



## GRIEF, RAGE MIXED TOGETHER

1) Rows of mourners at the Shahbagh namaz-e-janaza of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haidar, who was killed Friday night allegedly for his active role in the ongoing movement to demand death penalty for war criminals. 2) People join a gayebana janaza for Rajib on Chittagong Press Club premises. 3) A group of campaigners hang paper cutouts of nine under-trial war crime suspects at Shahbagh. 4) Demonstrators set up camp with dome tents to ensure their presence at the venue day and night. 5) Musicians of popular Bangladeshi bands march towards Shahbagh singing together from Central Shaheed Minar.

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## NEWS IN *brief*

### Joy visits Shahbagh

UNB, Dhaka

Sajeeb Wazed Joy, son of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, yesterday visited Shahbagh and expressed solidarity with the young generation demanding execution of all war criminals.

Joy, also an IT expert, paid rich tributes to slain blogger Ahmed Rajib Haidar. He placed wreaths on the coffin of Rajib and joined his namaz-e-janaza.

Blogger Ahmed Rajib Haidar Shovon, 35, son of Dr Nazmul and Nargis Haidar, was stabbed to death at Polash Nagar in the capital's Pallabi area on Friday night.

### Annual Science Fair of Regent College held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The annual Science fair of Regent College was held in the capital's Gulshan yesterday.

O-level and A-level students of 12 institutes participated in the fair.

The first and second prizes went to Regent College for the projects on robotics and DNA respectively, while the third prize went to Sir John Wilson School for a project on carbon

### RCDW to donate \$50,000 to SAHIC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rotary Club Dhaka West (RCDW) will donate \$50,000 to the Society for Assistance to Hearing Impaired Children (SAHIC) hospital.

With the fund, the specialised ENT hospital of SAHIC in the capital's Mohakhali will buy equipment for its operation theatre, said a press release.

RCDW will provide the fund in partnership with Rotary Club Burnt Hill-Ballston of USA, Rotary Club of Granville of USA, Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

SAHIC has been working for hearing-impaired

### SHAHBAGH BLOGGER RAJIB'S MURDER

## Countrywide mourning turns into protests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country erupted in protest yesterday after Ahmed Rajib Haidar, a blogger and activist of Shahbagh movement, was found stabbed dead near his Palash Nagar residence in the capital's Mirpur area on Friday night.

A correspondent from Gazipur reports: Agitating locals barricaded the Dhaka-Kishoreganj-Kapasia Bazar crossing and Awami League's Gazipur unit organised a procession and rally at Kapasia Bus Stand protesting the murder and demanding immediate arrest and trial of the killers.

Communist Party of Bangladesh's Gazipur committee also condemned the killing.

Local sources said Rajib, hailing from Syedpur village in Torgaon union of Kapasia upazila, is an architect, passing SSC from Government Laboratory High School, Dhaka in 1996 and HSC from Kapasia Degree College in 1998.

His father Nazimuddin is a noted physician and his mother Nargis Haidar is the women affairs secretary of AL's Kapasia unit.

Our Rajshahi University correspondent adds: Demonstrators on the 10th day of a sit-in, under the "RU Gonomancha" banner, demanding death penalty for war criminals, threatened to go for tougher agitation if Rajib's killers were not arrested in 24 hours.

Accusing Jaamat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir men of carry-

ing out the killing, they urged the government to immediately ban the two. "Finding no other alternative, Jamaat-Shibir might start genocides like that of 1971," they said.

Our Khulna correspondent reports: Over 1,000 people, under the "Nirdoliyo Gonomancha" banner, brought out a mourning procession in Khulna city's KDA Avenue area on the 11th day of their demonstrations at Shibbari intersection.

The Awami League-led 14-party alliance brought out another procession from Rupsha area around 4:30pm protesting the killing and demanding the capital punishment and the ban.

The Shibbari demonstrators also demanded a ban on pro-Jamaat blog Sonarbangla which was spreading propaganda against Rajib over the last few days.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports: Bloggers of Chittagong city, under the "Chetona-71" banner, held a protest rally and formed a human chain at Chittagong Press Club premises demanding capital punishment for the killers and the ban.

Hundreds of city dwellers under the "Gono Jagoran Mancha" banner observed a one minute's silence in Rajib's memory and held a gayebana janaza (funeral) in the city's Jamal Khan area.

They said Rajib was murdered for writing against Jamaat and its wings in his blog under the nickname of

"Thaba Baba".

The killing proves that Shibir-Jamaat men do not believe in free thinking and want to push the country towards a civil war like that in Afghanistan, said Debobroto Das, an organiser of the rally.

Our Rajshahi correspondent adds: Demonstrators at "Ekattur Mancha" in Rajshahi city's Alupotty also wore black badges and held another gayebana janaza while demanding the death penalty.

Blaming Jaamat-Shibir cadres for the killing and terming the two "political parties of killers", they demanded the ban and arrest of the killers.

They said Jamaat-Shibir activists who carry out such killings were protected at hospitals, clinics and other institutions owned by Jamaat-Shibir men.

Our Sust correspondent reports: Students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) blocked Sylhet-Sunamganj Highway for around an hour from noon protesting the killing.

Our Sylhet correspondent reports: "Blogger Association Shahbagh Square.com" formed a human chain at Traffic Point area of Sunamganj district town around 11:30am and afterwards brought out a procession protesting the killing.

Agitating locals also broke window glasses of the Sunamganj branch of Islami Bank, allegedly a pro-Jamaat institution.

## Death for Rajib's killers demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-political organisations yesterday strongly protested the murder of the Shahbagh activist Ahmed Rajib Haidar and demanded capital punishment for his killers.

They also demanded a ban on Jamaat-e-Islami, which was allegedly involved in the 1971 war crimes and is being blamed for the killing of Rajib, a 30-year-old blogger who actively campaigned against war criminals. Rajib was stabbed to death on Friday night near his residence at Pallabi in the capital.

The organisations also called upon the people to reject Jamaat's hartial on Monday.

A statement of Workers Party of Bangladesh said when the nation stood united to ensure death penalty for war criminals, Jamaat-Shibir brutally killed Rajib.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal said evidences suggested that Jamaat was involved in the killing. Rajib is a freedom fighter of the new generation, according to Sector Commanders Forum, Liberation War-'71, and Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad said Rajib powerfully bolged against all false campaigns of Jamaat in the cyber world. Jamaat killed Rajib to stop the Shahbagh movement, said Bangladesh Awami Swachhchasebak League.

Also protesting Rajib's killing are Bangladesh Awami Ainjibi Parishad, Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samonnoy Parishad, Gonotantrik Mojdoor Party, Shahbagh Sanghoti Mancha, Gazipur and Bangladesh Jubo Moitry, and Jahangirnagar University Syndicate.



WEATHER  
TODAY

### Rain or thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Comilla and Noakhali till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary or partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:55pm and rises tomorrow at 6:29am.

Country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 10.6 degree Celsius at Sreemangal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.5	18.7	55	60
Chittagong	32.4	16.0	34	54
Rajshahi	24.8	16.4	76	82
Rangpur	22.6	17.0	91	80
Khulna	28.0	15.6	80	81
Barisal	29.6	14.0	68	70

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### Book publication

Research and Development Collective will launch a publication ceremony of a book on Chittagong Hill Tracts and North-West Bangladesh; Venue: Meghna Hall, Biam Foundation; Time: 10:00am.

### Convocation

Brac University will organise its eighth convocation; Venue: Bangabandhu International

Conference Centre; Time: 10:00am.

### Roundtable

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad will hold a roundtable discussion on climate change; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:00pm.

### Fair

SkillFUL and Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry will arrange Skills Fair 2013; Venue: Institution of Diploma



Winners of the sixth national-level Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition, 2013 along with guests at the prize distribution ceremony held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital on Friday. ALOHA Bangladesh organised the competition where 700 students from 300 different schools in Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Rangpur participated. Subarno Neel, Mahir Mohammad Tazwar and Shams Ishraq became champions in the competition.