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## APRIL 6 LONG MARCH

# No ban, yet virtual ban

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Dhaka will be virtually cut off from the rest of the country and pro-government owners and workers associations will suspend transport.

Besides, ruling Awami League men backed by law enforcers will remain vigilant at different areas along the highways and entry points to the capital.

This is how the government, failing to dissuade Hefajat-e Islam from holding the long march, wants to tackle the situation tomorrow, sources say.

The administration claims to have information that pro-Jamaat and militant elements have already infiltrated Hefajat-e Islam and they might create anarchy.

Even so, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday gave permission to the Islamists to hold a rally at Motijheel, but on 12 conditions. These include no political speeches and no loudspeaker and rally outside the

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JP WATER FOR HEFAJAT PAGE 2



Wearing trousers, rickshaw-pullers pull their rickshaws in Baridhara in the capital yesterday as the posh neighbourhood has reportedly slapped a ban on rickshaw-pullers wearing lungi in its area.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Youths go for 22-hour blockade

Give memo to PMO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Gonojagoron Mancha called a countrywide blockade from 6:00pm today to 4:00pm tomorrow to counter Hefajat-e Islam's long march towards Dhaka.

It urged all rail, road and waterway transport owners and workers to cooperate and make the blockade a success.

Defying the radical Islamist groups' programme to resist the Shahbagh protesters, it will hold its

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## Any unrest, blame govt

**Khaleda pulls for Hefajat at Sathkhira; presence of Jamaat activists noticeable**

RASHIDUL HASAN, from Sathkhira

The government would be held responsible for anarchy, if created, centring on the Hefajat-e Islam's long march towards Dhaka tomorrow, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia said yesterday.

She said Hefajat had every right to organise programmes demanding punishment to those "who had made derogatory remarks about Islam and Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and hurt our religious sentiments". But, Khaleda claimed, a hartal was called and various other measures



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## Blogs blacked out in protest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than ten blogs blacked out their sites yesterday in protest at the recent arrests of bloggers over allegations of defaming Islam.

The blogs now show screens with texts decrying the government crackdown on the blogging community.

"Muzzle Me Not," stated www.nagorikblog.com, adding, "Resist and protest government's appeasement of fundamentalists -- arrest and torture of bloggers -- harassment of blog platforms."

Other blogs, including Shachalayat, Amarblog,

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## Grenade left on rail track

**Rail secy removed; HC orders arrest of train attackers**

STAR REPORT

Train communications on Jamalpur-Dewanganj route remained suspended for five hours yesterday as a grenade was found on the rail track near Chandra rail crossing in Jamalpur town.

Police and witnesses said railway workers found the grenade around 10:00 am while they were working near the rail crossing.

Being informed, Jamalpur Railway Thana police rushed to the spot and suspended train service on the route. The train communication

resumed around 3:00 pm after a team of explosives experts from Ghatail Cantonment defused the grenade.

It is suspected that miscreants kept the grenade on the rail track for carrying out sabotage, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, the government

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Apparently craving international attention, members of Hefajat-e Islam bring out a procession in the capital's Demra yesterday with an English placard. The procession was to drum up support for their Dhaka long march tomorrow demanding punishment to atheists and bloggers. But how much they know about the bloggers or what they do remain a wonder. PHOTO: STAR

## Jamaat behind Nonstop hartal Hefajat from April 7

**23 pro-liberation organisations enforce 24-hour hartal from 6pm today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Claiming that Hefajat-e Islam has announced the Dhaka long march programme at the instigation of Jamaat-Shibir, 23 pro-liberation organisations yesterday urged people to form "militancy and communalism resistance committee" at union, upazila and district levels to resist Jamaat-Shibir and armed militants.

They called a countrywide 24-hour hartal from

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**Threatens Hefajat**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hefajat-e Islam has again threatened to call for non-stop hartals from Sunday unless 23 pro-liberation organisations called off their 24-hour hartal scheduled to start this evening.

The Islamist organisation had set a deadline for 6:00pm yesterday to call of the hartal, which was declared to resist Hefajat-e Islam's Dhaka long march tomorrow.

But, the 23 organisations stuck to their hartal programme.

Hefajat-e Islam yesterday blamed "the government-backed" organisations of "conspiring" to foil its long

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