



The Shahbagh demonstrators return to the streets yesterday protesting Friday's countrywide violence perpetrated by Jamaat-e-Islami and its sympathisers and calling to defy today's hartal, called by eight Islamist parties and supported by Jamaat and BNP.

PHOTO: STAR

Jamaat-Shibir violence condemned

Their ban demanded

STAR REPORT

Different socio-political organisations and anti-war criminal campaigners around the country yesterday condemned Jamaat-Shibir and other Islamist parties' attack on Shaheed Minar and Gonojagoron Mancha and tearing and burning of the national flag in different districts Friday.

They demanded a ban on Jamaat-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir, who spearheaded the fanatic attacks, leaving at least four persons dead and the people panicked. In separate press releases, the organisations also expressed concern and anger at the aggression.

Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) said the attacks, made also on police and journalists, were a reminder of the militant activities of the Liberation War in 1971.

Every citizen has the right to express opinion and hold assemblies, but attacks using religion will create panic in society, the rights body said in a statement.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad said the attacks could not be tolerated when youths came together to ensure the highest punishment for war criminals.

Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal from separate rallies in front of Jatiya Press Club announced to resist Jamaat-Shibir and cautioned everyone not to be deceived by their propaganda.

Gonotntri Party called on the people to prevent Jamaat-Shibir from striking again in the name of religion.

Bangladesh Tariqat Federation, Bangladesh Khetmojur Samiti, Bangladesh Trade Union, Bangladesh Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad, and

Bangladesh Jubo Moitry also condemned the attacks. Jatiya Mukti Council, Nayagonotantik Gono Morcha, Jatiya Gonofront, and some other organisations urged the people to stand against religious fundamentalist groups.

Several hundred teachers and students and Chhatra League brought out separate processions on Rajshahi University campus, condemning Friday's vandalism, reports our RU correspondent.

Termining Jamaat-Shibir as "terrorist organisations", the protesters demanded their ban. The anti-war criminal activists also returned to the Gonomancha on the campus to continue their demand for death penalty for all war criminals.

The Gonojagoron Mancha in Chittagong city got abuzz with thousands of demonstrators again, reports our staff correspondent from Chittagong. They condemned the Jamaat-Shibir's countrywide violence.

Students of Jahangirnagar University brought out a procession on the campus, demanding a ban on Jamaat-Shibir, reports our JU correspondent.

They also vowed to continue their movement until the war criminals are given death penalty and Jamaat-Shibir are banned through a law.

Friday's fanatic attacks were also condemned at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), reports our Sust correspondent.

Several hundred students staged a rally on the campus to condemn the attacks and demand punishment for those journalists who were working against the Projonmo Chhatra and Liberation War sculpture at Sust and spying for Jamaat-Shibir.



Saifur, Luna re-elected chairman, vice chairman of ESTCDT

METRO DESK

Saifur Rahman, director of Transcom Group, has been re-elected as the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) for the period 2013-14, said a press release.

He is a founder trustee of the ESTCDT, which is the founding trust of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB).

Meanwhile, Luna Shamsuddoha, chairman of Dohatec New Media, has been re-elected as the vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of the ESTCDT for the period.

The trust was set up by a non-profit oriented group of industrialists, business leaders and eminent personalities sharing the common objective of giving back to society and the country.

Woman jumps to death to escape rape in Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newly-wed woman desperately trying to protect herself from being raped in a bus in Savar early yesterday ended up jumping to death.

The husband of the 19-year-old victim was injured as he too jumped off the moving vehicle where they came under the attack of a group of thugs.

Police arrested the driver and the helper and seized the bus.

The widower, 22, took treatment in hospital and is now at his home.

A seller of old clothes, the man and his wife got into the bus around midnight to travel back to his home in Zirani from Savar where they visited a rela-

tive's house.

Some six people were also on board apart from the driver and his assistance.

As the bus reached Shimultala after sometime, some co-passengers started "molesting" the woman, said Officer-in-Charge of Savar Police Station Md Asaduzzaman.

The thugs beat up Bakar when he resisted.

Unable to rise against them, the couple jumped off. But the woman was run over by another bus from behind as soon as she landed, the OC said.

The couple got married one year ago.

The man filed a case with Savar Police Station.

Dr Ahmed Sharif's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 14th death anniversary of Dr Ahmed Sharif, a

renowned scholar, researcher on Bangla literature and a forerunner of free thought movement, said a press release.

On the occasion, Swadesh Chinta Shangha has arranged for Dr Ahmed Sharif commemoration lecture and award giving ceremony in the business studies faculty auditorium of Dhaka University at 4:00pm today.

Former coordinator of mass culture and renowned writer Mohosin Shostropani will deliver the commemoration lecture.

Primary political organiser of a labour group Mubinu Haider Chowdhury and leading theatre and cultural personality Mamunur Rashid will be honoured at the programme.

MURDER OF MOTHER, TWO CHILDREN Charge sheet submitted accusing house tutor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday submitted a charge sheet in a case accusing a house tutor of killing a mother and her two children in a fit of rage and stealing two cellphones in Chittagong on October 23 last year.

The accused Tareque Chowdhury confessed to have hacked to death Dolly Akhter, 30, wife of a UAE expatriate Anwar Hossain, her son Alvi Ibne Anwar, 10, and daughter Adiba Binte Anwar Payel, 6, in Dolly's rented Khatiberhat flat.

Blood and a footprint on the crime

scene were found to be his while the cellphones and Tareque's blood-stained clothes were found in his house.

Tests revealed Tareque's age between 19 and 20, meaning he could be tried as an adult. His cousin, sister-in-law and a doctor who treated an injury he received during the murder testified against him under section 164 of Code of Criminal Procedure.

The case's investigation officer, Mohammad Solaiman, submitted the charge sheet before Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Court.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat



Maj (ret'd) Md Quamrul Hasan Azad, a freedom

fighter, passed away due to a heart attack at his residence on Airport Road in Lalmonirhat town on Friday afternoon. He was 63.

He was the founder of Azad Jute Mills Ltd, Lalmoni Hatchery (fish enclosure), Tista Cold Storage, Begum Quamrunnesa College, in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. He also used to give donations to brilliant students and different educational institutes.

Azad left behind his wife, a son, two daughters, and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried at the district central graveyard in the town on Friday night.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Md Motahar Hossain, Lalmonirhat District Council Administrator Motiar Rahman, and Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman, among others, expressed their deep shock at his death.



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