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**Arrest for harassment**  
Says Jamaat, declares 2-day agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday came up with a fresh two-day programme including protest rallies across the country today demanding immediate release of its three top leaders.

Jamaat would also observe "doa [prayer] day" on Friday seeking release of its Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General Ali Ahsan Delwar Hossain Sayedee who were arrested on Tuesday.

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## Jamaat trio linked with glut of cases

4 of those for war crimes; 16-day remand for interrogation of Nizami, Mojahid, Sayedee; at least 100 Jamaat, Shibir men picked up across country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid, and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee were shown arrested yesterday in a slew of cases including four in connection with war crimes. They were also remanded for 16 days each.

The move came a day after they had been arrested for failing to appear in a Dhaka court in connection with a case of hurting the religious sentiment of the country's

Muslims.

The court however granted the three Jamaat top brass bail in that case yesterday.

Meanwhile, law enforcers arrested at least 100 leaders and activists of Jamaat and allied student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir from different parts of the country till last night since late hours of Tuesday, for putting up road barricades, burning of tires, and bringing out marches protesting the arrests of their leaders. Khulna district Jamaat ameer also former

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## BSMMU RECRUITMENT ANOMALIES 38 doctors, staff suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-eight teachers and administrative officials of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) were suspended temporarily following a review report of the syndicate committee on recruitment and promotion irregularities.

The authorities also sent show cause notices to them asking why their recruitment or promotion would not be declared illegal. The notice came shortly after a syndicate meeting at the university around 1:30 pm.

All the suspended teachers of more than 20 departments of BSMMU, had ranks of assistant professor, associate professor and professor.

The authorities also served show cause notices to three other teachers asking why their recruitment or promotion would not be cancelled.

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## DCC recruitment raises eyebrows

ACC sues Khoka for graft after a year-long probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) took less than a minute to complete the viva voce of each candidate as the entire process of appointing 49 employees from 199 jobseekers took only five hours.

The story did not end here as five of the 49 candidates selected for the position of revenue officer even joined office the same day after receiving appointment letters.

Besides, the employees selected for different posts were

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## CLOSURE OF 3 FACTORIES 40 hurt in RMG unrest in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 40 people including 15 policemen were injured in a string of clashes between garment workers agitating against sudden closure of three factories and law enforcers at Shewrapara in the capital yesterday.

Police charged batons, fired around one hundred teargas canisters and water cannons to disperse several hundred workers of around 15 garment factories located on both sides of Rokeya Sarani, who took to the streets demanding reopening of the closed factories.

The demonstrators blocked Rokeya Sarani for around two hours from 8:30am, threw brickbats and vandalised three vehicles including a police ambulance turning the entire area into a virtual battlefield.

Traffic movement on the major street remained suspended for over four hours causing long tailbacks on it as well as on other roads in adjacent areas. Commuters suffered badly. Vehicular movement normalised at about 1:00pm.

Production was suspended in at least 15 garment factories following the clashes.

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A policeman aims his shotgun during a clash with garment workers on Rokeya Sarani in the capital yesterday after the employees went on the rampage protesting closure of three factories. Inset, traumatised students caught in the violence try to escape.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



## Favourites await tough battles

Quarter finals from tomorrow

AGENCIES, Johannesburg

Brazil and Argentina are the teams to beat going into the World Cup finals, but both have tough hurdles to overcome if they are to fulfil their promise in South Africa.

In two mouth-watering clashes, five-time champions Brazil meet the Netherlands on Friday, while Argentina face their biggest test so far against a young Germany side fresh from a 4-1 thumping of England on Saturday.

European champions Spain, meanwhile, seem to be stepping up a gear and should start as favourites against Paraguay, while Africa's remaining hopes Ghana take on Uruguay seeking to become the first team from the continent to reach the semifinals.

The last eight features four teams from South America, who could conceivably occupy all the semifinal places. However, the European trio of Spain, Germany and the Netherlands will have other ideas, while all Africa will be behind Ghana.

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