

# Dhaka city commuters suffer due to AL rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
It took Hasanur Rashid, a private firm employee who travels on a bicycle, more than an hour to reach Farmgate from Banani yesterday afternoon.  
"It never takes more than 20 minutes.... Even the pavements were filled with people who had no choice but to walk," he said, annoyed after going through a horrific traffic chaos.  
Like him, most commuters in the capital, who travelled on any street connected to the Shahbagh intersection yesterday, remained stuck due to the ruling Awami League's rally at Suhrawardy Udyan in observance of the historic March 7 speech.



Processions of the Awami League's different units heading towards Suhrawardy Udyan precipitate a huge traffic chaos, like on earlier occasions, in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday. The ruling party held a rally on the park marking the historic March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. PHOTO: STAR

# Hold dialogue, avoid economic disaster

Business leaders urge major political parties from Ratri discussion  
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Leading political parties must immediately engage in dialogue to resolve the ongoing violent political deadlock to save the country from an imminent economic disaster, eminent business leaders told a discussion in the capital yesterday.  
The country suffered an economic loss equal to half the national budget over the past two months of the ongoing blockade and hartals, said Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed, president, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry.  
The country also lost business opportunities in the international market, he told the discussion on violence, militancy, dialogue and reality organised by a local non-government organisation, Regional Anti Terrorist Research Institute (Ratri), at a local hotel.  
"We also demand an end to the ongoing volatility and violence to ensure economic viability. All the politicians together have to find the way out and it is up to them to forge the process," said Kazi.  
How many family members of politicians live in Bangladesh and how many of them die in political clashes, he questioned.  
Mustafa Kamal Mohiuddin, president, Bangladesh Land Developers Association, said bank interest on loans was piling up on businessmen, Tk 75,000 crore had got stuck and livelihoods of 1.5 crore employees were uncertain due to the ongoing political violence.  
The country's readymade garment sector will miss out on its ambitious US \$50-billion export target on independence's golden jubilee, said Md Atiqul Islam, president, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

**EFFECTS OF BLOCKADE, HARTALS**

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**OBSERVATIONS**

- Suppression without resolving political grievances to give rise to massive militant force
- Ideals absent in political parties

Former Jatiya Party lawmaker GM Quader said attempts to forcibly suppress the violence without resolving political grievances of a major political block would result in long-term damage for the country, leading to emergence of a massive militant force. The present crisis is due to political issues over demands for a national election by a reformed Election Commission, he said, citing Martin Luther King as saying that peace was not absence of violence, it was the presence of justice.  
However, Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, chairman, University Grants Commission, said the violence and terrorism in the name of the BNP-led 20-party alliance's political programmes was a clash of ideals between those who believe in Bangladesh's liberation and those who oppose it.  
So there cannot be any political dialogue before containing the violence and terrorism, as the attackers' aim was to save war

## AVIJIT KILLING CASE

# Home boss "doesn't know" who is second arrestee

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State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan once again said yesterday that two persons had been arrested in connection with the murder of blogger Avijit Roy but failed to give the details about the second arrest.  
A day after Shafiur Rahman Farabi, who had repeatedly issued death threats to Avijit, was arrested in Jatrabari area on March 2, the minister told reporters at his office that one more suspect was arrested by law-enforcement agencies.  
When The Daily Star contacted him later that day to know the details of the second arrest, he said he would inform after learning about it from the law enforcers.  
Replying to a question at Dhaka Reporters Unity's meet-the-press yesterday, he again said two persons were arrested, and again could not give the identity of the second arrestee.  
"Apart from Farabi, another suspect was arrested," he told reporters.  
"As far as I am concerned, two persons have been arrested. But I have to check whether the second suspect was released or not," he told The Daily Star.  
The investigators, however, continued claiming to have arrested only Farabi.  
When asked about the state minister's claim, Deputy Commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Masudur Rahman said, "We only know that one person has been arrested."  
He later told The Daily Star that a second man had been arrested on suspicion but he was released.  
Addressing the meet-the-press, Asaduzzaman said the investigators were trying to arrest several suspected persons. "We have a list of suspects, and if we can arrest them, everything about the murder will be revealed."  
He said the involvement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) did not mean that local investigators had failed in their job.  
"Avijit is a US citizen. An FBI unit works at the US embassy in Dhaka. So, they can get involved," he said, adding that both sides could share necessary information about the murder.  
He said one or two FBI personnel had come from the US.  
He said six efficient officers led by a joint commissioner of DMP were dealing with the case and hoped that the culprits would be arrested soon.  
Meanwhile, Avijit's father Prof Ajoy Roy requested the investigators to

## NSU, Maryland University sign deal

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While visiting North South University (NSU), delegates from University of Maryland, US, signed an agreement with the university on different issues, including student and teacher exchanges, said a press release.  
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UNB, Khulna  
A teenage boy was jailed for one year after he was found taking Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations impersonating a candidate at Mahsin Girls' School in Daulatpur upazila of Khulna on Friday.  
Mehedi Hasan, 17, impersonated Md Tanim, an examinee from Afluddin High School.

**DHAKA TODAY**  
**Female entrepreneurs fair**  
Children and Earth Welfare Society and other will organise a fair.  
Venue: Russian Science and Culture Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 10:30am  
**Discussion**  
The Human Rights Commission will organise a discussion on "Human rights under threats: our task." Venue: BRAC Centre Inn,

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