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Cricket fever in parliament

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The bell at the lobby of the Jatiya Sangshad was ringing unceasingly yesterday, like every other day, to get the attention of lawmakers to join the day's session.

But none of the lawmakers would listen to it as everyone was glued to the television screen at the lobby to see the Tigers fighting against England Lions in Australia's Adelaide Oval to earn a spot in the World Cup quarterfinals.

The chief whip and whips repeatedly requested the MPs to go to the House so that the quorum could be met. The session finally started at 5:15pm, half an hour later than the schedule.

Land Minister Shamsur Rahman Sharif Dilu discussed the president's speech at the beginning of the session. But many lawmakers were busy with browsing the cricinfo website on their mobile phones for match updates.

There was a pin-drop silence in the House when the match was on a knife-edge in the 48th over.

Stuart Broad of England slammed a six and Tamim Iqbal dropped a simple

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The TSC of Dhaka University has always been a rendezvous place for Tigers fans. Yesterday, they turned up in their hundreds to celebrate Bangladesh's 15-run win against England.

PETROL BOMB ATTACK Key accused Jamaat activist found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police here yesterday recovered the body of a Jamaat activist who was the prime accused in the arson attack on a night coach around two months ago that left six passengers killed at Jaigirhat of Mithapukur upazila.

Aged 28, Shah Nazmul Huda alias Lablu was from Mirzapur village in the upazila. He was the former president of Mithapukur upazila unit Chhatra Shibir, the pro-Jamaat students' platform.

Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Mithapukur Police Station, said criminals blockaded the Rangpur-Dhaka highway at Boldipukur in the upazila around 3:30am yesterday by felling trees across the road.

As police reached the spot to clear the blockade, criminals hurled around 10 crude bombs at the law enforcers, leaving Sub-inspector Tawhidul Islam and constable Shafiqul Islam injured. Police retaliated by firing 17 bullets, he added.

Locals in the morning found Lablu's body in a pond in the area. Acting on information, police recovered the

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PHOTO: STAR

Kamaruzzaman gets time

SC fixes April 1 for hearing his review petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed April 1 for hearing a petition by condemned war criminal Muhammad Kamaruzzaman seeking a review of its verdict that upheld his death penalty.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice SK Sinha, fixed the date after hearing another petition by the convict seeking adjournment of the hearing for four weeks.

The second petition was submitted to the SC on Sunday on grounds that Kamaruzzaman's principal counsel Khandker Mahub Hossain was "unable to attend the hearing of the review petition due to unavoidable circumstances and personal difficulties", according to the defence.

The assistant secretary general of Jamaat-e-Islami was found guilty of mass killing, murder, abduction, torture, rape, persecution and abetment of torture in greater Mymensingh during the Liberation War in 1971.

Talking to The Daily Star, Attorney General Mahubey Alam said the process of executing the Jamaat leader will remain halted until the apex court disposes of the review petition.

During the hearing yesterday, Kamaruzzaman's lawyer Wahed Ullah told the SC that senior lawyer Khandker

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Focus on agitation, not city polls

BNP unlikely to back any candidate as it believes the election is a ploy to divert people's attention

RASHIDUL HASAN

The BNP is not considering endorsing any mayoral candidates for the upcoming elections to Dhaka and Chittagong city corporations as the party wants to keep its focus on the ongoing anti-government movement.

It believes the government is holding the long-overdue polls to Dhaka city corporations to divert people's attention from the agitation of the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

BNP high-ups think their ongoing agitation and international pressure would finally force the Sheikh Hasina-led government to call an early general election under a non-partisan administration.

The alliance is not interested in the city polls because it thinks the movement would lose momentum if any pause is allowed, they said.

"The government with an ill-motive has suddenly decided to hold the city corporation elections. The move is nothing but an attempt to divert attention from our ongoing movement," BNP Dhaka city unit Convener Mirza Abbas, also a standing committee member of the party, told The Daily Star.

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"We don't want to walk into that trap," he said.

Lt Gen (retd) Mahubur Rahman, another member of the standing committee, said, "Our main focus is on the ongoing agitation, nothing else."

The alliance has been enforcing country-wide non-stop blockade since January 6 and nationwide hartals on all working days since February 1 to force the government to call early polls.

Since 2002, the Dhaka city corporation was run by a BNP mayor though the elections to city corporations are non-partisan. Fresh election to the city corporation was due in 2007.

But when the Awami League assumed power in January 2009, it didn't make any move to hold the elections.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on February 16 asked the LGRD ministry to take necessary measures to hold elections to Dhaka North and South city corporations.

The government now also wants to hold elections to Chittagong City Corporation whose tenure will expire in July.

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Solar plane begins epic global flight

BBC ONLINE

A record-breaking attempt to fly around the world in a solar-powered plane has got under way from Abu Dhabi.

The aircraft - called Solar Impulse-2 - took off from the Emirate, heading east to Muscat in Oman.

Over the next five months, it will skip from continent to continent, crossing both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans in the process.

Andre Borschberg was at the controls of the single-seater vehicle as it took off at 03:12 GMT yesterday.

He will share the pilot duties in due course with fellow Swiss, Bertrand Piccard.

The plan is stop off at various locations around the globe, to rest and to carry out maintenance, and also to spread a campaigning message about clean technologies.

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Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, one of the busiest thoroughfares in the capital, saw no exception yesterday. The road was heavily congested with vehicles despite the hartal the BNP-led alliance enforced on top of the blockade.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

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Hartal makes little impact on city life

Arson, blasts in dists

STAR REPORT

With people hitting the city streets in large numbers over the past few days, the impact of continuous spells of hartals and an indefinite blockade seems to have largely waned.

Almost all businesses, offices and roadside shops were open and a large number of motorised vehicles plied the Dhaka streets on the second day of the 72-hour hartal, called by the BNP-led 20-party alliance, on top of the blockade that passed its 63rd day yesterday.

However, a few incidents of arson attacks and crude bomb explosions were reported from different parts of the country. Besides, arrest of BNP and Jamaat activists and recovery of explosives continued in some districts.

In Barguna, pickets allegedly set fire to a pick-up van of Barguna Agro Service Centre, a unit of Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation, in the district town early yesterday.

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