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# NEW AL COMMITTEES No place for reformists

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Despite hectic lobbying, reformist leaders of the ruling Awami League could not find a berth in the AL Central Working Committee (ALCWC), the highest decision-making body of the party.

On the other hand, AL President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's younger sister Sheikh Rehana and son Sajeb Wazed Joy declined to be included in the committee announced on Wednesday.

AL insiders said a number of former central leaders lobbied with the party high command in the last few weeks to return to the party leadership through its 19th council held on December 29.

These reformist leaders were removed from the ALCWC through the party's 18th council held on July 24, 2009 for what the other AL leaders say their dubious role

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Students, rights activists and civil society members demonstrate with their mouths gagged in front of the Jatiya Sangsad in the capital yesterday to protest the gang rape of a Tangail schoolgirl.

# Jamaat men clash with cops again

30 injured in Dhaka, Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir fiercely clashed with police in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country, leaving at least 30 people injured yesterday.

During the clashes, Jamaat-Shibir men charged cock-tails, damaged vehicles and threw brick chips at the law enforcers, forcing them to fire rubber bullets and teargas canisters, and charge batons.

In Dhaka, at least 10 people were injured as chases and counter chases took place between the activists and police at Motijheel and Mohakhali areas in the morning.

Around 100 Shibir men brought out a procession at Motijheel around 10:30 am. As police tried to intercept the procession, the activists fled blasting several cock-tails, said Anwar Hossain, deputy commissioner (DC) of Motijheel Division.

They hurled brick chips at police and vandalised at

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## SKYPE HACKING Ziauddin asked to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday asked Ahmed Ziauddin, a Bangladeshi legal expert in Belgium, to explain why legal proceeding would not be initiated against him for "obstructing fair process" of cases pending with it.

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## BSF regrets Killing of Bangladeshis on border rose in 2012

STAR REPORT

The Indian Border Security Force yesterday regretted Wednesday's killing of two Bangladeshis on Chapainawabganj frontier, saying such an incident will not happen again.

The BSF also said it will return the bodies today on completion of some formalities.

The Indian force came up with these statements at a flag meeting with Border Guard Bangladesh near

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## WAR CRIMES TRIAL Quader Mollah fined for obstruction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday handed down first-ever punishment as it fined Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah Tk 10,000 apparently for "obstructing expeditious disposal of the case".

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## The Death of a Legend Mr. Mohammad Nurul Islam



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Do you think Rajuk will stop unauthorised housing projects/activities following the High Court order?

Yes (7%)  
No (88%)  
No Comments (5%)

TOTAL VOTES: 225

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Don't you think men should change their attitude to ensure women's safety?

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| Asan         | Jamaat |
| Fajr 5-30    | 6-05   |
| Juma 12-30   | 1-15   |
| Asr 4-00     | 4-15   |
| Maghrib 5-30 | 5-35   |
| Esha 7-00    | 7-30   |

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