

# DO THE KIDS HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE



Coming out onto the streets forming human chains and bringing out processions yesterday detesting and demanding withdrawal of the 72-hour hartal called by the BNP-led 20-party alliance right before the Secondary School Certificate exams were scheduled to begin and pressing to keep public exams out of the purview of such political programmes were (clockwise from middle left) Amar Odhikar Foundation and Nagorik Sanghati in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital; students of public schools in Chittagong Collegiate School in the port city; local students on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Biswa Road area of Comilla's Daudkandi; socio-cultural organisations in Pirojpur district town; Sammilita Samajik Andolon in front of Jatiya Press Club; Samajtantrik Chhatra Front in front of Jatiya Press Club; Nagorik Committee in Gobindaganj sadar upazila in Gaibandha; rights organisations in Pirojpur district town; and Amar Odhikar Foundation in front of Jatiya Press Club.

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## Lift blockade, hartal during SSC exams

Professional, social bodies urge BNP-led 20-party alliance

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Different professional bodies and social organisations yesterday urged the BNP-led 20-party alliance to refrain from enforcing hartal and withdraw the ongoing blockade during SSC examinations.

important public exams," said Hasan Mahmud, Awami League's publicity and publication secretary, at a human chain formed by Bangladesh Swadhinata Parishad in front of Jatiya Press Club.

afternoon on the Central Shaheed Minar premises in Dhaka. Fida Huq, chairman of the organisation, demanded compensation for the people who lost their loved ones in violence during the blockade. Leaders of Sammilita Samajik Andolon, another citizens' body, at a human chain before Jatiya Press Club, said a vested quarter was trying to

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### ETV's Salam again denied bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Another Dhaka court rejected ETV Chairman Abdus Salam's bail petition yesterday in a case filed under the pornography control act.

The first court had also sent him to jail on January 8 and, against a seven-day police remand prayer, granted his interrogation at the jail gate within five workdays.

Judge (in charge) KM Imrul Kayes of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after Salam's lawyer submitted the petition on January 12 against the first rejection. Even though his name was not included in the first information report, Salam is accused in the case of assisting the broadcast of obscene footage in a programme, "Ekusher Chokh", on his TV channel on November 6, 2014.

On November 17, 2014 the case was filed with a Dhaka court by a woman (name withheld) accusing four persons -- her ex-husband Mohammad Shahjalal and his brother-in-law Zakir Hossain, her "godbrother" Zahirul Haque Imran and ETV Senior Reporter Elias Hossain.

Following a court directive, cantonment police recorded the case on

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### Cops 'brutalise' New Age journo

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Beat him, his friend all the way to Ramna Police Station; beating continues there; his fault was that he tried to take a picture of two policeman riding on a same motorbike violating an ongoing indefinite govt ban on riding pillion

A sub-inspector (SI) allegedly beat up New Age's Dhaka University (DU) correspondent and the journalist's friend after he was about to be photographed violating a recent ban by riding pillion on another policeman's motorcycle in the capital's Bijoynagar yesterday.

Nazmul Huda, who needed stitches in a head wound while being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with third-year DU student Aktaruzzaman Shuvo, said his motorcycle was still being held at Ramna Police Station.

On-duty policemen last night said it would be released after papers were furnished.

Nazmul said he himself was stopped and Shuvo was asked to get down from his motorcycle by police when he saw SI Mehedi Hasan violating the ban.

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### Govt to fall by Feb 13

Claims Zainul Abidin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP chairperson's adviser Zainul Abidin yesterday predicted that the present "illegal" government would fall by February 13 in the face of people's demands and the ongoing movement, which he said was to protect people's lives and properties.

The former Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president was addressing a meeting pro-BNP lawyers' platform Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (JAF) organised on the SCBA premises supporting the hartal called by the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

SCBA Secretary AM Mahub Uddin Khokon demanded that the

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Singers perform on the first day of a two-day National Poetry Festival-2015 organised by National Poetry Council on the Dhaka University central library premises yesterday.

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