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A day after the nation paid tribute to the martyrs of the Language Movement at Shaheed Minars on Amar Ekushey, Jamaat-Shibir men vandalise the Shaheed Minar on Trunk Road in Feni. In Dhaka, they, blending in with the crowd of devotees and activists of other Islamist parties, brutally attacked cops, top right, and journalists, bottom right, who were on duty. More photos on page 3, 20.

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Muslims didn't buy it
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The imam of a Dhanmondi mosque yesterday incurred the wrath of the devotees for making derogatory comments about slain blogger Ahmed Rajib Haidar. "Rajib got his due punishment. But death is not enough. His body should be exhumed and
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Jamaat, allies strike terror

4 killed, around thousand hurt in attacks; Shaheed Minars vandalised, national flag burnt following false claim of 'insult to Islam' by Shahbagh bloggers; hartal called for tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a countrywide reign of terror, Jamaat-e-Islami and its sympathisers yesterday attacked law enforcers and journalists, burned the national flag and vandalised Shaheed Minars to counter the mass demand for capital punishment to 1971 war criminals.

They chose mosques as gathering points and launched attacks with handmade bombs, guns, and sticks, leaving at least four persons killed and nearly 1,000 people including 14 journalists wounded.

In what appears to be the culmination of a cleverly orchestrated smear campaign, the Jamaat and its adherents branded the

Shahbagh protesters as atheists and tried to use Juma prayers to whip up religious sentiments against them.

Gonojagoron Manchhas -- from where demands are being made for capital punishment to war criminals -- became their targets of vandalism in Chittagong, Feni, Chandpur, Rajshahi, Bogra, Sirajganj, Joypurhat, Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Pabna.

Jamaat and its student body Islami Chhatra Shibir carried out the attacks under the banner of 12 Islamist parties.

They chanted slogans against the organisers of the Shahbagh movement, which has been calling for death penalty for all war criminals and a ban on Jamaat-Shibir.

Jamaat and some like-minded radical Islamist parties had earlier announced nationwide demonstrations after yesterday's

Juma prayers for punishment to the bloggers.

They torched the national flag in Chandpur and Bogra, and vandalised Shaheed Minars in Feni and Sylhet, and the Awami League office in Kurigram. They attacked law enforcers in other districts, including Jhenidah, Patuakhali, Pabna and Joypurhat. Police fired hundreds of teargas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the attackers. Dozens of people, including journalists, were hit by bullets during the clashes.

Of the four dead, two were killed in Gaibandha, one in Sylhet and another in Jhenidah. The person killed during clashes in Jhenidah was identified as Abdus Salam, a madrasa teacher.

Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir said Jamaat-Shibir
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Just 16 hours after protesters at Shahbagh called off their nonstop demonstration demanding death penalty to all war criminals, people of all walks of life yesterday gathered there again to protest the Jamaat-Shibir rampage across the country.

PHOTO: STAR

Shahbagh rises again

Rally at Rayerbazar today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the Jamaat-Shibir and its sympathisers unleashed a reign of terror targeting the Shahbagh movement, protesters returned to the Shahbagh intersection yesterday afternoon, about 16 hours after the nonstop movement was wrapped up.

Protesting against the countrywide violence, burning and tearing down of national flag and damaging Shaheed Minars in Dhaka and other districts, the Blogger and Online Activist Network began demonstrating all over the country since 7:00pm.

In Dhaka, Imran H Sarker, convener of the Network, issued an ultimatum to the government to arrest within 24 hours

Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of daily Amar Desh for "publishing motivating stories and instigating the violence".

"We have decided to continue our demonstrations round the clock until our demands are met," he said and added, "Our demand is simple. The organisations liable for war crimes during the Liberation War in 1971 must be banned."

He said the Shahbagh protesters demanded exemplary punishment to those who attacked journalists during the violence. "The Jamaat-Shibir carried out attacks across the country to foil our prayer-programme," he said.

At 3:00pm today, protesters will hold a rally at Rayerbazar Baddhabhumi (mass
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Fanatics now target journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir men attacked and injured at least 15 journalists in front of Baitul Mukarram Mosque in Dhaka and Chittagong Press Club yesterday.

In disguise of activists of different Islamic parties, Jamaat-Shibir men launched an attack on electronic and print media personnel at Baitul Mukarram Mosque when they were covering a procession of Khelafat Andolon and some other parties.
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Attacks, rampage in major cities

Gonojagoron manchhas vandalised

STAR REPORT

Jamaat-e-Islami and its likeminded Islamist organisations yesterday unleashed violence in major cities of the country in a show of force countering the countrywide movement against war criminals.

In Chittagong, a few thousand supporters of radical Islamist organisations vandalised structures and the Gonojagoron Mancha site in front of the press club on Jamal Khan Road.

A group of fanatics entered the press club building and smashed windows and assaulted several journalists.

In the face of resistance from law enforcers, the supporters charged
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