



Traders wearing black scarves on the face stage a sit-in on the road in front of Chawkbazar Shahi Mosque in the old city during yesterday's strike called by more than 40 traders' organisations protesting rampant extortion and murder.

Old Dhaka becomes violent over Jubo Dal, League clash

Traders observe strike to protest crime, police frame-up

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Lalbagh yesterday.

The confrontation took place amid a daylong strike called in a large area of Old Dhaka by over 40 local business bodies protesting a police raid on the business establishment of a local AL leader at Naigola, and subsequent ransacking of it allegedly

by Jubo Dal cadre Monday.

Shops stretching from Lalbagh to Islampur were kept shut yesterday and a human-chain was formed on Chawk Circular Road as part of the strike, which also condemned the rampant extortion, threats and murders in the area.

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48-hour hartal likely April 7-8, more to follow, Jalil says

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Awami League (AL) General Secretary Abdul Jalil yesterday reaffirmed his party's vow to unseat the government by April 30 through a mass movement including indefinite hartals.

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after emerging from a meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCW) held at its Dhamondi office yesterday to finalise its plan of action for the government's ouster.

He said the main opposition party will soon launch a massive countrywide oust-government movement to make good on its forecast of the government's over

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