

Muslims didn't buy it

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burnt," Syed Zulfikar Zahur, the imam of Tawakul Mosque, said while delivering the Juma sermons.

The people got furious and many stood up in protest.

"Calm down", Zulfikar shouted. He also criticised covering of Rajib's coffin with the national flag and termed the Shahabbagh activists as junkies.

At one stage, his deputy started conducting the prayer.

Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi

Police Station, said police stayed there till the end of the prayers. However, no further trouble was created.

A Dhanmondi resident who regularly goes to the mosque said the imam had crossed the line.

As the Shahabbagh movement gained momentum with tens of thousands of people demanding maximum punishment for war criminals, Jamaat-Shibir men started smear campaigns against frontline demonstrators.

Days before the brutal

murder of Rajib on February 5, anti-religion blog posts were published in his name. The Shahabbagh protesters dismissed those as fake.

Yesterday, imam of a mosque, next to Tamirul Millat Kamil Madrasa at the capital's Mirjahirbag, during the Juma prayers said those who are silent over alleged blog posts of Rajib have no faith in Allah and they are indeed atheists.

The remark sparked protests from devotees. However, everyone cooled down soon and the prayer began.

Nationwide violence

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journalists and leaders of 12-likeminded Islamist parties.

In a statement, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir expressed deep concern over some bloggers' demand to arrest Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman within 24 hours.

He also demanded unconditional release of all detained leaders and workers of Jamaat and Shibir.

Meanwhile, various political organisations in different statements called upon people to build social resistance against the Jamaat-Shibir anarchy launched in the name of "protecting Islam".

They also demanded that the government punish the perpetrators behind the attacks and ban the "destructive" politics of Jamaat.

Talking to reporters after visiting injured journalists at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu yesterday came down heavily on the Jamaat-Shibir mayhem.

"After today's violence, I believe, it is high time that Jamaat-Shibir politics was banned in the country," he said in an instant reaction.

Meanwhile, at an emergency meeting in AL President Sheikh Hasina's political office in

Dhanmondi yesterday around 7:00pm, Awami League-led 14-party alliance alleged that Jamaat-Shibir had unleashed countrywide simultaneous attacks on police and journalists with the direct patronisation of the main opposition BNP and its chairperson Khaleida Zia.

The meeting, chaired by AL presidium member Mohammad Nasim, observed that Jamaat-Shibir men had used mosques to launch the attacks across the country.

The ruling alliance will stage countrywide demonstrations today protesting yesterday's violence by Jamaat-Shibir.

In another statement, Workers' Party of Bangladesh said the Jamaat-Shibir activists had carried out anarchy on a Friday, the day when Muslims go to mosques to offer the Juma prayers. It proved their stance against Islam, it added.

Communist party of Bangladesh, Samajtantrik Dal, Jaitya Mukti Council, Progressive Islamic Alliance, Sommito Sangskritik Jote, Krishibid Institute, Bangladesh, and Democratic Left Alliance also blasted the Jamaat-Shibir aggression.

Prime Ministers' Special Assistant [media] Mahbulul Hoque Shakil also condemned the attacks on journalists.

Jamaat ban now matter

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Qamrul yesterday said there were a few options in favour of banning the politics of Jamaat.

A writ petition, filed for banning Jamaat's politics with the High Court, might be heard and disposed of within a few days and a directive about banning the party might come from the court, he observed.

Besides, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 has delivered some findings about the activities of Jamaat regarding crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War in 1971, the state minister added.

If the prosecution filed an application with the tribunal to take action against Jamaat, a directive might come from the tribunal as well, he said, adding that the government was waiting for the directives.

In reply to a question, Qamrul said the government was probing the allegations against a number of media of spreading misleading news about Islam and Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). The people of

the country would see the result within a few days, he added.

He said the government definitely would arrest the killers of Ahmed Rajib Haider, a blogger and activist of Shahabbagh movement, who was hacked to death on February 15, and bring them to book.

Acting president of Ekattorer Ghatak Dal Nirmul Committee Shahriar Kabir told the function the politics of Jamaat could be banned under the provisions of both the Constitution and the Special Powers Act, since it is an "unconstitutional, a terrorist, militant and war criminal" organisation.

In the face of movement led by Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam in 1992, both the then ruling BNP and opposition Awami League had that Jamaat's politics should be banned by amending the Constitution, but they did not do that, he said.

Shahriar said a few Jamaat-backed media were spreading falsehood about Rajib, Prof Muntasir

Mamun and him (Shahriar) on different issues, but the government was not taking any action against them.

He added they would file a writ petition with the High Court on behalf of the country's citizens for banning the politics of Jamaat.

Supreme Court Bar Association President Zainul Abedin said the home minister has allowed Jamaat to hold rallies at Motijheel in Dhaka for what he said the government had political support for the party.

Terming the BNP a party of freedom fighters, Zainul also claimed the main opposition has not actively taken part in any hartal enforced by Jamaat.

Chief Executive of Bangladesh Human Rights Foundation Alena Khan said there were many war criminals inside the government who had to be put on trial as well.

Both the ruling Awami League and the main opposition BNP had accepted Jamaat when they had felt it convenient, she added.

Blasts kill 83 in Syria

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"We are disappointed that, as a result of the United States' position at the United Nations Security Council, the terrorist act in Syria was not condemned," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a joint news conference after talks with China's foreign minister.

"We believe this is double standards and see in it a very dangerous tendency by our American colleagues to depart from the fundamental principle of unconditional condemnation of any terrorist act, a principle which secures the unity of the international community in the

fight against terrorism."

Another 22 people were killed in an apparently coordinated triple bombing targeting security headquarters in the northern Damascus district of Barzeh on Thursday, including 19 members of the forces, said the Observatory.

Attacks have increasingly targeted government or security buildings in Damascus in recent months, many of them claimed by the jihadist Al-Nusra Front which Washington has designated as a "terrorist" organisation.

The attacks were condemned by both the regime of President Bashar al-

Assad and the umbrella opposition National Coalition, as well as the United States, Russia and UN chief Ban Ki-moon.

There was no still claim of responsibility for the Mazraablast.

The Syrian foreign ministry alleged the bombing was "carried out by armed terrorist groups linked to al-Qaeda. The opposition also denounced the bombers as "terrorists".

Elsewhere, 38 people were killed Thursday in Daraa, birthplace of the revolt in the country's south, including 18 in an air raid on a medical centre, said the Observatory.

Dhaka-Ctg six-lane

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A technical assistance project of Tk 97-crore has been taken by the government for preparing a design of the expressway. The ADB will provide Tk 73 crore as loan for the design, which will be completed by May 31, 2016.

Under a separate loan arrangement from the ADB, a joint venture of SNC-Lavalin, SAI Consulting Engineers Pvt Ltd and Consulting Engineers Ltd India & Associates conducted a detailed study from 2006 to 2008.

The study suggested constructing three routes for the expressway with a four-lane in the first phase and a six-lane in the next phase.

Though the study was completed in 2008, the cabinet committee on economic affairs in October 2009 took a decision, in principle, to implement the project

under the PPP.

But no progress in implementing the project has been made so far.

A communications ministry official said the ADB in early 2011 sent a letter to the principal secretary of the prime minister emphasising the importance of implementing the project.

In May 2011, the ADB, in presence of the then communications minister, highlighted different aspects of the project through a power point presentation.

In December last year, the technical assistance project had been undertaken to prepare the detailed design of the expressway with the financial assistance from the ADB.

According to the ADB study, almost 90 percent of the country's total imports and exports are transported through the Dhaka-

Chittagong highway.

Sixty percent of the vehicles using the highway are goods carrier while 27 percent carry passengers. The number of transports on the route will increase by 1.5 times or be double in the next five years.

The study also said it takes around eight to 10 hours-long ride or sometimes even more to cross the 250-kilometre highway.

The long, strenuous journey on the route means a huge waste of vehicle fuel as well as people's working hours. Besides, the shipments of goods are being delayed due to long queues of vehicles on the highway.

The study also suggested constructing a four-lane highway on the route by 2016, a six-lane by 2027 and an eight-lane expressway by 2034.

Fanatics now target

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Immediately after the Juma prayers yesterday, a group of youths, under the cover of other Islamic parties, came out of the south gate of the mosque and hurled abusive words at journalists there.

Carrying large bamboos, sticks, brick chips, and shoes, they blasted the media for "patronising and supporting the atheists" of Shahabbagh movement.

At one stage, they attacked reporters and camerapersons in which camerapersons of ATN Bangla, ATN News, Maasranga, Ekattur TV and Independent Television suffered injuries.

Police were seen inactive during the attack on journalists.

After the initial attack, more Jamaat-Shibir men gathered in front of the south gate and launched

another attack that lasted for over 10 minutes.

They broke the cameras of two television channels, witnesses said.

During the hour-long fierce clash that ensued between Islamic bigots and police, a photographer and two reporters also suffered injuries.

Deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Motijheel Division, said after police, Jamaat-Shibir men have now started to attack the media.

"I will ask all media to beware of Jamaat-Shibir," Deputy Commissioner Anwar Hossain said while talking to reporters.

In Chittagong, five journalists including two photographers were injured when Islamic bigots attacked them in front of the port city press club.

In a clash between Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jamaat activists in Jhenidah, a reporter of a local newspaper was also injured.

Different bodies of journalists protested and condemned the attacks.

In separate statements, leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, Dhaka Union of Journalists, Dhaka Reporters' Unity, Crime Reporters' Association of Bangladesh, Political Reporters' Forum and Rural Journalists Foundation also demanded arrest and punitive actions against those responsible.

Triggered by the "lenient" punishment of Jamaat leader Quader Mollah for crimes against humanity, people of all walks of life gathered at Shahabbagh in the capital for 17 straight days demanding death penalty for all war criminals.

At least five top Jamaat leaders are being tried at international crimes tribunals in connection with crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

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01.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Education.
02.	Agency	:	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh.
03.	Procuring entity name	:	Jahangirnagar University.
04.	Procuring entity code	:	Not used at present.
05.	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka.
06.	Invitation for	:	Lot No. 01 Maintenance and Modification work of Toilet JU School and College at JU. Lot No. 02 Repairing of wooden door and window of E-1 to E-24 Nos. residence at JU.
07.	Invitation No.	:	11/2012-2013.
08.	Date	:	19-02-2013.
KEY INFORMATION			
09.	Procuring method	:	Open tendering method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10.	Budget & source of funds	:	GOB.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11.	Tender last selling date	:	10-03-2013 (within office hour at JU).
12.	Tender receiving date & time	:	11-03-2013 up to 12:00 noon.
13.	Tender opening date & time	:	11-03-2013 up to 12:15pm.
14.	Name & address of the office(s)	:	
	Selling tender document	:	Agrani Bank Ltd, Jahangirnagar University Branch, Savar, Dhaka.
	Receiving tender document	:	1. Office of the University Engineer (Acting), Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. 2. Office of the Director (P&D), Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. 3. Office of the Treasurer, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka.
	Opening tender document	:	Office of the Treasurer, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka.
15.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	:	Not to be held.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
16.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	For Lot No. 1 & 2 Any bonafide contractors/firms who have experience in successful completion of similar nature of works in a single amounting equal to 75% of quoted amount in any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organisation during last 05 (five) years and to be supported by the following documents from the employer (certificate in this regard issued from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer). (i) Work order. (ii) Completion certificate of said work.
17.	Price of tender document	:	Tk 500.00 (five hundred) only.
18.	Lot No.	Description of work	Location
			Tender security (Tk)
			Time for completion of work
	1.	Maintenance and Modification work of Toilet JU School and College at JU	Jahangirnagar University
			25,000/-
			60 days
	2.	Repairing of wooden door and window of E-1 to E-24 Nos. residence at JU	-Do-
			23,000/-
			60 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
19.	Name of the official inviting tender	:	Engr. Akhter Hussain.
20.	Designation of the official inviting tender	:	University Engineer (Acting).
21.	Address of the official inviting tender	:	Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka.
22.	Contact detail of the official inviting tender	:	PABX: 7791001-30, 7791045-51, Extn. 1218
23.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		
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