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Police fear more violence

AL to be on high alert

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers have decided to increase security precautions, fearing that the two-day blockade called by opposition parties, which begins this morning, will be more violent than the ones last week, said police sources.

Similarly, Awami League leaders and activists will also remain on high alert at unit offices across the country today and tomorrow, aiming to show their strength on the streets, said party sources.

BNP and its like-minded parties announced a two-day countrywide blockade starting today, demanding

As many as 65,000 Ansar and VDP members will be deployed across the country to ensure smooth movement of rail, road, and river transport.

the resignation of the AL government and that the general election be held under a neutral interim government.

Sources said keeping the public transportation system running smoothly is one of the police's main objectives, which is why bus, train, and railway stations have extra security measures in place.

Highway police will periodically coordinate with district police to ensure highway security and the smooth movement of vehicles.

To prevent buses from being torched, police were given special instructions to identify and arrest arsonists disguised as passengers.

Police will also deploy a sufficient number of checkpoints and patrol teams at strategic locations in the capital, while security at key point installations (KPIs) has already been beefed up.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, DMP Spokesperson Faruk Hossain, said, "There will be massive

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Law enforcers, both on the riot truck and on foot, use firearms to disperse garment workers who have been protesting for better wage for 10 days. The photo was taken at Jamgara on Tongi-Ashulia EPZ road yesterday.

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157 killed in Nepal quake

Hundreds injured, rescuers struggle to find survivors, death toll feared to rise

REUTERS, Kathmandu

Rescue workers in Nepal began digging through the rubble of collapsed houses with their bare hands on Saturday, searching for survivors after the country's worst earthquake in eight years killed 157 people and shook buildings as far away as New Delhi.

The quake struck the Jajarkot region in the west of the Himalayan nation at 11:47 pm

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Bangladesh needs to learn from Sri Lanka's experience about how to face an economic crisis and recovery strategies to avoid similar circumstances, said Debapriya Bhattacharya, a distinguished fellow at CPD.

STORY ON B1

GARMENT WORKERS' DEMO

Clashes leave worker, two cops hurt

42 factories remain closed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Clashes broke out in Gazipur between garment workers and police yesterday on the 10th day of their demonstration demanding a hike in minimum wage.

Workers of SM Knitwear confronted the police when they attempted to block a road in Gazipur's Bagher Bazar area on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway around 10:00am, according to Ariful Islam, an inspector of Gazipur industrial police.

A 35-year-old female worker of SM Knitwear named Rasheda Begum was hit in the forehead with a pellet of a rubber bullet that left her critically injured; she is now undergoing treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"The pellet hit her face, travelled up her nose

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Cats have 276 different facial expressions

CNN ONLINE



Ears flattened, constricted pupils, a lick of the lips. If you've ever wondered if your feline friends' furry faces were saying something whenever they got together, chances are they were.

In a study published in the journal Behavioural Processes last month, two US scientists counted 276 different facial expressions when domesticated cats interacted with one another.

"Our study demonstrates that cat communication is more complex than previously assumed," study co-author Brittany Florkiewicz, an evolutionary psychologist at Lyon College

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