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STAR REPORT

Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir men continued their attack on law enforcers and ruling party men across the country for the second day yesterday resulting in clashes that left three people dead and hundreds injured.

At least 13 policemen and three journalists were among the injured.

Meanwhile, four people, including two policemen, who were wounded in Thursday's violence in Gaibandha, Noakhali and Satkhira, succumbed to their injuries yesterday raising the death toll to 40 in two days.

Jamaat-Shibir men have been on the rampage since Thursday when a tribunal sentenced Jamaat Naye-e-Ameer Delawar Hossain Sayedee to death for crimes

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Spread of violence largely checked

Govt preparedness contains troublemakers in most places

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The violence that Jamaat started on Thursday could be contained to a large extent yesterday because of a strict vigil by law enforcers around the mosques and the huge presence of ruling party men to offer Juma prayers in and outside Dhaka.

Lawmakers rushed to their constituencies to face Jamaat while the Awami League supporters marched the streets throughout the country, pushing Jamaat to a backseat.

In the capital, there was virtually no presence of Jamaat on the streets. The party's planned special prayers for their supporters who died in Thursday's violence were mostly not held because of the presence of the AL men.

In many mosques prayers were instead offered for those who died during the 1971 Liberation War that Jamaat opposed.

Following Thursday's violence that claimed at least 37 lives, the country braced for more street fighting. Vehicles were fewer on city roads. But at the end of the day, citizens heaved a big sigh of relief.

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PHOTO: STAR

Protesters hold a rally at Shabbagh in the capital yesterday afternoon as part of their scheduled programme demanding death penalty to all war criminals of the Liberation War.



Khaleda calls it 'genocide'

Declares nationwide hartal for Tuesday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday called a nationwide dawn-to-dusk hartal for Tuesday to protest what she said was "genocide" during Thursday's violence over death sentence for Jamaat leader Sayedee.

At a press conference, she also announced her party would bring out processions in the capital and other cities and district headquarters around 3:00pm today.

On Thursday, Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing unleashed a countrywide terror and clashed with law



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Citizens condemn Khaleda

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Some citizens yesterday strongly condemned the statement of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that the government has resorted to genocide and brutality like that of 1971.

BNP wants to protect the war criminals. As it is puzzled now, its chief Khaleda Zia has made such a comment, writer and journalist Shahriar Kabir told The Daily Star. Khaleda was in the

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AL, BNP ready to face off on street

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Awami League-led government and the main opposition BNP are set for a face off on the streets while BNP ally Jamaat-e-Islami's nationwide violent agitation is still going on.

BNP has decided to take to streets with programmes like hartals and road march to "protect Islam, democracy and country", two BNP policymakers told The Daily Star yesterday.

It was learnt that the other purpose of BNP's agitation is to prevent the government from taking advantage of the recent situation centring the war crimes trials.

In line with the party's strategy, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday declared a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal for Tuesday and that the BNP would hold rallies across the country today protesting the deaths in Thursday's and Friday's violence.

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Resist anarchy

Shabbagh youths call for defying Jamaat hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shabbagh protesters yesterday urged the people to rise up against the countrywide campaign of terror by Jamaat-Shibir men.

They called upon the nation to imbue itself with the spirit of March -- the month the Liberation War began in 1971 -- and resist "the evil force that Jamaat and its student body Islami Chhatra Shibir are".

Addressing a huge rally at Shabbagh intersection, the youths said they would be on the streets to foil the hartals called by Jamaat and its ally BNP.

However, in the same breath, they asked all not to take the law into their own hands. People, they added, should rather turn the troublemakers in to the law enforcers.

Yesterday was the 25th day of the demonstration for capital punishment to all war criminals and a ban on Jamaat-Shibir.

Imran H Sarker, spokesperson and one of the organisers, said, "Our enemy today are the same collaborators who joined forces with the Pakistan occupation army to kill the Bangalees. But we are awake. We will not let an inch of our soil be blooded by the evil force."

He said Jamaat had been unleashing violence like it did 42 years back.

The war criminals and their cohorts had brainwashed a section of youths into shedding blood on the streets, he observed. "We urge them to shun the company of war criminals and get back on the right track."

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Withdraw hartal

Businesses urge opposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Top business bodies yesterday said the nationwide 48-hour shutdown would seriously impede the economic development of the country.

Expressing grave concern over the opposition-enforced three-day shutdown from tomorrow, they said it was not expected.

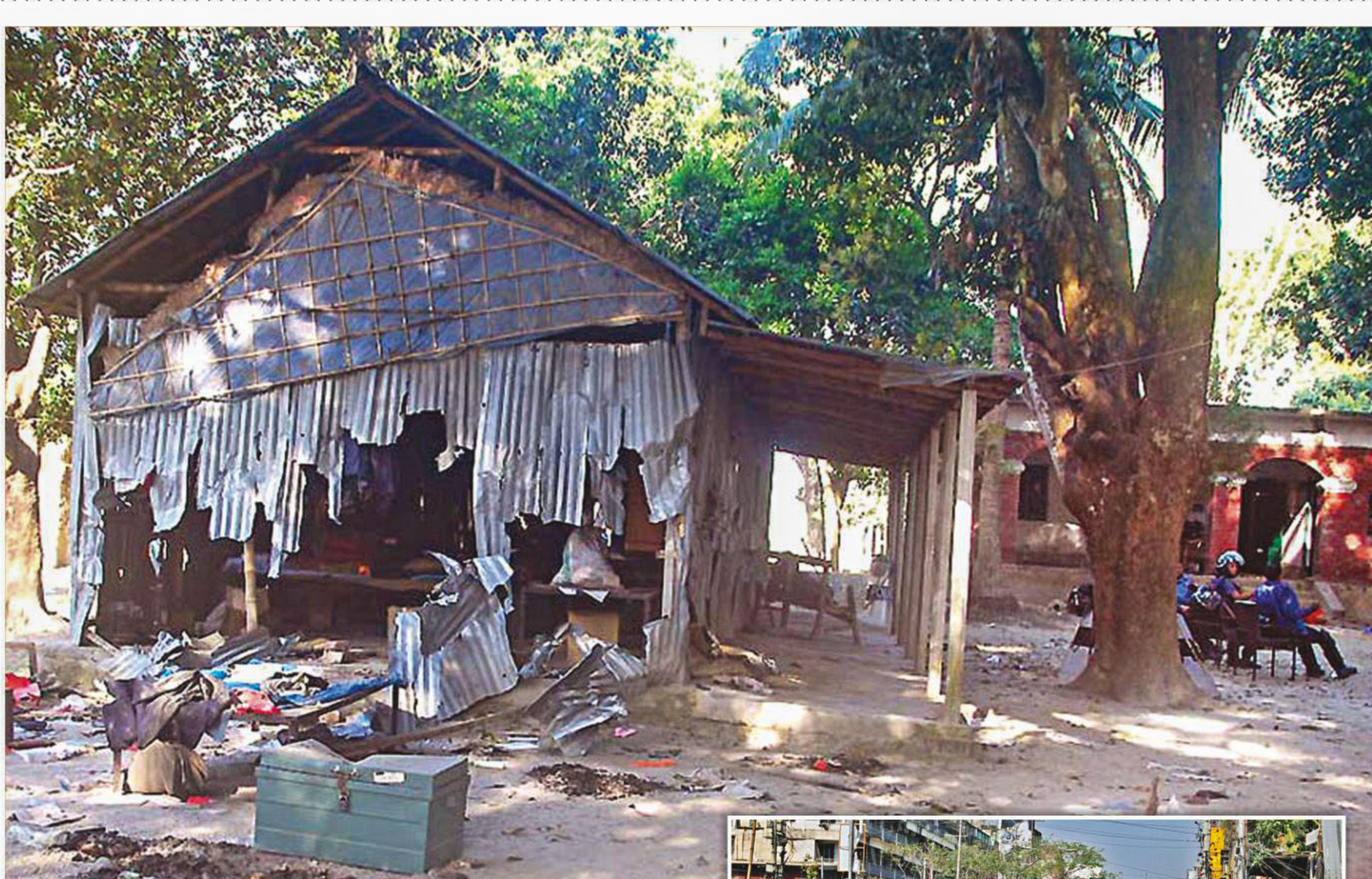
Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), in a press release, called upon the oppositions to withdraw the hartal.

Jamaat-e-Islami on Thursday called the 36-hour shutdown from tomorrow rejecting the tribunal's verdict against its leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee for war crimes.

Yesterday, BNP declared a nationwide dawn-to-dusk hartal for Tuesday protesting, what it said, against the government's corruption, misrule, oppression and "mass killing" of people.

The FBCCI press release, signed by its secretary general Mir Shahabuddin Mohammad, said every citizen should pay the highest respect to the judiciary system of the country.

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JAMAAT RAMPAGE

The photo taken yesterday shows the vandalised police camp in Sundarganj of Gaibandha. Jamaat-Shibir men attacked the camp on Thursday soon after the International Crimes Tribunal-1 had sentenced Jamaat Naye-e-Ameer Delawar Hossain Sayedee to death for crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War. The attack on the camp left five policemen dead. Jamaat-Shibir activists, inset, vandalise a vehicle in Malibagh of Dhaka yesterday. They had brought out a procession from a mosque after Juma prayers and went on the rampage after police intervened. The clash left at least 10 people injured and as many vehicles vandalised in the area. More photos on page 5.

PHOTO: STAR/FOCUS BANGLA



Pranab arrives tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian President Pranab Mukherjee will arrive here tomorrow on a three-day official visit.

The government has completed its preparations to receive Pranab. This will be his first trip to Bangladesh and also abroad as the Indian president. VV Giri was the last Indian president to visit Dhaka back in 1974.

Foreign ministry officials said the Indian leader will arrive at the VVIP terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on a special flight at 12:30pm.

Two tiny tots will present floral bouquets to Pranab and his wife Shuvra Mukherjee. A 21-gun salute will be fired and the members of the armed forces will accord a Guard of Honour to the visiting president.

After the 30-minute airport ceremony, the Indian president will start for the National Memorial

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