



## JAMAAT VIOLENCE GOES ON



1) The windshield, of a bus carrying a group of men from Tablig Jamaat which preaches Islam in different areas, lies broken following an attack by Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir activists in the capital's Malibagh Chowdhurypara yesterday. The activists were protesting the death penalty verdict handed down by the International Crimes Tribunal-1 to Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee on Thursday. 2) Nearby, Jamaat-Shibir activists throw brickbats at police. 3) During the violence, a female bus passenger runs to safety. 4) A truck burns after being set alight by Jamaat-Shibir activists in Sitakunda Bypass Area in Chittagong. 5) Police move in to remove logs placed by Jamaat-Shibir activists to block off a road in Ranirbandar area of Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur.



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## Government urged to root out anti-liberation forces

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Socio-cultural activists and politicians yesterday demanded that the government ban Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir immediately to eliminate the anti-liberation forces from the country.

There is no alternative to defeating the anti-liberation forces, including Jamaat-Shibir, for the sake of protecting the spirit of the Liberation War, they told a protest rally at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital, organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote.

The rally called on the people to rise against the destruction of Jamaat-Shibir, aimed at foiling the war crimes trial.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu said the Liberation War broke out to establish democracy, humanity and non-communalism

but Jamaat-Shibir was carrying out violence in an attempt to divide the country abusing religion.

"But we never did say any words against religion because we believe that all religions have equal rights in the state." The freedom fighter said the ultimate attack on Jamaat-Shibir would have to be launched this March.

He said they would bring out a procession carrying flags from TSC of Dhaka University on March 4 to protest the Jamaat-Shibir terror and demand speeding up of the war crimes trial.

Cultural activist and lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor said the nation was in another Liberation War now, this time to free the country from razakar and achieve the real goals of independence.

Cultural personality Ramendra Majumder said Jamaat-Shibir unleashed havoc after the death

sentence of Delawar Hossain Sayedee, while people were celebrating the verdict.

"The Jamaat-Shibir evil forces are trying to push the country towards communal riot. That's why they are attacking the minorities again," he added. "For all these, we are demanding their ban."

Acting president of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee Shahriar Kabir said Jamaat-Shibir had declared a war against the state.

"For the last 21 years after the anti-war criminal movement was started by Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam, we have been trying to make the government understand that Jamaat-Shibir should be banned," he said.

He said there was no need to formulate any new law to try Jamaat as an organisation for its involvement in war crimes, as there were clear provisions in the tribunal act,

constitution and special power act, which were enough to ban the party.

Workers' Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon said Jamaat-Shibir dared to unleash terror as BNP was fully backing them. Criticising BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for supporting war criminals, he said BNP was now acting as an auxiliary force of Jamaat.

Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif said the nation's expectations from the government about the party of war criminals would be fulfilled.

Sector Commanders' Forum Chairman Air Vice-Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandaker, Communist Party of Bangladesh President Mujahidul Islam Selim, and Gono Oikya Convener Pankaj Bhattacharya also spoke on the occasion.

### Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Razia Arsjad, mother of Dr M Iqbal Arslan, secretary general of Central Executive Committee of Bangladesh Medical Association, died at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University at 11:00am yesterday. She was 83.

The medical association condoled the death of Razia and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

**Khadija Begum**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Khadija Begum, mother of Muttee Salauddin, Patuakhali correspondent of the daily Samakal and Rtv, died yesterday at her home in Galachipa upzila. She was 80.

She was buried at her home village in Rangabali upazila after two namaz-e-janasas.

She left behind three sons to mourn her death.

**Death anniversary**

DU CORRESPONDENT



Today is the sixth death anniversary of Reza A Karim Choudhury Chunnun Miah, a Language Movement veteran and Liberation War organiser.

He was also the founder of Borhanuddin College, Bhola. Chunnun was involved in the Language Movement while studying in Dhaka College. He served one month in jail for bringing out procession defying section 144 in front of Assembly Hall on February 20, 1952.

He was elected Awami League lawmaker in 1970. After the independence, Chunnun became a Gono Parishad member. He was also elected Borhanuddin upazila chairman in 1991.

## Typhoid prevention conference begins

UNB, Dhaka

A two-day international conference on "Typhoid Fever Control and Prevention" began in the capital yesterday seeking ways to fight the widespread disease.

The Coalition against Typhoid (CaT) Secretariat, in association with ICDDR,B; Bangladesh Pediatric Association (BPA) and International Vaccine Institute (IVI) organised the eighth international conference at Sonargaon Hotel.

Dr Thomas Brewer gave a power-point presentation on enteric fever and invasive non-typhoidal Salmonella control and prevention, with a focus on the role of immunisation and Dr Gordon Dougan delivered a presentation on epidemiology and genomics of typhoid fever at the inaugural session of the conference.

Typhoid fever and enteric fever are widespread in the communities without access to safe water and basic sanitation. These spread through contaminated water and food.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), typhoid impacts an estimated 21 million people and causes more than 200,000 deaths annually, predominantly among preschool and school-age children.



Sammilita Sangskritik Jote organises a protest rally at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday demanding that the government ban Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir immediately.

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**COMING OUT TOMORROW**

### LINKING YOUNG MINDS

This week's Star Campus, a weekly publication of The Daily Star, has some interesting articles for the readers. The Spotlight this week is on the involvement of art in Shahbag and how it has positively influenced the protest. The Campus Trends is also about Shahbag but in a more fashionable perspective- flip through the pages and learn how to dress like a protester! The Post Campus this week is celebratory one for the hundred years of Sandesh magazine. The Star Chat is with multitasking writer Mostofa Monwar, who shares stories from his childhood, dreams and future plans. Don't forget your copy of Star Campus, as it hits the country tomorrow, Sunday. And, as always, have a great read!

**ARTISTS IN MO**