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# Clashes continue

5 more killed as Jamaat, Shibir stay violent; toll rises to 47; train in Rajshahi torched; BNP runs amok in Dhaka ahead of hartal today

STAR REPORT

Jamaat-Shibir activists continued their rampage and clashed with law enforcers in the capital and other parts of the country yesterday, leaving five people dead and at least 150 others, including 10 policemen, wounded.

Besides, two persons wounded in previous clashes succumbed to their injuries yesterday.

In the capital, BNP activists with Jamaat-Shibir men torched four vehicles and vandalised more than 100 vehicles.

Since the International Crimes Tribunal-1 had awarded Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Delawar Hossain Sayedee the capital punishment on Thursday, a total of

47 persons were killed until yesterday in the clashes between Islamic fanatics and law enforcers.

In Chittagong, three people, including a teenaged boy, were killed and 30 others injured in a gunfight between Jamaat-Shibir men and police at Satkania upazila yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Abu Taher, 30, son of Abdus Sukkur; Shaiful Islam, 15, son of Abu Taher; and Md Osman, 27, son of Abu Sayed. All of them were from Chhodaha union of the upazila and supporters of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islamic Chhatra Shibir, said Satkania upazila chairman Moshad Hossain.

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Silkcity, an express train between Dhaka and Rajshahi, was set ablaze by unidentified people at Rajshahi Railway Station last night.

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## Shahbagh loyal to govt: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday said it wonders whether Awami League President Sheikh Hasina or spokesperson of Shahbagh Gonojagoron Mancha Imran H Sarkar is the prime minister of Bangladesh.

"We want to know who is our prime minister -- Sheikh Hasina or Imran H Sarkar," BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir told a press conference last night.

His comment came in response to Imran's recent remark that the Shahbagh youths are

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# Shun hartal

Presidents of 27 trade bodies condemn violent politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The business community yesterday urged opposition parties to refrain from frequent shutdowns that bring the country to a standstill hurting the economy.

"The worst sufferer of the current violent politics is the economy," said a joint statement signed by presidents of 27 trade bodies.

On the eve of a three-day countrywide shutdown called by Jamaat-e-Islami and Bangladesh Nationalist Party, the business leaders rushed into a meeting chaired by Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed, president of the Federation

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## Terror web

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Using their Facebook page "BasherKella", Jamaat-Shibir activists are exchanging instructions about how to spread violence in the country as well as keep track of where their activists were demonstrating and fighting law enforcers.

With no less than 90,000 followers, the page is being updated every hour with news on their protests and "actions" in

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## BLOGGER RAJIB KILLING

# Mastermind Shibir man

5 students of NSU admit after arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Islamic Chhatra Shibir activist orchestrated the killing of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haidar, detectives yesterday quoted the five arrested students of North South University (NSU) as saying.

The students confessed to their involvement in the killing, Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of Dhaka



Metropolitan Police (DMP), told reporters at a press briefing.

The five, all aged between 19 and 23, were arrested during raids in different parts of the capital Friday night, the DMP official informed.

The mastermind, whom the arrestees mentioned as "Borobhai" [senior

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# Khaleda Zia & 'genocide'

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Opposition leader Khaleda Zia is troubled over the recent killing of citizens across the country. It is a sentiment all Bangalees share with her, for the death of one individual in unnatural manner is a diminishing of the state.

But her characterisation of the deaths as genocide is a worrying sign of how she and her party are today out of touch with the country and with the pro-liberation,

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Having lost everything, Nipu Sheel wails sitting on the debris of her house that was set ablaze by Jamaat-Shibir men at Banskhali in Chittagong. The religious fanatics looted and torched houses and temples of the Hindus in the district on Thursday, following the death sentence to Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee. More photos on page 3.

## A sin for 'em to live here?

Hindus in Noakhali, Banskhal look for answer after attack by Jamaat

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The Hindu families having survived the onslaught from anti-liberation elements now wonder what protection they have in this country.

As the religious minorities in some remote pockets of Chittagong and Noakhali try to come to terms with Thursday's barbaric attacks on their homesteads and temples, there is no let-up in the assaults at other places including Barisal, Bagerhat and Gazipur.

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# Pride held high

Shahbagh youths observe nat'l flag day; say fight against war criminals to go on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

March 2, 1971 is a historic day when the flag of Bangladesh flew proudly for the first time, informing the world of its imminent arrival. A few courageous students of Dhaka University raised the flag with the vision of a free country.

Forty-two years into the independence, youths of a different generation with the spirit of the Liberation War hoisted the national flag yesterday across the country, warning that the countdown to the end of anti-liberation forces in Bangladesh has begun.

The hoisting of the national flag on March 2, 2013 was no less relevant and emotion-laden as only a few days ago on

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