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19 more killed

Jamaat-Shibir unleashes another wave of terror in 5 districts during first day of hartal

STAR REPORT

It was all lies -- outright and outrageous -- but it worked. Jamaat's propaganda machine used a photoshopped image of Delawar Hossain Sayedee's face on the moon yesterday to entice people to unleash a second wave of terror that left at least 19 people, including a policeman, dead in five districts.

Bogra witnessed the worst, as Jamaat-Shibir men assembled locals through repeated announcements over loudspeakers that "Sayedee's face was seen on the moon and it's your holy duty to save him; otherwise, we all will go to hell". Around 4 in the morning, they launched into attacks on police in different upazilas.

At least nine people were killed in Bogra, six in Joypurhat, two in Rajshahi, one in Satkhira and a policeman in Jhenidah in a deadly spate of violence

KILLINGS CONTINUE

Bogra 9 Joypurhat 6 Rajshahi 2 Jhenidah 1 Satkhira 1

Police stations attacked; Bogra AL leader's house torched

Jamaat used women, children as shields during clashes

throughout the day.

Three women were among the dead in Bogra, as Jamaat men used women and children as a human shield during the attacks on law enforcers.

The situation worsened to such an extent that the local administration had to seek the

army's help to protect the Shahjahanpur Police Station in Bogra.

At least 63 people have died since Jamaat-Shibir activists went on the rampage on Thursday after a war crimes tribunal sentenced Sayedee to death.

Yesterday was the first day of Jamaat's two-day hartal to protest Thursday's police action.

Meanwhile, Border Guard Bangladesh personnel were deployed in the capital around 8:00pm to ward off violence.

In Bogra, activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir

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Stick-wielding Jamaat-Shibir men run riot, vandalising different business centres at an intersection in Bogra town yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Lie worked well

Photoshopped pic of Sayedee used to instigate Bogra violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Absurd it may look, but a picture of convicted war criminal Delawar Hossain Sayedee superimposed on the face of moon posted in Jamaat-Shibir Facebook page "Basherkella" was actually sold to a large number of people as an omen.

And that omen, to these people, is a call to fight the government and free Sayedee, a top Jamaat leader, at any cost.

This "divine" Facebook picture,

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The photoshopped image of the moon with Sayedee's face, found on Jamaat-Shibir Facebook page Basherkella.

MOLLAH VERDICT Govt appeals for death penalty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court seeking death penalty to Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah for each of the six charges he faced at the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

Meanwhile, convict Mollah may also file an appeal with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court today seeking acquittal on all six charges.

The tribunal on February 5 had sentenced him to life imprisonment for crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War in 1971. It convicted

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Protect minorities

HC asks govt as fresh attacks on Hindus in Dinajpur, Barisal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to protect until further orders the minority communities and places of worships attacked allegedly by activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and BNP in Noakhali on Thursday.

In a suo moto rule, the authorities concerned were also asked to repair the houses and places of worships and to bring those back to their previous condition. A report on the compliance of the

directives has to be submitted in the court in 10 days, the HC said.

The court passed the rule on the government following a report published in The Daily Star on March 2 with the headline "Attacks on Noakhali Hindus: Victims feel insecure."

The HC directives came in tandem with fresh attacks on minority establishments reported from Munshiganj, Dinajpur and Barisal yesterday.

Soon after the International

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UK deplores attacks on temples

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Gibson yesterday deplored the cruel and unwarranted attacks on places of worship and private property in Bangladesh.

In a statement, the UK envoy expressed his sadness over the violence and the number of senseless and unnecessary deaths that have taken place

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Khaleda 'cancels' Pranab meeting

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has cancelled today's meeting with Indian President Pranab Mukherjee because her party apparently does not want to make key ally Jamaat-e-Islami unhappy.

Two top BNP leaders, who are close to the party chief, yesterday told The Daily Star it would be really difficult for her to go to Hotel Sonargaon to meet Pranab, defying the Jamaat-sponsored hartal today.

Diplomatic sources say Khaleda Zia's decision to cancel the meet, scheduled for this afternoon, will certainly send a negative signal to New Delhi as an Indian president is visiting Bangladesh after four decades.

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India to keep promises

Pranab assures Hasina; thanks Bangladesh for Liberation War honour

Bss, Dhaka

Indian President Pranab Mukherjee has firmly said his country is committed to implement all agreed decisions with Bangladesh.

Pranab said this when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made a courtesy call on him at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday.

The Indian president and his wife arrived in Dhaka in the afternoon on a three-day official visit.

"India is pledged-bound to implement all assurances it has given to Bangladesh," Foreign Minister Dipu Moni told reporters, quoting Pranab as saying after the meeting.

The Indian president and the premier dis-

cussed all issues of bilateral interests and sub-regional cooperation during the meeting, Dipu Moni said.

Pranab also said the Indian parliament would ratify the Land Boundary Agreement with Bangladesh in its current budget session, she told reporters.

The Indian president expressed his firm optimism about the signing of the Teesta Water Sharing Treaty after discussions with the concerned Indian states.

He, however, didn't mention any timetable for the signing of the agreement, the foreign ministers said.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina calls on visiting Indian President Pranab Mukherjee at Hotel Sonargaon in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS



PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH

Policemen look at their colleague, Omar Faruk, lying dead in Jhenidah yesterday. Faruk was killed by Jamaat-Shibir men during a mayhem in the district. A portion of the image has been blurred to spare the readers gory details.

ANOTHER COP KILLED BY JAMAAT Brutality unbelievable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In utter inhumanity, Jamaat-Shibir men yesterday gauged out one eye of a policeman and hacked him indiscriminately to death at Sanatanpur police camp under Harinakundo upazila in

Jhinaidah.

With the murder of constable Omar Faruque, the death toll of law enforcers rose to six in a countrywide reign of terror that Jamaat-e-Islami and its student body Islami Chhatra Shibir

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