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Chittagong clash takes many lives on Wednesday

Curfew lifted in Dacca but re-imposed in Rangpur

DACCA, MARCH 4: COMPLETE HARTAL IS BEING OBSERVED IN THE CAPITAL OF BANGLADESH AND ITS SUBURBS FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE DAY TODAY IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL GIVEN BY THE AWAMI LEAGUE CHIEF.

THE CURFEW HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM THE CITY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. BUT A 21-HOUR CURFEW HAS BEEN IMPOSED IN RANGPUR FROM 5 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. THE 24-HOUR CURFEW CLAMPED YESTERDAY IN RANGPUR WAS LIFTED AT 2 P.M.

Today's hartal was peaceful and no untoward incident was so far reported from any part of the city.

All the Government offices, autonomous organisations, mills, factories, educational institutions, banks, insurance companies were completely closed today. All means of transport except police vans, ambulances and Press cars remained off the roads. Train, steamer, launch and internal plane services are also suspended.

The hartal has completely paralysed the normal activities of the busy metropolitan life for the third consecutive day.

Sporadic cases of loot and arson which were reported from different parts of the city during the last two days were reduced to nil today, till the writing of this report at 5 p.m. The members of the Awami League Volunteer Corps, students and other social workers have promptly intervened and prevailed over the anti-social elements not to indulge in such activities. Many of the affected areas are being guarded by Awami

League volunteers and students.

However, people from different parts of the city including Farm Gate, Kalabagan, Green Road, University Campus, Lalbagh, Shaikh Saheb Bazar came out on the City roads in processions at midnight defying curfew. The processionists raised various slogans.

There were also reports of firing during curfew but no official confirmation was available. The hospital ambulances were seen moving in the streets.

Reports from other parts of Bangla Desh say that similar eight-hour hartal was being observed there.

The telephone operators refused to book any distant calls upto 2 p.m. The transmission of news items over TOR (telephone over radio) by the news agencies remained suspended as the operators stayed away from work during the hartal hours.

The eight-hour hartal will continue everyday till Saturday.

A Ghaibana Janaza was held in front of Baitul Mukarram after the Zohar prayer this afternoon for those killed in Dacca and elsewhere.

Special prayers were also held

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after the Janaza for the salvation of the departed souls. A procession was also taken out.

It may be mentioned here that the Janaza was held as a part of the week-long programme drawn by the Students' League.

CHITTAGONG

Meanwhile, the port town of Chittagong strongly protested yesterday against the postponement of the National Assembly session by observing national mourning day at the call of the Awami League chief Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The second biggest city of Bangla Desh rose as a man to voice its resentment against the action. Some clashes took place at different places which claimed many lives, according to unofficial reports.

The incidents mostly took place in wireless, Feroze Shah and Sher Shah colonies. All the cases of violence were accompanied with arson in which the Tiger Pass railway colony was the worst affected.

In the afternoon, a huge public meeting at Lal Rishi Maidan addressed by the Awami League leaders vehemently protested against the postponement. Speakers warned the administration against any incitement and said suppressive measures would not be able to silence the voice of the Bengalees.

KUSHTIA HARTAL

In Kushtia, students of all educational institutions abstained from their classes and brought out a big procession yesterday in protest against the postponement of National Assembly session.

Parading the main street, the processionists raised various slogans condemning Mr Bhutto and demanding implementation of Six and 11 points programme. They also appealed for observance of complete hartal till March 6.—
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MEETINGS

APP adds: Sponsored by the students and labour organisations, four public meetings were held at different places in Dacca where the speakers stressed the need for maintaining unity and discipline to successfully carry out the movement to achieve the people's rights.

The speakers also demanded immediate transfer of power to the people's representatives.

Peaceful processions were taken in the city streets by various organisations.

A torch light procession was taken out by a student organisation in the city streets. The processionists raised slogans for continuing the struggle for the establishment of the people's rights.