresh 72-hour hartal from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Life has already been difficult enough due to hartals ruining all the work days in the last two weeks on top of a prolonged blockade. Now they have to put up with another 72-hour shutdown from 6:00am today.

Struggling to make up for the days lost, ordinary people say such programmes have nothing to do with their wellbeing, and they want an immediate solution to the political impasse.

"The blockade and hartal are being forced upon us. We don't want this. We want peace," Shahnaz Ahmed, a student of Ideal Law College, said after the BNP-led alliance yesterday called the fresh shutdown.

People have to go out to reach their workplaces but they remain gripped by fear of arson and petrol bombs, she added. "It can't go on like this."

Mizanur Rahman, a private service holder, said the opposition has to give up violent politics. On the other hand, the government has to soften its stance and find out a solution through dialogue.

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It doesn't matter to me who is in government or in opposition. I want peace. I don't want hartal or blockade.

RABIUL ISLAM
RICKSHAW-PULLER



I prepared for my exams keeping the timetable in mind, but everything is now upside down ...

SHAILY MONI
SSC EXAMINEE



What is happening now is not politics ... the fight is for power, not for people.

SHIRIN AKHTER
HOUSEWIFE



This violent politics must end. Both the parties must soften their stances ...

MIZANUR RAHMAN
PRIVATE SERVICE HOLDER



When a World Cup match was last played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Aaron Finch had not even started attending school. On Saturday, Finch captured the centre stage at this iconic ground with a magnificent 135 to set the pace of the latest edition of cricket's flagship event. The Finch punch saw Australia floor a miserable England, who lost the final against Pakistan at this very ground in the final 23 years back, by a margin of 111 runs.

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Hosts set the pace

India vs Pakistan, the highlight of Day 2

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The opening day of the 2015 ICC World Cup down under was yet another testament to how much the game has evolved since the cricket's show-piece event was held on those shores 23 years ago. While there were only two 300-plus scores for the entire tournament in 1992, this time, there were two 300-plus on day one as co-hosts

Australia and New Zealand both enjoyed dominating wins in front of their own fans with a pair of crushing victories on Saturday.

In the first match of the tournament, New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 98 runs at Christchurch's Hagley Oval. Hours later Australia thrashed arch-rivals England by the even bigger margin of 111 runs in a day/night clash at the

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Resolve crisis now

Business community threatens to go for movement if political leaders do not take steps

STAR REPORT

Observing a seven-hour hunger strike yesterday, the business community once again urged political leaders to immediately resolve the ongoing crisis through discussions for smooth operation of businesses.

It threatened to go for a massive movement if political leaders don't take any steps to end the impasse.

"You [political leaders] please give us a business-friendly environment ... don't force us to take to the streets ... please don't force us to bring the country to a standstill," said BGMEA President Atiqul Islam, who led the protest programme in front of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association office in the capital.

If the situation doesn't improve soon, thousands of garment workers and factory owners

would be on the streets to press for security of businesses, he said.

"Please sit together and decide how you will resolve the crisis and create a business-friendly environment ... don't take our hunger strike lightly."

Atiqul announced the formation of two committees headed by former BGMEA presidents Shafiul Islam Mohiuddin and Abdus Salam Murshedy.

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QUOTE

"In developed countries, even PMs wait at bus stands. Why can't the same happen here?"

DELHI CHIEF MINISTER
ARVIND KEJRIWAL
IN HIS INAUGURATION SPEECH



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