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HURTING RELIGIOUS SENTIMENT

Jamaat trio held on court order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Top brass of Jamaat-e-Islami -- Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid, and Delwar Hossain Sayedee -- were arrested from the capital and Savar, hours after a Dhaka court ordered the move yesterday.

The court issued the order to arrest four Jamaat leaders including the detainees, as they had failed to comply with earlier summonses for court appearances in a case filed on charges of hurting religious sentiment of the Muslims.

The other Jamaat leader with an arrest warrant against him is the party's Dhaka City unit

chief Rafiqul Islam Khan, who was still free at the time of filing this report last night, as police could not find him when they raided Jamaat's Dhaka City unit office in the afternoon, to arrest him.

The court had granted bail to another accused in the case, Dhaka City President of Islami Chhatra Shibir ASM Yahia, as he had appeared before the court yesterday. Islami Chhatra Shibir is a student organisation backed by Jamaat, an Islamist political party.

Jamaat right away announced rallies across the country for today, protesting the arrests and

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Arrest made illegally
Says Jamaat, plans demonstrations today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami will stage demonstrations across the country today to protest the arrest of its three top leaders.

Announcing the programme at a press briefing at the party's central office yesterday, Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Maqbul Ahmad said the arrests were made illegally.

Jamaat's executive council decided to go for agitation at an emergency meeting hours after its Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid and Delwar Hossain Sayedee were detained in a case filed on charges of hurting religious sentiment of the Muslims.

Meanwhile, police were cordoning off the Jamaat central office in Moghbazar last night to ward off any flare-up of violence over the arrests.

Shibli Noman, officer-in-charge of Ramna police

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Spain's prolific striker David Villa (L) celebrates by the touchline after scoring the only goal of their World Cup round of 16 match against Portugal at the Green Point stadium in Cape Town yesterday. Spain will meet Paraguay in the quarterfinals. PHOTO: AFP

PM visits hartal victim

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited critically injured Superintendent Engineer of Public Works Department (PWD) Abul Kashem at the city's Square Hospital.

Abul Kashem is undergoing treatment at the hospital for severe head injuries he suffered in Shahbagh area of the capital on his way to office when a piece of brick thrown by pickets hit him during the hartal hours on June 27.

During the visit, the premier talked to the on duty doctors and enquired about the treatment of Kashem.

She also consoled Abul Kashem's family members and assured them that her government will make all-out efforts to provide treatment to the injured engineer.

Hasina, also the president of Bangladesh Awami League, said such an attack on an office going officer is a cruel and heinous offence.

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Nightmare came night before the hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Faruque Hossain, who suffered burns on 60 percent of his body as criminals torched a car on the night before Sunday's hartal, is now fighting for life at the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

"He is now at the ICU (intensive care unit) and his condition is very serious," Dr Samanta Lal Sen, project director of the unit, said yesterday.

An employee at an electric fan shop at Nawabpur in the capital, Faruque, 30, along with a brother used to earn a living for their family of six including his widowed mother and three sisters.

"My son left home Saturday evening, and about three hours later they received a telephone call from hospital (DMCH burn unit). Now his survival is at stake. We have already borrowed Tk 40,000 for his treatment and spent the entire amount," Faruque's mother Shirin

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PHOTO: STAR
Vandals in the night before the country-wide hartal left Faruque with 60 percent of his body burnt. Doctors in DMCH say his condition is grave.



Initiate judicial investigation

Demand BNP lawmakers over govt's hartal 'excesses'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday placed a set of demands including sending injured party lawmaker Annee abroad immediately for better treatment on his release and withdrawal of all cases filed against Khaleda Zia for its return to parliament.

BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) at a press briefing at the Parliament's Media Centre also demanded formation of a judicial probe body to investigate "the attack and vandalism by police" in the residence of its leader Mirza Abbas during Sunday's hartal.

Other demands include cancellation of the government's notice asking Khaleda Zia to vacate her cantonment house, holding discussion in parliament on various issues like law and order, price hike of essentials and agreements signed with India. Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Faroque on behalf of

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ANNEE'S ARREST
Speaker bins Sahara's claim of his nod

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday claimed BNP lawmaker Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annee was arrested with permission from Speaker Abdul Hamid.

Hamid, however, rejected the claim. Annee was arrested at the city's Shahbagh area during hartal hours Sunday on charges of involvement in violent activities.

The arrest raised questions whether the law enforcement agencies need to have the

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No registration no permission

Rajuk won't allow unregistered realtors to develop plots, build apartments

BSS, Dhaka

Private land developers and real estate companies, who are not registered with Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk), will not get its approval for developing plots and constructing apartments from July 1.

Only nine, out of 728 members of Real Estate Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB), have so far applied for registration in prescribed forms as the authority made it mandatory before June 30, officials said.

They said there are around 1,500 other private companies, who are neither members of REHAB and nor affiliated with Rajuk.

The capital development authority asked private land developers and real estate companies to get enlisted with it as per the Dhaka Metropolitan Building (construction, development,

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