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# CELEBRITIES JOIN STUDENTS FOR THE PROTESTS

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Often times, celebrities are role models to a younger generation. What they may say or do can create a profound impact on them.

Yesterday, celebrities were united for the Nirapod Shorok movement. Plenty of celebrities gathered around Uttara to support the cause. Rawnak Hasan, Joint Secretary of Actors Equity Bangladesh, was a part of the protest: "We are here not as artistes, but as concerned citizens."

Zakia Bari Mamo took a break from shooting for a while to join the cause. "We need a change in the system to stop road accidents," says Mamo.

Director Shakal Ahmed and his entire unit took a leave from shooting as well. "Road safety is for everyone. The students are fighting for our rights and we should stand beside them," he says.

Celebrities also joined the movement in Dhanmondi. Tanvin Sweety, Vice President of Actors

Equity Bangladesh, Farzana Chumki, Ahsanul Haque Minu and director Mohon Khan were seen in Dhanmondi chanting slogans.

Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed stood in front of Hotel Ruposhi Bangla in solidarity with the students. "At the end of the day, we all want to return home safely. We have lost way too many lives to reckless driving," says Nawshaba.

Singer Konal, along with other musicians and anchors, declared solidarity with the protestors at Shahbagh.



### Bhabna's Birthday in Bhutan

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Today marks the birthday of popular actor Ashna Habib Bhabna, who has left a mark on both the television and the silver screen. "This year, I do not have huge plans for my birthday, considering the current state (of the nation)," says Bhabna. The actor told The Daily Star that she will be in Bhutan for six days, relaxing from her usual workload.



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Yesterday, around 1.00 pm, cultural activists of Jahangirnagar University expressed solidarity with the demonstrators and staged a street drama titled 'Chakravyuh' on Dhaka-Aricha Highway in front of Joy Bangla Gate, while over 500 students of the university blocked the highway. The street drama was directed by Dipankar Chhakrabarty, general secretary of Jahangirnagar threatre while around 12 members of the organisation took part in the drama.

Source: Md Asaduz Zaman, JU Correspondent

## Beyonce makes history

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Beyonce is reportedly taking control of US Vogue's September cover, and she is already making history by hiring an African-American photographer to shoot the cover. Beyonce will be on the cover for September and Anna Wintour, Vogue's editor-in-chief, has given her the reins to design and hire people for her photoshoot.

Beyonce now is using her power to build a proud moment for the African-American community. This is the first time an African-American photographer has been hired to shoot the cover in the magazine's 126-year history. 23-year old Tyler Mitchell will reportedly be behind the lens. Mitchell has shot for top fashion brands like Givenchy and Marc Jacobs. He has also collaborated with many gun reform activists for Teen

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Vogue last year. Anna Wintour has always maintained tight control over her magazine's look. Cover subjects are usually given little say in what they wear or what photos are chosen for the issue. But Beyonce will reportedly choose the photos to be published and their captions. It's astonishing that Vogue has never had a black photographer work on their cover. Now, Beyonce has stepped up to change that!

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