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## Fresh election only solution

*Khaleda on current political standoff; says she is aware of public sufferings but anti-govt movement to continue*



- Scrap 15th amendment to constitution
- Release all political detainees
- Let opposition hold rallies, processions
- Hold credible international probe into subversive activities
- Stop killings, forced disappearances, harassment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Appearing before the media for the first time since January 19, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said the ongoing anti-government movement will continue until it reaches a "logical conclusion".

Saying that she is aware of people's sufferings due to blockade and hartal, Khaleda urged the countrymen to put up with this for the time being in the interest of the

nation.

Reading out a statement to journalists at her Gulshan office, where she has been staying since January 3, the BNP chief reiterated that the present political crisis can be overcome only through an election under a non-party caretaker administration. She expressed the view also in her January 19 press conference.

As the BNP-led 20-party alliance's  
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Khaleda lied to divert people's attention: AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP chief Khaleda Zia has resorted to lies in an attempt to divert people's attention from the arson deaths and to shift the blame on the government, said the Awami League in an instant reaction to Khaleda's speech yesterday.

The ruling party demanded that Khaleda disclose when and where Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina promised to hold a participatory elections dissolving parliament after January 5, 2014 elections, which Khaleda claimed in her speech.

Earlier, the BNP chairperson held a press conference at her Gulshan office and made a statement.

AL Joint General Secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif at a press briefing at the party president's Dhanmondi office said,  
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## DB arrests key man behind 'BasherKella'

*Linked to several Facebook pages run by fanatics; family alleges he was picked up 5 days ago*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested KM Ziauddin Fahad, the alleged editorial administrator of BasherKella, a Facebook page that staunchly supports war criminals, propagates religious extremism and often attacks the state machineries through its posts.

Fahad has been described by the Detective Branch of police as the chief coordinator of the publicity wing of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami that vehemently opposed the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971. A number of Jamaat top-notches are currently on death row or facing different terms of imprisonment for their crimes during the Liberation War.

Joint Commissioner (DB) Monirul Islam of Dhaka Metropolitan Police said Fahad had been arrested from his sister's house at Comilla Cadet College at 4:30pm on



Ziauddin Fahad

Thursday. A laptop and two cell phones were seized from his possession.

Fahad had been using different social media platforms to spread propaganda against the country's VIPs and renowned personalities, and also against the police, the Border Guard Bangladesh, the Rapid Action Battalion and the international war crimes tribunals, says a media statement of the DB.

According to the statement, Fahad using fake names used to run more than 50 Facebook pages, including BasherKella, Titumirer BasherKella, BasherKella USA, Awami Tribunal, BAKSAL Nipat Jak, I am Bangladeshi, Digital Rupee BAKSAL, BAN BasherKella News-24, Islami online activist, Tarun Projonmo and Vision 2021.

Two of his most commonly used fake names were Biplob Darshan and Truth  
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Mahmudullah Riyad became the first Bangladeshi, and the eighth overall, to score consecutive centuries in a World Cup. But his unbeaten 128 went in vain as New Zealand edged past Bangladesh by three wickets in Hamilton yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Tigers go down fighting

*Mahmudullah joins elite list with back-to-back tons; Bangladesh set to face India in quarterfinals*

BISHWAJIT ROY from Hamilton

For a brief period yesterday it seemed as though Bangladesh would go on to etch another famous moment in their cricketing history; this time at the Seddon Park in Hamilton, against a side which many termed as the favourites to win the World Cup.

However in an agonisingly close finish to their last group match, Bangladesh went down to New Zealand by three wickets.

They might have lost, but the brand of cricket that they played yesterday won the hearts of millions. From negotiating a dangerous powerplay, where the ball was swinging ferociously to countering New Zealand's attacking strategy with their own aggressive tactics, they battled neck and neck.

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza and co can take plenty of positives from this game for their must-win encounter in the quarter finals against India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on March 19.

The way Bangladesh survived the early trying overcast conditions against a vaunted bowling attack and then broke the norm to open the bowling with slow left-armers—only the first instance in ODI cricket—displayed just how much the Tigers have matured during the mega event. They have learnt to play according to their own strengths rather than focusing on their opponents.

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After surviving the early onslaught Mahmudullah Riyad ensured that he stayed till the end, ace an unbeaten 128—his second consecutive ton in the World Cup— and help Bangladesh post a fighting 288.

The batsman was at his elegant best, driving comfortably through cover and pulling the odd-delivery time and again with a lifted knee. Apart from getting dropped at the slips in the initial stages, he seemed resolute. And it therefore wasn't a surprise that he became only the eighth batsman to score consecutive World Cup tons. He reached his century courtesy of a fluent drive through covers off 111 deliveries. He went haywire after that smacking Mitchell Mclenaghan for three consecutive boundaries.

He stayed there till the end and shared a valuable stand with Sabbir Rahman to take Bangladesh past the 280-mark. After the exchange two brilliant moves from skipper Shakib Al Hasan saw the departure of New Zealand's key batsmen—Brendon McCullum and Kane Williamson.

Both the in-form batters attempted to heave Shakib at the start of the innings and got caught. New Zealand effectively could have been three down had Bangladesh reviewed an LBW decision against Martin Guptill off Rubel Hossain. The umpire had given that not out as he heard two sounds.

Guptill made full use of that reprieve by sharing a century stand with Ross Taylor. While Taylor struggled to time the  
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**TOP QUOTE**

"Why won't the treaty (CHT Peace Accord) be implemented if the government ... that signed the deal rules Bangladesh for 10 years?"

**SANTU LARMA**  
PRESIDENT OF PARBATYA CHATTAGRAM JANA SANGHATI SAMITY, AT A PROGRAMME IN BANDARBAN



Children sit around their teacher for class at the yard of a barn in Dakatiabari village of Companyganj in Sylhet. The lone government primary school in the area, inset, had to be abandoned as the building was in a poor condition.

PHOTO COURTESY: SHEIKH NASIR



## 3 hurt in bomb attack on bus

*3 policemen injured in blasts during raid*

STAR REPORT

At least three passengers suffered burns when alleged blockaders hurled a patrol bomb on a long-haul bus on the Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar early yesterday.

The attack was carried out on the very night of the resumption of night coach services across the country after over a month due to the indefinite blockade enforced by the BNP-led alliance.

In Chapainawabganj, at least three policemen and a Shibir activist were injured in a clash between law enforcers and Shibir men in the town's Shibtala yesterday morning.

Injured bus passengers are Sumon Sheikh, 25, Abdur Rahim 50, and Akkas Ali, 70, were undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Enam Medical College Hospital in Savar.

Md Abdul Motaleb Mia, officer in-charge of Savar Model Police Station, said criminals hurled a firebomb at the bus of Rajanigandha Paribahan heading for Dhaka from Rajshahi in Genda of Savar around 2:00am.

Firefighters later put out the blaze. Sumon, who had 13 percent of his body burned, said he got on the bus from Sreepur of Ashulia. When the bus reached Genda area, a patrol bomb shattered a window of the bus and the vehicle was in flames instantly.

"I along with other passengers jumped from the bus  
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