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# Ctg hawkers, traders go berserk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fresh clash between hawkers and traders left several business establishments and makeshift shops damaged at Reazuddin Bazar and adjoining areas in the port city yesterday.

The violent clash that left some 22 people including seven policemen injured forced the Chittagong Metropolitan Police to impose section 144 in and around Reazuddin Bazar, Station Road, New Market and Amtala since 6:00pm.

The injured cops include CMP Deputy Commissioner (North) Banaj Kumar Majumder and Assistant Commissioner (Kotwali Circle) Helal Uddin.

The law-enforcers baton-charged, lobbed over 50 canisters of teargas and fired over 30 blank shots to disperse the conflicting groups and brought the situation under control after more than three hours.

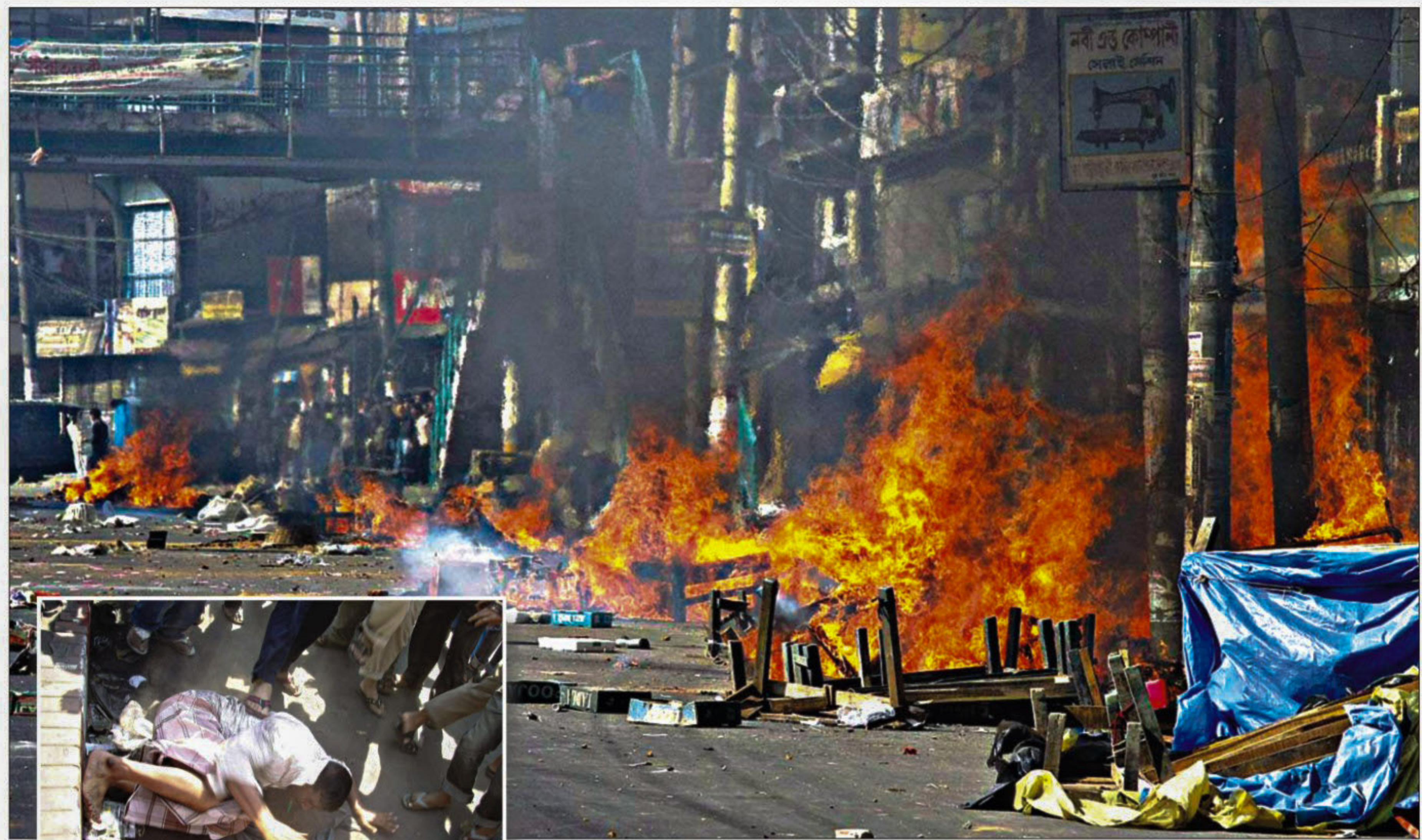
Police and witnesses say the clash occurred when hawkers attacked the traders in Reazuddin Bazar Amtal around 11:45am when leaders of both sides were separately holding a meeting with the CMP chief after Wednesday's clash.

The hawkers broke signboards and windowpanes of a good number of establishments including Banoful Sweetmeats, Regent Park Restaurant and National Bank in Reazuddin Bazar, Jalsha Market and Darul Fazal Market, witnesses said.

At one stage, the hawkers who took position at Jalsha Market started throwing bricks and burning kerosene bottles that caused a fire in the market. However, firefighters doused it shortly.

Ten platoons of police including the Armed Police Battalion and Range Reserve Force and four patrol teams of Rapid Action Battalion later brought the situation under control.

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Burnt down shops of hawkers in the port city's Station Road area. Inset, traders beat up a man suspecting him to be a hawker during the violent clash that left some 22 people injured yesterday.

PHOTO: ZOAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

# Textbook syndicate remains active

ERSHAD KAMOL

A Bangla Bazar based syndicate of printers and binders, with the help of a section of unscrupulous education officials, is illegally marketing and selling school textbooks meant for free distribution.

Amid an artificial book crisis created by those officials, the syndicate is selling a set of these books to students for prices ranging between Tk 270 and Tk 450. The Daily Star purchased such books from a bookstore at Jatrabari two weeks ago.

While monitoring the book market, the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) identified a number of officials of the District Primary Education Officer's Office and the District Education Officer's Office involved

in creating the crisis in collaboration with some printers who are official suppliers of the free books.

These officials were found to be deliberately receiving fewer books than they were supposed to be supplied with. In each bundle of 100 books, they were actually receiving 97-98 books. In a total supply lot of around two lakh books per printer there was a shortage of 2000 to 3000 books. These books were channelled directly to the market for sale, said the NCTB officials.

NCTB documents show that although education officials in Dhaka should have received 32.78 lakh primary school books and 58.32 lakh secondary books from the printers, they had in fact received 27.95 lakh primary school books

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# FIRE AT KADAMTALI SLUM Mother, baby burnt alive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman and her two-month old baby boy were burnt alive after Kadamtali railway slum caught fire that gutted all the 45 shanties yesterday.

Kamala Begum, 22, wife of factory worker Shafiqul Islam and her baby Kawsar were asleep at a shanty in the slum when the fire raged at around 12:10am.

Fire fighters recovered the roasted bodies and sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College Morgue for autopsy.

Shafiqul, with tears on his cheeks, told reporters, "I went to shop half an hour ago to bring my ailing son medicine but fire took toll on them. My son could not take medicine."

Locals said no residents could save their belongings as the fire gutted all shanties made of bamboo within half an hour.

Sub-inspector Rezaul Karim of Kadamtali police station said the fire fighters' vehicles could not reach the spot due to very

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# 'Dour' Salauddin expelled from BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday expelled its former lawmaker Salauddin Ahmed from the party for contravention of party discipline.

Salauddin, who was cooperative affairs secretary of the party's newly elected central executive committee, has lost his primary membership of the party after the party chairperson approved his expulsion.

The disciplinary action came against Salauddin, popularly known as "Dour Salauddin", due to his holding rallies and bringing out processions ignoring the chairperson's directions, party

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# RU TEACHER KILLING CASE Two JMB men handed death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A court here yesterday handed down death sentence to two JMB leaders for killing Rajshahi University teacher Muhammad Yunus five years ago.

Of the two, Shahidullah alias Mahbub is married to a niece of Siddiqui Islam alias Bangla Bhai, now-executed JMB military commander. The other one, Shafiqullah alias Tarek, is commander of Rajshahi district Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, the banned Islamist outfit.

Besides sentencing them to death, Rajshahi Speedy Trial Tribunal fined them each Tk 5,000.

It however acquitted six other JMB men of the murder. They



Muhammad Yunus

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PHOTO: SHAFIQUL ALAM

Chhatra League activists of Jagannath University launch attack on Kabi Nazrul Govt College in the city yesterday.

# BCL men fight over 'admission trade'

30 hurt; shops, vehicles vandalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 30 people, including three policemen, were injured yesterday in a clash between the Bangladesh Chhatra League units of city's Jagannath University and Kabi Nazrul Govt College over an alleged admission trade.

Police and sources said the clash ensued when some BCL men of Kabi Nazrul College beat up Joy and Safayet,

members of the Jagannath University unit BCL, who came to lobby for a fresher's admission to the institution around 3:00pm. The college students also snatched admit card of the admission seeker from them, sources added.

Receiving minor injuries Joy and Safayet returned to Jagannath campus. Around 3:30pm accompanied by fellow students they launched an attack on Nazrul College campus.

The group vandalised several vehicles, including private cars and motorcycles of the college principal, vice principal and office staff.

They also hurled brickbats at the buildings in the residential area of the college.

The opposite group also reorganised themselves and hit back the attackers. Witnesses said the two groups had been

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# ARMS DISPLAY AT DU Chhatra Dal cadre Pasha arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The detective branch of police yesterday arrested a Chhatra Dal cadre who was photographed wielding firearms during the clash between JCD factions at Dhaka University.

Sayed Nurul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Ramana zone, said the arrestee, Saiduzzaman Pasha,

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# Jasas man dies in custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man arrested in an extortion case died in police custody in the city yesterday.

Deceased Aminul Islam Mintu, 35, was the president of Ramna unit Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas), family sources said.

Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shahbagh Police Station, said police arrested Aminul from Paltan

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Prayer Timing		
January 29		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-43	5-47
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

# Govt to make Jubok pay people back

Takes several steps to ensure return of over Tk 100cr collection

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to take a number of steps concerning Jubok to ensure return of the money this non-government organisation collected from people as deposit.

The steps include prohibition on sale or transfer of movable and immovable properties of the NGO.

A high-powered inquiry commission was formed yesterday with former governor of Bangladesh Bank Mohammad Farash Uddin heading it as part of the government move.

According to BB sources, Jubok (Jubo Karmasangsthan Society) collected more than Tk100 crore from people in the name of deposit and is not returning it now.

The six-member commission will submit within three months its report on several issues concerning Jubok.

These include the identification of the persons responsible for fraud committed by Jubok and criminal actions to be taken

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11TH SA GAMES

# Opening today

SPORTS REPORTER

The 11th South Asian (SA) Games gets underway at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today with huge enthusiasm among the athletes as well as the spectators.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to declare the 12-day regional sporting

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OnlinePoll

Is it believable that 92 out of 107 students of the Islamic Studies department of Dhaka University deserve first class as happened in their recent master's examinations?

Yes (17.7%)  
No (77.8%)  
No Comments (4.5%)

Total votes: 921

TODAY'S POLL

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