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BNP will resist if attacked

Say its leaders about grand rally

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The BNP will instantly go for tough programmes if it is not allowed to hold its grand rally in front of its Nayapaltn headquarters tomorrow, party leaders said.

A march towards or laying siege to important establishments and road and waterway blockades will be on the cards, party sources said.

They said programmes for their movement, demanding the resignation of the government and elections under a non-partisan interim government, could then be made nationwide.

However, the party leaders will return home if the BNP



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Arrested opposition activists brought to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Old Dhaka in a prison van yesterday. Waiting on the court premises, some relatives and friends enquire about their well-being. The BNP has alleged that many of its activists and leaders have been arrested ahead of their grand rally tomorrow.

EC must try to bring all parties to polls

Editors, journalists tell EC workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission should continue its efforts to ensure the participation of all political parties in the next general election, senior journalists recommended yesterday.

They also said that there is no alternative to a consensus among political parties about a free, fair, participatory, and credible election.

Editors and senior journalists

from different newspapers and television stations made the call at a workshop titled "12th Parliamentary Polls: Role of Media and Expectation of the Nation".

Speaking at the event, organised by the EC at its Agargaon office in the capital, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, editor of the Daily Observer, said questions may arise if the

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'Over 1,200 BNP activists arrested in last 3 days'

Claims the party; Rab, police step up checking at entrances to Dhaka

STAR REPORT

BNP yesterday claimed that over 1,200 of its leaders and activists were arrested over the past three days and that the arrests were made as the party will hold a rally in the capital tomorrow.

The party's Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said 330 of their members were arrested

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OCT 28 RALLIES Cops all geared up, AL men too

BNP to get police nod at last moment; Jamaat to be given no quarter

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Police might give the BNP permission to hold the grand rally at its desired Nayapaltn venue at the last moment, but opposition activists will not be allowed anywhere else on the streets.

From the evening today, the ruling Awami League activists will take position at the entrances to the capital. They will also be on the streets to make sure the BNP activists cannot spread across the city or engage in violence, said insiders.

The ruling party will hold its rally next to the south gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque tomorrow as police are likely to give permission for the event too.

The law enforcers will be carrying firearms and sound grenades while water cannons will be ready, officials said, adding that police will use drones and security cameras to watch the mass gatherings.

Besides, police officers were also asked to be vigilant and use bullet-proof vests while working at certain places, said sources.

Another major concern for the AL and police is Jamaat's announcement that it would hold a rally at Shapla Chattar in Motijheel on Saturday.

Police sources said they would not let Jamaat

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From tonight, AL men will take position at the entries to the capital

Jamaat desperate to hold a rally at Shapla Chattar, Motijheel

Police and AL men to go tough on Jamaat if it tries to gather

Police use sound grenades, shotguns at riot control drill



BNP leaders, activists will through Nayapaltn if not allowed to hold rally

Party to instantly go for tough programmes if not allowed to hold rally

Large number of BNP leaders, activists already in Dhaka

is allowed to hold the rally peacefully, said party leaders, adding that they want peace but would defend themselves if attacked.

The BNP leaders said they would not have the rally elsewhere, and that was why the party did not mention an alternative venue while seeking permission from the Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The DMP urged the BNP to name an alternate, but the party said no, citing arrangements already made at Nayapaltn.

"We had observed programmes defying all odds and obstacles earlier and will do so this time too," Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, standing committee member of

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Sri Lanka's Lahiru Kumara celebrates taking the crucial wicket of England skipper Jos Buttler in their World Cup group game in Bengaluru yesterday. Kumara marked his return to the side with match-winning bowling figures of three for 35 in seven overs, helping the Lankans thrash England by eight wickets.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Sri Lanka heap more misery on England

REUTERS, Bengaluru

Sri Lanka breathed life into their World Cup campaign and left England in increasing danger of missing out on a semifinal spot after crushing the defending champions by eight wickets in a low-scoring match in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Chasing a modest 157 for only their second win, Sri Lanka overcame the loss of two early wickets before Pathum Nissanka (77 not out) and Sadeera Samarawickrama (65 not out) got them across the finish line in 25.4 overs.

They earlier restricted England to a below-par 156 all out in 33.2 overs in the must-win encounter between the tournament's stragglers, with only Ben Stokes offering some resistance in an otherwise dismal batting display.

Stokes (43) took the attack to Sri Lanka on a dry wicket at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium after England's middle-order collapsed in the face of some incisive bowling, but he held out to Dushan Hemantha in the deep off

Lahiru Kumara (3-35) in the 31st over.

England enjoyed an early slice of luck after Jos Buttler won the toss and opted to bat as Jonny Bairstow (30) survived an lbw chance when Sri Lanka failed to review, but he did not build on his breezy start and gifted his wicket to Kasun Rajitha (2-36).

Sri Lanka had put the brakes on England's scoring following the powerplay as veteran Angelo Mathews (2-14) dismissed opener Dawid Malan (28) and then helped run out Joe Root before Kumara struck twice to leave the holders in tatters at 85-5.

Mathews, called in to play in his fourth World Cup as an injury replacement for Matheesha Pathirana, snared Moeen Ali in his second spell while Chris Woakes fell to Rajitha after a low diving catch by Samarawickrama.

Sri Lanka, who came into the contest with the same record as England - three losses in four matches - then ripped through the tail to ensure the lowest all-out total in Bengaluru and lay the platform for a comprehensive victory.



Tigers on edge in Kolkata

MAZHAR UDDIN from Kolkata

Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha had a busy afternoon yesterday as he was seen pacing from one net to



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another as the Tigers trained at Kolkata's iconic Eden Gardens Stadium ahead of their sixth ICC World Cup match.

Despite being tipped as the favourites in their Netherlands clash on Saturday, the mood was one of seriousness with

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Advertisement for the 2023 Cricket World Cup India, featuring the ICC logo and the slogan 'Experiencing cricket like never before: priceless'.

Large advertisement for BBS Cables, featuring the text 'BANGABANDHU TUNNEL SAFELY WIRED BY PREMIUM QUALITY BBS CABLES' and the BBS Cables logo with the tagline 'more than safety'. It also includes various certification logos and the text 'BBS CABLES BANGLADESH' and 'Environment Friendly Cables'.