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Shibir strikes terror in city

Beats up cops brutally, tries to slit Jubo League leader's throat, attacks law minister's escort car, smashes vehicles

STAR REPORT

It was a planned attack by the Jamaat-Shibir men. Or so it seemed. They snatched the rifle from a policeman and beat him with its butt, injured over a dozen other law enforcers, attempted to hack a Jubo League leader and attacked law minister's private secretary's car -- all on the capital's main thoroughfares yesterday afternoon.

But that is not all. The Islamist party men torched police motorbikes, vandalised three news vans and dozens of public and private

vehicles and beat up the common people indiscriminately.

These were only a few snap shots of the guerilla-style attack from a procession of the Islami Chhatra Shibir, a pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student wing, at Farmgate and Karwan Bazar.

It was not the first time that the Jamaat-Shibir men went on the rampage and wounded police personnel. They have done so almost every day since November 5 in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country.

On November 4, the Jamaat

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Jamaat and Shibir men attack a policeman at Sonargaon intersection in the capital yesterday afternoon during their rampage in the area. Inset, the policeman who was riding the motorbike is seen bleeding from the head while the bike is burning in the background. More on page 20.

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WITNESS ACCOUNT

An eerie evening

SYED BADRUL HASAN

The commotion outside, on the streets, was unmistakable. On the pavement across from the offices of this newspaper, hundreds of young men were suddenly seen to be running toward the Sonargaon crossroads. It was clear that they were coming down in droves from the high street on Farmgate or its vicinity. Just how they emerged in such force and with such seeming determination was a mystery.

It was yesterday. The time was close to 5:00pm and approaching the twilight hour. A greyness had settled over the day. Stillness was supposed to be in the air. But the shouts and the screams drew everyone, in this office and in offices and homes on both sides of Kazi Nazrul

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Armed yet in danger

RASHIDUL HASAN

Hit with brick chips in the head, face and eyes and knocked down to the ground, he made a last-ditch effort to strike back. But bad luck; the pistol misfired.

"Shibir men attacked me all of a sudden [around 4:30pm yesterday]... I tried to snatch my pistol... I tried to fire shots but my pistol didn't work," Abdur Razzaq, sub-inspector of Tejgaon Police Station, told this correspondent.

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Little Parag found 3 days into abduction

KAILASH SARKAR and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Parag Mondol, the six-year-old boy kidnapped in Keraniganj on the capital's outskirts three days ago, was found at Atibazar in the locality early today.

The abductors had shot and injured the child's mother, sister and driver of their family before taking him away on Sunday morn-



ing. "We got back Parag by the grace of the Creator," Parag's uncle Pradeep Kumar Dutta told The Daily Star at 12:35am.

He said they found him in front of Nupur Community Centre at Atibazar under Keraniganj Police Station around 12:15am.

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SCHOOL ADMISSION

No MP quota

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday backtracked from the move to reserve parliamentarians' quota for admission in private schools in the face of public and media criticism.

"Considering all the aspects, we think it will not be right to keep separate quota (in the next year's admission policy) for lawmakers," said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a press briefing in his ministry in the afternoon.

"We sought the prime minister's opinion, as the proposal involved 350 members of parliament. She thinks it would not be right and our decision (to drop the provision) is correct," Nahid added.

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Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir men attack an alleged pro-ruling party man for protesting the rampage they carried out between Farmgate and Sonargaon intersection in the capital yesterday. The photo was taken from Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

8pc growth is the need

WB sees 3 hurdles on way to middle-income status

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Poor infrastructure, lack of land for new industries and unskilled manpower are the obstacles to Bangladesh becoming a middle-income nation in a decade, the World Bank said yesterday.

To reach the long-cherished target, it said, the country has to accelerate its economic growth to eight percent and sustain the present level of remittance growth at eight percent.

The suggestion came in a WB report, "Bangladesh: towards accelerated, inclusive and sustainable growth,"

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TIB study done with negative notion: govt

BSS, Dhaka

The government has called the last month's TIB report on parliamentarians' activities a study to project the graft watchdog's "preconceived notion" using "convenience samplings".

"It appears from the primary review of the [TIB] questions [for survey respondents] that the widely discussed study did not follow appropriately the methods used for social researches," said an

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An Autobiography
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