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FORECASTYESTERDAY'S  
TEMPERATURESDHAKA  
H 26.8°C L 17.0CHITTAGONG  
H 30.5°C L 16.4SYLHET  
H 28.5°C L 14.5RAJSHAHI  
H 27.3°C L 13.3KHULNA  
H 28.6°C L 15.0BARISAL  
H 28.0°C L 14.2RANGPUR  
H 26.0°C L 13.7COX'S BAZAR  
H 30.5°C L 20.0

Night temperature may fall slightly over northern part and it may rise slightly elsewhere over the country and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:51pm and rises tomorrow at 6:34am. Country's highest temperature 31.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 11.9 in Sreemangal.



## Khaleda's office to be dismantled brick by brick Threatens Shajahan

Transport workers will dismantle Khaleda Zia's office brick by brick if she does not withdraw the blockade and hartal immediately, Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan said yesterday.

"Khaleda has confined herself by installing barbed wire at her office. We, the workers of Bangladesh, will remove the barbed wire and every brick the office has," he said.

"...we will launch such a movement that you will not be able to maintain your existence and your politics will meet death."

The minister was addressing a rally of Sarak Paribahan Malik Sramik Oikya Parishad at the capital's Phulbaria bus terminal, protesting killings and

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## SPLIT WAR CRIMES VERDICT Law minister's remarks tantamount to contempt of court

SCBA chief tells press

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

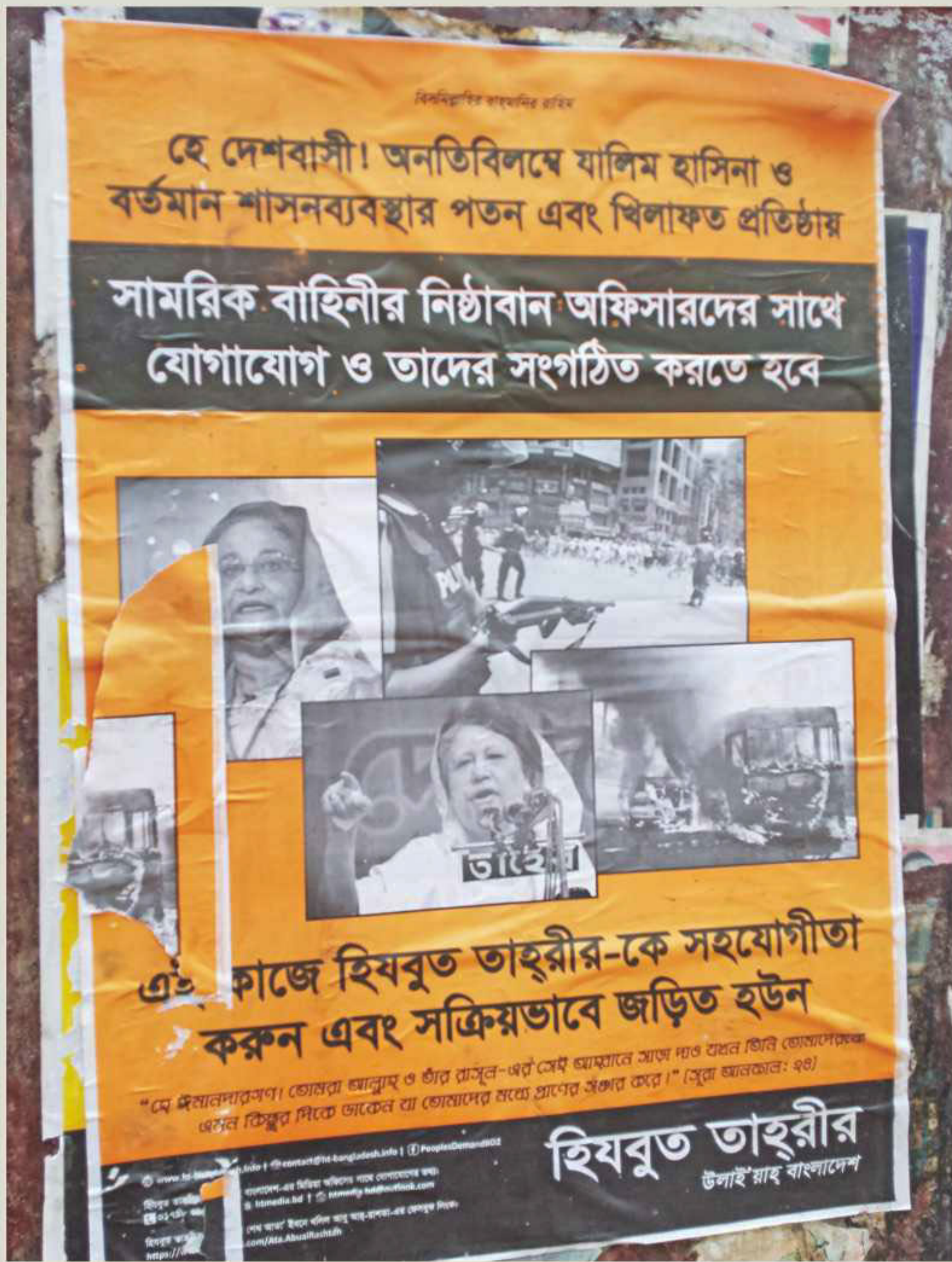
The Supreme Court Bar Association chief yesterday alleged that Law Minister Anisul Huq's comments about a judge who dissented in a war crimes verdict but has not written the full judgment yet were tantamount to "serious contempt of court".

Addressing a press conference at SCBA, Khandker Mahbub Hossain said he could not believe the law minister who was a competent lawyer and had long practiced in the SC would make such comments.

The minister said on Monday, as quoted by the Bangla daily Prothom Alo, "A judge (of the Appellate Division) has dissented in a verdict but has not written the judgment yet. As per law, a verdict cannot be executed until its full text is released. He has been requested to write it. Let's see. You dissented. If you are so judicious, what is the problem in writing the

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## FANATICS RAISE THEIR UGLY HEADS AGAIN



Taking advantage of the current political crisis in the country accompanied by wanton violence, banned extremist Islamist organisation Hizb-ut-Tahrir published and pasted posters in the capital in an attempt to foment unrest within the armed forces. This poster was found pasted on a wall in an alleyway near Bangla Motor intersection yesterday.

PHOTO:  
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## Battered Khilzi Rd constant irritation for residents

City corporation seems nonchalant for almost five years

HELEMUL ALAM

The bypass is not very big but it is an important road for residents of the capital's Mohammadpur as it links the area with Shyamoli. But, using the Khilzi road is another story for commuters due to the battered condition the street is in.

The road eases traffic congestion on the Ring road, which connects the Mirpur road to Mohammadpur, as small vehicles generally avoid the main road in favour of the bypass.

However, about 300 yards of Khilzi road, where it branches from the Mirpur road, is littered with potholes and becomes submerged even during the dry season.

Residents of the area claimed Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), which is responsible for the road, paid little heed to people's sufferings due to the road's poor condition.

"The road was constructed about five years back and just after four months it was in a very bad condition," said Abdul Kader, a resident of the area.

He said the road becomes submerged even in very light showers due to a poor drainage system in the area.

Kader said people in the area sometimes fill the potholes with construction materials as a temporary solution as the authorities concerned do not seem to care about the situation.

Masuma Binte Rayhan and Bilkis

Banu, two teachers of Sher-e-Bangla Girls' School who use the road regularly, said during the rainy season, they usually have to wade through rainwater as rickshaw-pullers do not want to ply their vehicles on the small portion of the road.

Moreover, the footpaths on either sides of the road are illegally occupied forcing pedestrians to walk on the road, they added.

Mizanur Rahman, a rickshaw-puller, said he avoids the battered part of the road as it takes double the effort to pull rickshaws there.

Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, executive engineer of DNCC, said they have fund for the road and that they hope to start repair works next month.



Locals use pieces of bricks and stones as a last-ditch effort to cover potholes permeating the Khilzi Road in Mohammadpur as a portion of the road has been in dire need of repairs for almost five years. However, the makeshift arrangement is not a solution at all as it makes it difficult for vehicles, especially rickshaws, to ply the road as pullers have to put in almost double the effort to go over the bricks. The photo was taken recently.

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## Law, justice feature well at book fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amidst the slack hartal in the capital, Uttara Law College student Mirazul Islam visited the Amar Ekushey Granthamela Monday evening looking for books on his subject.

After a quick tour round the Suhrawardy Udyan, he stopped at Kamrul Book House's stall, where he found almost all the books on his list. For the few that were not available there, the salesperson assured him of getting those too if he ordered.

Established 40 years ago and participating in the fair for the last 20 years, Kamrul Book House caters to the knowledge and information requirements of law professionals.

"Besides law students, our customers include lawyers and police officials," said Kamrul Ahsan, proprietor of the publishing house, where books on civil and criminal

law, textbooks and guides as well as police rules are available.

"Most of our books are by noted lawyers, judges and academicians of our country including Prof Borhanuddin, Enamul Haque and AB Siddiqui," said Akhter Hossain, supervising the stall on Monday in the absence of Ahsan.

Though Kamrul Book House's store in Old Dhaka can be visited anytime for these books, the fair offers the opportunity to check out publications of other houses

too, said Mirazul.

In fact, University Press Ltd has a number of volumes on child and migrant rights in English and authors include eminent jurist late MA Zahir and Muhammad Habibur Rahman.

Books on land, environment and international law in Bangla can be found in

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## Menon to lead school: Everyone has students to protest against blockade a role to stop violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon and students, guardians, teachers and staff of 25 educational institutes of the capital will observe a sit-in and form a human chain today to protest the ongoing blockade and hartal that are harming educational activities, including SSC and its equivalent examinations.

Menon announced the programmes at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

Students, Teachers, Guardians and Management Coordination Committee organised the programmes, which will be observed in front of Motijheel Ideal School and College from 10:00am.

The minister said, "They [the BNP-led alliance] are enforcing hartals to ruin the country's education system and its economy."

Responding to a query on whether it is wise to involve students in such programmes, Menon said students should not be involved in any political programme but this event centres on their education.

Dr Shahan Ara Begum, principal of Motijheel Ideal School and College, and Awolad Hossain, joint secretary of Dhaka City Awami League, among others, were present at the conference.

Describing the ongoing political violence as an "absolute tragic situation", US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat yesterday said everyone had a role in stopping this.

"...we reiterate our call from Washington that everyone plays a role to stop violence to move into democratic space that Bangladesh is blessed to have," she told reporters after over an hour-long meeting with Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at his office.

The new envoy who arrived on January 25 discussed bilateral relations.



Colleagues take a wounded worker of Mahbub Apparels Ltd to a hospital in Ashulia of Savar, outside the capital, yesterday after a clash with a faction of workers aligned with the administration. The fight broke out when one faction of the workers started a demonstration demanding a hike in their allowances.

PHOTO: STAR

## RMG workers clash among themselves

Feud over pay hike leaves 10 injured in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Two groups of workers of Mahbub Apparels Ltd in Ashulia, outside the capital, yesterday clashed on the factory premises over a demand for a salary hike, leaving ten injured.

Ashrafur Islam, director (admin and HR), said a group of workers started demonstration on Monday, a day after they got their salaries, demanding more lunch and overtime bills, and attendance and production bonuses, and they even beat up a

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## Death anniversary



Today is the first death anniversary of Prof AHM Ahsan Ullah, renowned neurosurgeon of the country.

He had served the Institute of Post Graduate and Medicine Research since 1994 and was also president of the Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Till his death he was one of the founder director and finance director of Green Life Medical College and Hospital.

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