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# Bandarban tense over 72-hr hartal

9 injured as PCJSS vehicle attacked

STAR REPORT

Alleged settlers yesterday attacked a vehicle carrying supporters of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti (PCJSS) in Balaghata near Bandarban town, leaving at least nine indigenous people injured.

The attack was carried out during the first day of a 72-hour hartal enforced by Jago Parbatyabasi, a platform of Bangalee settlers. It called the strike in the district on Tuesday protesting "extortion by PCJSS men".

A motorcade of Santu Larma, chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council, passed the area on way to Bandarban from Rangamati just 20 minutes before the attack. He arrived in the town in the morning to join the district council of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) tomorrow. The PCP is the pro-PCJSS students' body.

Among the injured, Puchu Thoai Marma, 40, Ram Babu Marma, 60, Porimol Chakma, 23, Swapan Tanchyanga, 28, Mongba Thoai, 52, and Roki Tanchyanga, 25, were admitted to Bandarban Sadar Hospital. Later, three of them were moved to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

A PCJSS member who witnessed the attack said a group of Bangla-speaking youths attacked a Chander Gari (locally modified 4x4 vehicle) around 11:40pm when it reached Balaghata, some three kilometres off the town, on way to Bandarban from Rangamati.

The attackers threw stones at the vehicle and severely

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Law enforcers and armed forces personnel inspect a Bailey bridge on Bandarban-Rangamati road in Sonar Mandir area yesterday. Criminals took two plates of the bridge off, disrupting vehicular movement on the road for around an hour.

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## Hartal on with stray incidents

STAR REPORT

Stray incidents of violence marked the fourth day of hartal enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance yesterday alongside its indefinite blockade.

A worker at a metal shop in the city's Kadamtala area received serious injuries when a crude bomb went off in the shop yesterday afternoon.

The injured, Babu, was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He suffered severe injuries in his left wrist, DMCH sources said.

"The explosion took place around 4:00pm when he was unloading the scrap goods from a sack," said Omar Faruq, officer-in-charge of Muga Police Station.

The sack of goods was brought to the shop by a group of youth from Kadamtala in Jheelpar, he added.

A pedestrian suffered splinter injuries after alleged blockaders blasted four crude bombs at Nayabazar. He was whisked off to the DMCH, hospital sources said.

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## Salahuddin picked up

Alleges family; police deny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers on Tuesday night picked up BNP spokesperson Salahuddin Ahmed from a house in the capital's Uttara, claimed his wife and the party.

"Members of the Rab, police and DB detained him at a house in Uttara around 10:10pm yesterday



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## 'Arsonist' dies 9 days after cop firing

2 hurt in police firing; bullet-hit body found

STAR REPORT

An alleged Shibir arsonist, who was injured in a "shootout" with police in Laxmipur more than a week ago, died at a hospital in the capital yesterday.

Arif Mistri, 25, son of Nur Islam of Jangalia at Kamalnagar in Laxmipur, was shifted to the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation in the capital, also known as Pangu Hospital, on Saturday. He had his right leg amputated at the hospital on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, police claimed to have recovered the bullet-hit body of a youth in Rajshahi. Two others were shot during separate police drives in the city yesterday, reports our Rajshahi correspondent.

The Laxmipur incident took place on March 2.

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## He was no spy

Says family as video appears to show ISIS 'cub' killing 'Israeli spy'

AGENCIES

A newly released ISIS video shows a child shooting a man the group claims is an Israeli spy.

The video identifies the man as 19-year-old Mohamed Said Ismail Musallam, an Israeli citizen of Palestinian descent.

In the video, ISIS shows Musallam's Israeli passport and claims he's an agent sent to infiltrate the group. The 19-year-old's family told CNN Tuesday that he



Ismail Musallam

had no ties with the Mossad, Israel's spy agency, and had, in fact, been recruited by ISIS.

"Mohamed told me and his brother that ISIS took him," according to Said Musallam, his father. "They sent him money through the Western Union. They said you will have girls, money, cars, villas, paradise, but afterwards he discovered that there is nothing."

It wasn't long before Musallam's family

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## 3 'robbers' beaten to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three suspected robbers were beaten to death in Fatickhhari upazila of Chittagong yesterday night.

One of the deceased was identified as Mohammad Osman, 38, the gang leader, hailing from North Paindong village of the upazila. The identity of two others could not be known immediately.

Quoting locals, police said the three were looting a house in Karbala tila area around 7:00pm by holding the house owner hostage at gunpoint. Sensing the presence of the robbers, a neighbour informed other villagers about the robbery over the phone.

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## Funerals for robot dogs

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Robots dogs that are no longer supported by Sony, which made them, are being laid to rest in funerals in Japan.

The dog, known as Aibo, was released in 1999 with the promise of being able to learn and express itself, so that it would develop a personality.

And while they were popular for some time, Sony discontinued

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## COAL SCAM CASE

# Court summons Manmohan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Former Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh has been summoned as an accused along with five others in a case linked to the coal block allocation scam.

The scam dubbed as "Coal-Gate" surfaced after the national auditor's report in 2012 questioned the government's practice of awarding coal mining blocks at a concession to companies without competitive bidding.

A special CBI court has also named aluminium



Manmohan Singh

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