



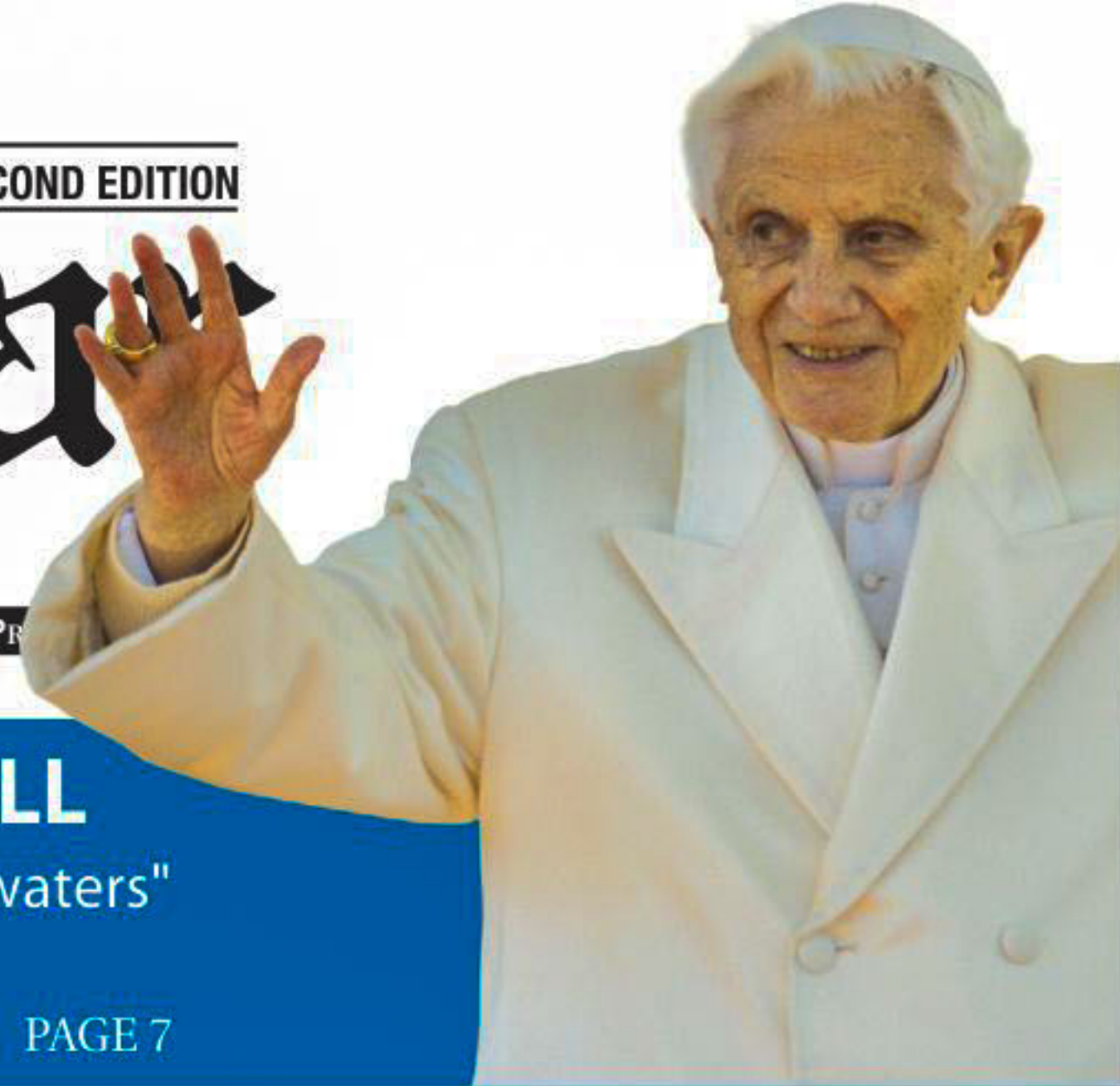
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Protesters at Gonojagoron Mancha at Shahbagh chant slogans last night as they wait for the verdict delivery of Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Delawar Hossain Sayedee's war crimes case. They said they would go home in elation if he was given death sentence or else they would stay there.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## All eyes on Sayedee

War trial verdict today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 finally delivers the verdict in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami Nayeb-e-Ameer Delawar Hossain Sayedee in connection with crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.



be delivered. The 18-month-long proceedings of the case at Tribunal-1 had to negotiate difficult hurdles, including the "Skype controversy", reconstitution of Tribunal-1 and rehearing of closing arguments.

Even though it was the first war crimes case to go on trial at the tribunals, it would be the third verdict to

Like the day the verdict in Jamaat leader Quader Mollah's case was delivered, Jamaat-e-Islami called for  
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## Jamaat warms up with violence

Allies silent over its hartal today; youths call all to defy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Failing to get the support of any party in or outside the BNP-led alliance for today's nationwide hartal, Jamaat-e-Islami out of desperation yesterday resorted to violence to strike fear into the hearts of people in different parts of the country.

On the other side, the youth demonstrating at Projonmo Chattar called upon people to defy and resist today's hartal.

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## Sleepless at Shahbagh, ears to tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protesters at Shahbagh have vowed not to fall asleep till the verdict in the war crimes case against Sayedee is delivered today. As hours ticked away last night, people from all walks of life took position at the intersection in solidarity, with the number growing as the night wore on.

"Shahbagh is wide awake; Projonmo Chattar is wide awake. And we will remain awake," declared Imran H Sarker, convener of Blogger and Online Activist Network that

began the protest on February 5 demanding capital punishment to all war criminals.

"Our demonstration will continue till the verdict is given. After the verdict of death sentence, we will celebrate and return home with joy," Imran told a grand rally at Shapla Chattar in the capital's Motijheel as the Shahbagh movement passed its 23rd day yesterday.

Meanwhile, on the eve of the long-awaited verdict in Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee's case, protesters reoccupied the intersection to press home their demand.

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## Some army men indulged in graft

Discloses TIB in its findings about irregularities during military-backed caretaker govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A section of the armed forces involved in civil administration during the 2007 caretaker government had abused power and violated the constitution to illegally accumulate wealth, according to findings of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

Unveiling the findings of a research report at a press conference at Brac Centre in the city yesterday, the anti-graft watchdog also pointed out that this

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## 3 newspapers abusing press freedom

Says information minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Huq Inu yesterday accused national daily Amar Desh, Naya Diganta and Sangram of spreading propaganda against the youths' ongoing movement at Shahbagh.

"Ideologically, these newspapers are against the Liberation War and many of the

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## Govt moves to expose Jamaat

PM reassures religion-based parties

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The government is working on to single out Jamaat-e-Islami from other religion-based political parties on the grounds that there is nothing wrong with religion-based parties and that Jamaat has been harbouring the war criminals of 1971.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has personally talked to the top leaders of half a dozen religion-based political parties and assured them of taking all necessary measures to stop discrediting Islam and Hazrat

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The image from TV footage shows Jamaat Assistant Secretary General Mujibur Rahman, in dark Punjabi, coming out of Baitul Mukarram Mosque with protesters immediately after the Juma prayers last Friday. Jamaat denied he was there.

## RELIGIOUS INSTIGATION Jamaat indeed involved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of eight Islamic parties and law enforcers have strongly claimed that Jamaat-Shibir men were there during Friday's countrywide demonstration demanding punishment to "atheist" bloggers of Shahbagh protest.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday they said Jamaat-Shibir activists blending in with leaders and

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