



Clockwise from top left, Imran H Sarker-led Gonojagoron Mancha blocks the Shahbagh intersection halting vehicular movement for three hours during a six-hour hartal yesterday, demanding quick arrest of the killers of publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan. The activists bring out a procession before the blockade. During a rally at the Raju memorial, the Dhaka University students place a coffin in front of them, which symbolically carries the body of Dipan. An effigy of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal being burnt in front of the Central Library of Dhaka University by four left student bodies. A human chain of DU Teachers Association (Duta) at the base of Aparajeya Bangla.

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### Nizami's appeal hearing not resumed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday could not resume the hearing on the appeal filed by condemned war criminal Motiur Rahman Nizami, challenging a verdict that sentenced him to death for his war crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha was scheduled to hear Nizami's appeal but they could not do so as one of the judges was not present, two deputy attorneys general requesting anonymity told The Daily Star.

They, however, could not say why the judge was absent in the bench.

SC Registrar General Syed Aminul Islam also said he did not know anything about the absence.

On September 9, the four-member bench started hearing the appeal and adjourned the proceedings till yesterday.

On November 23 last year, Jamaat-e-Islami chief Nizami challenged the death penalty.

International Crimes Tribunal-1 on October 29 last year gave him the death penalty on four charges, including murdering intellectuals.

### DIPAN MURDER

# Procession to home ministry tomorrow

Hartal passes off peacefully; Hanif's effigy burnt

STAR REPORT

A faction of the anti-war crimes Gonojagoron Mancha will lead a "coffin" procession towards the home ministry tomorrow and hold a solidarity rally in the capital Friday, demanding arrest of the killers of publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan and the attackers of three others.

Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of the faction, made the announcement after the platform enforced a countrywide six-hour hartal yesterday demanding the same.

Unknown assailants hacked to death Dipan, owner of Jagriti Prokashani at Shahbagh, and in a separate attack, injured Shuddhoswar's owner Ahmedur Rashid Tutul and bloggers Tareque Rahim and Ranadipam Basu at Lalmatia on Saturday.

Dipan and Tutul were publishers of slain secularist writer-blogger Avijit Roy.

The six-hour strike ended peacefully except for a few incidents of throwing stones at passenger vehicles in the capital and Chittagong.

However, none was injured.

In the capital, the Mancha activists brought a march in Shahbagh intersection area in support of the hartal with student and political organisations joining in.

The pro-hartal activists also blocked the Shahbagh intersection for around three hours, halting vehicular movement.

While marching towards Matsya Bhaban, they threw bricks at two buses near Ramna Park around 7:00am.



## DU teachers call for arrest of killers

Left-leaning student bodies burn home minister's effigy; students bring out 'coffin' procession

DU CORRESPONDENT

Nearly 200 teachers of Dhaka University and a few hundred students and people from different walks of life yesterday gathered at the base of Aparajeya Bangla on the campus demanding the trial of those who killed publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan and wounded three others recently.

At a human chain, organised by DU Teachers Association (Duta), its President Farid Uddin Ahmed urged Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to resign if he could not arrest the killers.

Former vice chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Anwar Hossain said, "Awami League leader Hanif's comments over Dipan's father disappointed the people. This kind of comments encourages the militants." Chairman of DU television and film studies department AJM Shafiu Alam Bhuiyan also spoke.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Biplabi Chhatra Moitri and Chhatra Oikya burnt the effigy of the home minister at a rally on the campus.

General Secretary of Chhatra Front Snehardi Chakrabarti Rintu said, "The home minister is trying to get away with it shifting blame on BNP and Jamaat. We want his resignation."

Teachers, students and citizens under the banner of Bishikkhak, Shikharthi, Lekhok O Nagorik Brindo also rallied at the Aparajeyo Bangla later in the day.

Prof Dr Samina Lutfa, economist MM Akash, and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal leader Firoz Rashid also spoke.

Meanwhile, DU students organised by the economics department carried a coffin, which symbolically contained the body of Dipan, during a procession to the Central Shaheed Minar. Later, they held a human chain before Raju memorial.

### HC asks again

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Rahman also fixed November 9 for a further order on the issue, writ petitioners' lawyer AKM Rashedul Huq told The Daily Star.

He said the HC on August 25 directed the city corporation to rename the road in Khulna city and Shah Azizur Rahman Auditorium of Islamic University in Kushtia as they carried the names of collaborators.

Both Khan A Sabur and Shah Azizur Rahman were ministers during the Pakistan era and opposed Bangladesh's war of independence, the lawyer said.

He added that Jessore Road was named after Sabur during BNP's rule from 1991 to 1996, while Shah Azizur Rahman was the prime minister during the regime of former president Ziaur Rahman.

Islamic University has told the HC that they changed the name of its auditorium, but the Khulna mayor recently told a newspaper that the name of Khan A Sabur Road was not changed because his office did not get the copy of the HC order, the lawyer said. Following the newspaper report, he prayed for a necessary order from the HC on Monday.

In May 2012, on the basis of a writ petition, the HC asked the government to explain why structures named after collaborators of Pakistanis should not be renamed and why they should not be directed to name those after freedom fighters. Historian Prof Muntassir Mamun and war crimes researcher Shahriar Kabir had filed the petition.



### MURDER OF TAVELLA

# Chakki Russell remanded again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Russell Chowdhury alias Chakki Russell on a five-day fresh remand in connection with the killing of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella on September 28.

The order came after DB Inspector Zehad Hossain, also investigation officer of the case, produced him before the court with a seven-day remand prayer.

Earlier, Chakki Russell was remanded for eight days.

In the remand prayer, the IO said three other suspects -- Tamjid Ahmed alias Rubel alias Shooter Rubel, Shakhawat Hossain alias Sharif and Minhazul Arifin Russell alias Bhagne Russell gave confessional statements in which they disclosed Chakki Russell's involvement in the killing. So he should be remanded to gather more information, he said. Earlier, Shooter Rubel and Bhagne Russell confessed to the same magistrate that they along with Chakki Russell killed the Italian man.



As part of corporate social responsibility, Khairul Majid Mahmud, president of Dhaka Club, handing over a cheque for Tk 5 lakh to Home Minister Assaduzzaman Khan Kamal on October 27 for running "The street Children Drug Rehabilitations Programme" under the Drug Control Board Fund. Rakibur Rahman, director general of Drug Administration, and members of the executive committee of the club were also present at the function.

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