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Another train set ablaze

4 more killed as Jamaat continues anarchy; fresh attack on Hindus in 2 districts

STAR REPORT

Four people, including a teenage boy, were killed and scores injured as Jamaat-Shibir mayhem and their clashes with law enforcers continued across the country on the concluding day of Jamaat-enforced two-day hartal yesterday.

Of the deceased, three have been reported to be killed in Satkhira while a 14-year-old boy was killed in Sirajganj.

Jamaat-Shibir activists also set fire to three compartments of a train in the capital and to an abandoned engine of a train in Chittagong. On Saturday, activists of the party and its student supporters set ablaze three compartments of a train in Rajshahi.

The marauding protestors yesterday too set fire to houses and temples of minority communities in Joypurhat and Chapainawabganj, and vandalised Gonojagoron Manchhas in Rangpur and Joypurhat.

Meanwhile, a Jamaat activist, who sustained bullet injury during Thursday's clashes at Mithapukur in Rangpur, succumbed to his injury yesterday.

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President Zillur Rahman hands Bangladesh Liberation War Honour to Indian President Pranab Mukherjee at the Bangabhaban yesterday in recognition of his contribution to this nation during its difficult birth in 1971.

PHOTO: BSS

Pranab honoured for '71 role

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday honoured Indian President Pranab Mukherjee for his contribution to the Liberation War in 1971.

President Zillur Rahman conferred the Bangladesh Liberation War Honour on Pranab at a special ceremony at Bangabhaban in the evening.

Pranab and other foreign friends' support came when Bangalees stood up against the atrocities by the Pakistan occupation forces during the emergence of sovereign Bangladesh through a nine-month war.

Thanking Dhaka for the honour, the Indian

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Jamaat plots to jolt city for BNP

Agencies on alert; security measures beefed up for today's hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hot on the heels of bloody violence for two days elsewhere in the country, Jamaat now plans to wreak havoc on Dhaka and make BNP's today's hartal equally violent, according to intelligence sources.

Jamaat does not want to take the blame alone for the recent spate of terror across the country and plans to associate BNP with the violence by filling their shoes, the

sources add.

"Jamaat-Shibir men may unleash terror tomorrow [today] in the capital and parts of the country. As part of their ploy, they may even use firearms to kill BNP activists forcing them to go for a tougher stance against the government," a National Security Intelligence official told The Daily Star yesterday on condition of anonymity.

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ATTACK ON HINDUS

Khaleda finally condemns it

Stays silent over identity of culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night condemned Thursday's attacks on religious minorities at different parts of the country.

In a statement, signed by her Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan, she also demanded punishment to the perpetrators.

She, however, made no mention of BNP ally Jamaat-e-Islami which, according to victims, unleashed terror

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Education left in the lurch

WASIM BIN HABIB

The current political unrest is taking a heavy toll on students as frequent shut-downs are seriously disrupting the academic activities at all levels.

The examinees of the ongoing Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent exams, in particular, are the worst victims of the situation as their exams are being postponed one after another.

Classes in schools, colleges and universities are also being held up due to the

hartals, creating uncertainty over finishing the syllabus within the academic year.

Also hit hard are the graduate and post-graduate students under National University as their examinations have been deferred.

This year's SSC and equivalent exams began on February 3. Exams for five days were put back, delaying the tests in 37 subjects under eight education boards across the country.

Exams scheduled for February 5, 28 and March 3 have been postponed due to

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Upakul Express burns at Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday as criminals torched the train soon after it reached Dhaka from Noakhali. Inset, urchins and youths help firefighters douse the flames.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH/STAR

Hartal impacts on kitchen markets

Inadequate supply causes price hike of essentials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The city's kitchen markets have started experiencing the impact of collapse of supply chain due to the three-day non-stop strike enforced by opposition parties.

"The entry of trucks has declined significantly since Sunday night," said Lokman

Hossain, general secretary of Karwan Bazar small traders' cooperative ltd.

No trucks from distance such as the northern and southern parts of the country had come to the city markets, Hossain said.

Usually, around 350-400 trucks come to Karwan Bazar kitchen market a day with

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SC to hear govt appeal today

Quader Mollah seeks acquittal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The full bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear today the government appeal against the "inadequate" sentencing of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Quader Mollah by a war crimes tribunal.

International Crimes Tribunal-2 on February 5 had sentenced Mollah to life imprisonment for committing

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