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Thousands take position at the capital's Shahbagh intersection for a second day yesterday demanding capital punishment for Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah. Protestors, who include teachers, students, politicians and cultural activists, vowed to continue the movement until their demand is met. *Inset*, people march in procession to the Shahbagh demonstration.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Final push for Teesta deal

*Diplomatic efforts on to settle unresolved issues; Pranab due next month; PM goes to India in Aug*

REZAUL KARIM

With both governments stepping into the final year in office, Dhaka and New Delhi are making one last effort to seal the unresolved deals on issues including the Teesta watershed.

To win public support ahead of the next general elections, the Awami League and Indian Congress are keen to ensure spectacular developments in areas like sharing of water resources, regional connectivity or transit and power exchange, diplomatic sources say.

Foreign ministry officials of the two countries are busy holding meetings to make meaningful the visits of Indian

Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai on February 9-10, External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid on February 16-17 and Indian President Pranab Mukherjee on March 3-4.

Meanwhile, an advance team from New Delhi along with officials of High Commission of India in Bangladesh met with the foreign ministry officials yesterday to discuss about the upcoming visits, especially the visit of the Indian president.

Dhaka has planned to confer "Bangladesh Swadhinata Sammanona" to Pranab at a grand Bangabhaban ceremony on March 3 for his outstanding contribution to the Liberation War, 1971.

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### PMO rejoinder, our reply

The Prime Minister's Office has sent a rejoinder to the editor's note published on January 25 headlined "PM pointer to Star's 'ill motive' and our humble reply". Below we publish the full text of the rejoinder and our reply:

#### REJOINDER

Attention has been drawn to the Prime Minister's Office of the reply of the Daily Star's ill motive as it has been termed and published in the Daily Star on Friday, January 25, 2013. The PMO feels that the misgivings and

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## Thousands join Shahbagh sit-in

*Demand capital punishment for Quader Mollah; protests spread across country*

SUSHMITA S PREETHA

Forty-two years after the Liberation War, sentiments of liberation were rekindled as thousands yesterday refused to leave the street and go home until their demand for capital punishment for war criminals were met.

The spontaneous agitation began on Tuesday afternoon shortly after a tribunal gave life sentence to Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah, and continued throughout the night. The occupation of Shahbagh intersection, initiated by bloggers and activist network went on all day yesterday, with the number of people escalating as the day wore on.

The spirit of the protest spread to other parts of the country, with sit-ins and demonstrations taking place in Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sunamganj, Barisal, Rajbari, Noakhali and Narsingdi.

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## KERANIGANJ KILLING Govt to appeal against acquittal of Mollah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to appeal to the Supreme Court against the acquittal of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah of the charges of murdering hundreds of people in Keraniganj during the Liberation War in 1971, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said yesterday.

Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star his office would soon file the appeal seeking cancellation of the acquittal of the Jamaat leader, and his conviction for the Keraniganj killings.

The chief law officer of the state, however, did not give details.

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### WAR TRIBUNALS NHRC trashes Human Rights Watch views

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Human Rights Commission has strongly refuted the Human Rights Watch's observations about the conduct of trial by international crimes tribunals in Bangladesh.

New York-based Human Rights Watch

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## EC redraws boundaries of 87 constituencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday proposed changes in boundaries of 87 parliamentary constituencies in 28 districts, which may lead to new electoral equation in those areas in the upcoming battle of ballots.

Thirteen out of 20 parliamentary seats of Dhaka district went through major changes in their boundaries. In the process, boundaries of nine out of 13 seats in the capital were redrawn, according to the draft district-wise list of parliamentary

seats published by the EC.

If the proposed changes are implemented, more than 30 of 87 seats may get back their previous boundaries used in the 2001 parliamentary polls.

The seats are Kurigram-2, Bogra-1, 5, Jessore-6, Khulna-1,4,6, Patuakhali-1, 2, Pirojpur-3, Tangail- 5, 6, Jamalpur-5, Mymensingh-3,4, Netrakona-2, Dhaka-1,2,3, Narsingdi-1,2,3,5, Faridpur-2, Narayanganj-2,5, Sunamganj-5, Sylhet-2, Moulvibazar-2,4, Brahmanbaria-1, 5, and 6. Boundaries of these constituencies were

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### Jamaat 'softens' stance

RASHIDUL HASAN

The Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday seemed to soften its anti-government stance in the face of strong opposition from people, especially youths, who expressed resentment at its leader Abdul Quader Mollah being awarded life term instead of capital punishment.

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