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# Not coup but mass upsurge

*Khaleda clears BNP's policy at procession; asks govt to restore caretaker system; reiterates 'Let's go to Dhaka' March 12*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said her party does not believe in army coups; rather it wants to go to power through an election under a non-partisan caretaker government.

"We believe in mass upsurge. We will oust the government with the help of the people," she told a huge rally in front of the party's



central office at Nayapaltan prior to starting a mass procession in the capital.

"Take initiative to restore the caretaker government system and ensure continuation of the democratic process. Otherwise you will not get the time in the face of a mass upsurge. We won't

participate in an election without a caretaker government," she warned the

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Bullet-hit Jamaat activist Shafiqul Islam lies dead on a road in Rajshahi yesterday. Inset, moments before he was shot.

## AL vows to resist plot to grab power

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League leaders yesterday said they along with the people would resist any plot by the main opposition BNP to capture state power through unconstitutional means.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had been involved in different conspiracies including the 2009 BDR mutiny in efforts to destabilise the country and disrupt its democratic system, they

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# Jamaat man killed in clash with cops

*Around 80 including cops injured; BNP-led alliance calls half-day hartal in Rajshahi for today*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Jamaat-e-Islami activist was killed and around 80 others, including 19 cops, were injured in clashes between law enforcers and Jamaat-Shibir men in the city's Hatim Khan area yesterday afternoon.

The dead man, Shafiqul Islam, son of Abdur Rahman Sheikh of Basua Achintola in Rajshahi, worked at Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited Hospital. He was the

father of a child.

The 30-year-old was already dead when he was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. He was shot in the back near the neck, said Habibur Rahman, an emergency medical officer of the hospital.

The BNP-led four-party alliance will enforce a half-day hartal in the city today to protest the killing.

Mizanur Rahman Minu, president of

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PHOTO: STAR

The main opposition BNP brings out a mass procession yesterday to intensify its movement for restoration of caretaker government system.

## It's media propaganda

*Kamal Majumder slams journos over extra admission fees*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder yesterday censured in parliament the media for, what he said, spreading propaganda against him in connection with overcharging admission fees at Monipur school in the capital.

Majumder, who is also the president of the school's managing committee, took almost the whole 15 minutes the House allocated to him defending the school authorities' decision of

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## LAXMIPUR, CHANDPUR 12,000 BNP, Jamaat men charged with violence

STAR REPORT

Police sued some 6,000 activists of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami for shooting two dead, attacking policemen and vandalising public property in Laxmipur on Sunday.

In a similar move, Chandpur police filed two cases that day accusing at least 6,000 BNP and Jamaat activists of attacking on-duty policemen and using explosives during their demonstrations.

Four persons died in Laxmipur and Chandpur

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## NON-GOVT SCHOOLS IN DHAKA

# Admission fees re-fixed

WASIM BIN HABIB

In the wake of a public outcry over high admission fees charged by the non-government schools in the capital, the government yesterday re-fixed the fees for the schools enjoying monthly pay order (MPO) facilities for a section of their teachers.

These schools can now charge at

best Tk 8,000 in admission fees, session charge and other fees for their Bangla version and Tk 10,000 for English version. And they cannot take more than Tk 3,000 in development charge, included in the admission fees.

But the schools which have already realised admission fees higher than this will have to return

the extra money or adjust it with the monthly fees.

Admission fees for the schools where all teachers get MPO facilities, as fixed in the recently announced admission policy, will remain unchanged. They will not charge more than Tk 5,000 in admission fees

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