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Lucia ז"ל & Tadek ז"ל Zyglar and Adela ז"ל & Hymie ז"ל Benjamin  
Loved nephew, cousin and good friend to many  
We miss you more than we can ever say

## SOLIDARITY WITH SHAHBAGH

Organisers lit candles at music fest "Bangla Ganer Utsab" in Kolkata

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Reviewing "The Unfinished Memoirs" of Bangabandhu

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Israel breaks silence over the suicide of an Australian recruited to Mossad

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## at a GLANCE

- Rajib's janaza at Shahbagh intersection today
- Call made to resist Jamaat's hartal on
- Hoisting of National Flag and singing of National Anthem at all educational institutions Sunday
- Gathering in one hour's notice in case of any untoward incident, violence or compromise over
- Grand rally on
- Mass gathering on February 26 marking 10th anniversary of



A shot of the mass gathering at Shahbagh demanding death penalty to all war criminals. The photo was taken around 4:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Mass dissatisfaction

THE ECONOMIST

They are the biggest rallies in Bangladesh for at least two decades. Hundreds of thousands of protesters gather peacefully each day in Dhaka, demanding vengeance against a bearded political figure, Abdul Quader Mollah. Their numbers swell daily: ordinary people furious that, despite his conviction for dreadful crimes during the Liberation War in 1971, Mollah faces only a life sentence.

The rallies began on February 5 after online activists called for protests at Shahbagh, a busy intersection in central

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# Blogger brutally killed War heroes return

Outraged Shahbagh youths drop 7-hour protest plan, vow to continue demonstration in full swing



Ahmed Rajib Haidar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A blogger and activist of Shahbagh movement was found stabbed dead last night, hours after the organisers decided to discontinue from today the 24-hour blockade.

The killing prompted the organisers to abandon a plan to demonstrate in front of National Museum from 3:00pm to 10:00pm every day.

The victim, Ahmed Rajib Haidar, lived with his brother Newaz Mortoza Haidar at Palash Nagar in the capital's Mirpur area. Police found the body, bearing several stabs, near his house.

Outraged, the Shahbagh protesters demanded immediate arrest of the killers and banning pro-Jamaat blog Sonarbangla that had been carrying out propaganda against Rajib over the last few days.

They also called upon the nation to resist the countrywide hartal called by Jamaat for Monday.

The protesters have also observed one-minute silence last night and they will wear black badges this morning to mourn for Rajib.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Shahbagh intersection after Asr prayers today.

Rajib, 30, an architect, was active on Amarblog

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DU CORRESPONDENT

They had fought and won a war 42 years ago. But, motivated by the young protesters of Shahbagh, they have joined a second war. This time, the freedom fighters wish to finish the fight once and for all.

"Those who nourish the spirit of 1971 cannot just watch the movement on television. If justice is not done this time, our country will never be free of stigma," says freedom fighter SM Idris Hossain.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, he said he fought the Liberation War under sector number two during.

"The spirit and the energy of the Shahbagh movement brought me to the streets," said Idris, form Demra. He

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## WAR CRIMES ACT HR Watch wary of law change

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Human Rights Watch in a statement yesterday said retroactive legislation and giving the prosecution the scope to appeal against a verdict would undermine the legitimacy of the international crimes tribunals' activities.

In the statement, Asia Director of the New York-based rights organisations said, "Justice for victims of war crimes and other

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Activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir clash with police, not in the frame, in Cox's Bazar town yesterday afternoon. A few of the armed activists are seen wearing masks.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH



## Section 144 clamped on Dhaka

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The successful general strike of February 4, 1952 gave new impetus to the struggle for Bangla among broad sections of Bangalees. The student community observed

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## Assaulted, then OSD

No case filed against BCL culprits for roughing up Barisal college principal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Newly-appointed principal of Govt Brojo Mohan (BM) College Prof Shankar Chandra Dutt has been made an OSD on Thursday, two days after he was assaulted by a faction of the college unit BCL.

An education ministry order has asked Prof Shankar Chandra Dutt to join the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (DSHSE) as an

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## Desperate, dangerous

Jamaat, Shibir try a few tricks to counter Shahbagh outrage

RASHIDUL HASAN

In desperation, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir are applying various strategies to occupy Paltan or any other important intersections of the capital to offset the Shahbagh movement.

Their techniques include not wearing pyjama and punjabi during their "operations," police and Jamaat sources say.

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wearing their traditional outfit -- pyjama and punjabi -- during their "operations," police and Jamaat sources say.

"Apart from this strategy, Jamaat-Shibir has recently decided to mobilise activists and intellectuals from other Islamic organisations, especially those patronised by Jamaat," a top detective told The Daily Star on Wednesday.

Law enforcement agencies say Jamaat was already in a crisis follow-

ing the start of war crimes trial against its six top leaders. The crisis deepened when protesters at Shahbagh movement called for death sentence to all war criminals, including its leader Abdul Quader Mollah.

Against such a backdrop, Jamaat has also been planning to interchange its "trained cadres" between districts to carry out attacks and vandalism, law enforcers said.

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## JAMAAT Vs COPS

# Three killed

Hartal in Cox's Bazar today, tomorrow; across country Feb 18

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least three Jamaat-Shibir men were killed and 50 others, including a few policemen, were injured during a gun battle between Jamaat-Shibir men and police in Cox's Bazar town yesterday afternoon.

Jamaat-e-Islami would enforce a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal on Monday to protest the deaths of the three activists, says a press release quoting Rafiqul Islam, Jamaat's acting secretary general.

Meanwhile, Jamaat-backed "Mukti Parishad", an organisation demanding the release of war crimes

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