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A parking lot with burnt vehicles following clashes between people supporting and opposing a contentious amendment to India's citizenship law in New Delhi yesterday.

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VIOLENCE IN NEW DELHI

Death toll rises to 27

More than 200 injured; no major clashes reported amid heavy security; 106 arrested

AGENCIES

Tension continued to simmer in and around northeast Delhi for the fourth consecutive day despite calls for calm as the death toll in the clashes over a controversial citizenship law rose to 27.

Though new incidents of violence were reported yesterday evening, increased presence of police and paramilitary forces prevented those

from descending into chaos.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday called for calm.

"Peace and harmony are central to our ethos. I appeal to my sisters and brothers of Delhi to maintain peace and brotherhood at all times," Modi said in a tweet.

Modi's appeal came after a storm of criticism from opposition parties of the government's failure to control

the violence, despite the use of tear gas, pellets and smoke grenades.

Sonia Gandhi, president of the opposition Congress party, called for the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah, who is directly responsible for law and order in the capital.

This week's battles between Hindus and Muslims have seen mobs armed with swords, guns and acid

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No need for separate groups at SSC level

Says PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said there was no need for separating groups in class nine as all students could take up same subjects up to SSC level.

She was addressing a programme at the Shapla Hall of her office marking the distribution of Prime Minister Gold Medal-2018.

A total of 172 university students were handed the award for their outstanding academic achievement.

The event was held under the auspices of University Grants Commission (UGC).

Hasina said everyone has to keep pace with the modern technology-based era.

She said separation of groups in Bangladesh takes place at class nine. "To me, there is no need for this separation of groups at all

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UGC now opts for 'cluster system'

Decides not to press ahead with uniform admission tests as 5 major universities oppose the move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Backtracking on its plan to introduce a uniform admission test at the public universities, the University Grants Commission has decided to follow "a cluster system" for admission tests this year.

The decision comes as five leading universities said no to uniform tests. The members of UGC and vice-chancellors of 35 public universities decided this at a meeting at the UGC office in the capital yesterday. VCs of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Jahangirnagar universities were not present

at the meeting chaired by UGC Chairman Prof Kazi Shahidullah.

Earlier on February 11, UGC announced a "Centralised Admission Test" or a uniform admission test to reduce the hassles and expenses of admission seekers.

But Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University and Chittagong University over the last few days said they would hold admission tests following their own methods.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

ACC investigating Laxmipur-2 MP

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

The ACC has opened an enquiry into an allegation that Laxmipur-2 MP Mohammad Shahid Islam amassed Tk 1,400 crore by trafficking people to Kuwait and siphoned off the money to different countries.

In an order issued on Tuesday, the Anti-Corruption Commission tasked one of its directors with carrying out the enquiry, said an official of the anti-graft watchdog, wishing not to be named.

Recently, some media outlets in Kuwait have run reports saying that three Bangladeshis were operating a human trafficking racket in the Middle Eastern country. On February 12, a report of the Arab Times, an English language daily, said one of the three was a "member of

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India lifts ban on onion exports

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA

India yesterday decided to lift the ban on onion export to protect the interests of its farmers as prices in the domestic market are expected to fall sharply thanks to the bumper rabi crop.

The decision was understood to have been taken at a meeting of a group of ministers headed by Indian Home Minister Amit Shah.

Food Minister Ram Vilas

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INDIAN PRIME MINISTER
NARENDRA MODI



"The central government, including the Home Minister (Amit Shah), is responsible. The Congress party demands that he resign immediately."

CONGRESS PRESIDENT
SONIA GANDHI



"So painful to watch people of Delhi suffering. Praying that we recover from this tragedy soon and work together to undo damage done to people and communities."

DELHI CHIEF MINISTER
ARVIND KEJRIWAL



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