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School and zonal activations of the contest are increasing every day

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Millions of candles light up Shahbagh and the rest of the country yesterday evening in memory of those killed by Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing during and after the Liberation War, 1971.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## CANDLE-LIT country

Nation joins Shahbagh youths to mourn all deaths at the hands of Jamaat-Shibir; grand rally at 3pm today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It takes just one ray of light to dispel darkness. But yesterday, there were hundreds of thousands of them to light up the country and remember those who lost their lives to Jamaat-Shibir brutality during and after the Liberation War.

At 7:00pm, the Shahbagh intersection as elsewhere in the country turned into a sea of flickering lights as tens of thousands of protesters raised their candles towards the night sky.

Shahbagh, which has come to be known as Projonmo Chattar, also observed one minute's silence, which was broken by an elegy by Shimul Yusuf.

This followed an announcement of a grand rally titled

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## Valentine's Day with a difference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The youth have celebrated the Valentine's Day this year demonstrating their love for the country and vowing to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War to eliminate the anti-liberation force.

Many couples were seen in Shahbagh chanting slogans for justice for

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## Active beyond Shahbagh

Youths take on Jamaat's propaganda machinery on cyber front

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The youngsters of Shahbagh movement are not only demonstrating on the streets, they have declared war against online campaigns of Jamaat-e-Islami and its supporters.

At Shahbagh, around 30 protesters

armed with laptops are working round-the-clock watching Jamaat activities on Facebook and Tweeter as well as different blogs and news sites.

They have promised zero tolerance for propaganda against the Shahbagh movement and war crimes trial. These cyber

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## Return of that famous letter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"I was there, at the dawn of the movement. Our oath was not to leave the streets until the goal is achieved.

You, the people of the country, have exhibited a unique sort of unity and gallantry," reads the last letter of Shaheed Janani [Mother of Martyr] Jahanara Imam.

Yesterday, a group of students of Fine Arts Institution at Dhaka University were

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Jahanara Imam



People join a demonstration, part of One Billion Rising -- a global movement to end violence against women -- at the capital's Gulshan yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Stop violence against women

Thousands join human chains in Dhaka as part of global movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thousands of people across the country took to the streets yesterday with the commitment to put an end to violence against women.

With loud chants of "silence about violence...no more, no more!" and "fear and oppression...no more, no more!", people from all walks of life formed

human chains in over 34 locations in the capital.

More than 384 supporting organisations, representing diverse stakeholders, organised the demonstrations under a common platform, One Billion Rising (OBR), a global movement to end violence against women.

At least 5,000 people joined the

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## Jamaat, Shibir attack cops

31 injured in Rajshahi

STAR REPORT

At least 31 people including five policemen were injured yesterday in a clash between Jamaat-Shibir activists and police in Katakhal of Rajshahi city yesterday.

Law enforcers rounded up 273 Jamaat-Shibir men across the country including 238 in the capital on charges of vandalising vehicles, assaulting policemen, blasting handmade bombs and attacking a bus of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology.

In Rajshahi, about 500 cadres of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir under the cover of Olama Pir Mashayekh blocked the

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## JAMAAT ATTACKS 2 succumb to injuries in Dhaka, Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Agrani Bank employee, who was injured in a planned attack by Jamaat-Shibir men on Wednesday, succumbed to his injuries at a city hospital yesterday.

Zafar Ali Munshi, 47, a lift operator at the bank's head office in the capital, died around 11:10am at Green Life Hospital.

Meanwhile, a village watchman, who sustained injuries during a clash

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## Unity comes in 4,000 pithas

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU back from Enayetpur, Sirajganj

The Shahbagh protest has begun as a voice of the youth but with time it has pulled in everyone -- from children to adults, rich to poor and urbanites to villagers.

A small initiative or contribution can be large enough to push forward the demonstration calling for death penalty for war criminals. Such an encouraging effort was made yesterday by villagers of Enayetpur of Sirajganj, 200 km north of the capital.

Not only they travelled all the way to Dhaka to express solidarity, they also brought a token of appreciation for today's youths, who have taken the responsibility to hold and spread the

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## BNP discards Jamaat in Feb 17 rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP last night decided to shun its main ally Jamaat-e-Islami and hold a rally in the capital on February 17 demanding restoration of the caretaker government system.

The rally was originally scheduled to be held on February, 9, in front of its Naya Paltan central office under the banner of BNP-led 18-party alliance, of which Jamaat is a key component.

In the face of the ongoing mass agitation against

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## IN Memory



It has been a year since you left us, seems like it was only yesterday when we shared our little jokes and laughters. We miss you dearly and think about you every moment. You will remain in our hearts forever. Today is the first death anniversary of Lt. Col. Hesamuddin Ahmed, psc (Retd), Former Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh, a loving husband and a father. We are holding his Dua Mahfil at our residence on 15<sup>th</sup> of February, Friday Baad Magrib. All well wishers, friends and family are requested to kindly join us to pray for his departed soul.



## All united

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Khawja Nazimuddin's statement on the language issue on January 27, 1952 created a furore among intellectuals and students in East Pakistan.

The Youth League got in touch with the Awami Muslim League, with the result that an all-party conference was convened on the issue on January

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