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A convoy of military vehicles in the capital's Jatrabari area around noon yesterday. Armed forces were deployed across the country after a curfew was imposed Friday midnight. *Top right*, Agitators gather in Jatrabari with billboards and corrugated iron sheets to use them as shields. *Bottom right*, The capital's Science Lab area, which was one of the flashpoints of Friday's violence, wore a deserted look amid the curfew yesterday.



## Curfew to stay in force until further notice

### Says home boss; 2hr break from 3pm today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to extend the ongoing curfew, which was scheduled to end at 10:00am today, until further notice.

The curfew, however, will be relaxed for two hours starting from 3:00pm today.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan made the announcement at a press briefing following a meeting with law enforcement agencies at his Dhanmondi residence yesterday.

On Thursday, the government imposed a nationwide curfew and deployed armed forces to assist the civil administration in ensuring national securities and protecting lives and properties.

This is the first instance of a curfew being imposed in the last one and half decades.

Responding to a query, the minister

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## At least 21 dead on first day of curfew

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first day of curfew was marked by sporadic incidents of violence that left at least 21 people dead and scores injured in Dhaka and other parts of the country yesterday. Most of the victims were hit by bullets.

On Friday night, the government imposed nationwide curfew and deployed army personnel to assist the civil administration in ensuring national security and protecting lives and public properties in the wake of fierce violence centring on quota protests.

Members of the army were seen patrolling different city points and other districts since yesterday morning. They also set up makeshift bunkers with sandbags at different points.

Amid the curfew, thousands of protesters, both students and non-students, took to the streets with processions, blocked roads and highways and torched tyres and planks of wood on the streets in Dhaka and elsewhere.

Of the victims, nine were killed in the capital and four each in Savar, Narayanganj and Mymensingh, hospital authorities said.

In addition, two policemen were brought dead to Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday, said Inspector Bacchu Mia, in-charge of the DMCH police outpost. Police

and morgue sources said both were beaten to death during clashes on Friday.

Also, two people who suffered head injuries during violence in the city's Mohammadpur on Friday died at National Institute of Neuroscience and Hospital, said Ahad Ali, officer-in-charge of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station.

Of the nine victims in the capital, eight were either brought dead or declared dead at the DMCH, Bacchu Mia told The Daily Star. Most of them suffered bullet and pellet injuries during clashes in Jatrabari, Rayerbagh, Azimpur and Mirpur.

Another victim was brought dead at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said its director Prof Dr Shafiur Rahman.

Including yesterday's victims, at least 127 lives have been lost since Tuesday, when six people were killed in violence. On Thursday, at least 29 more people were killed in fierce clashes between protesters and law enforcers, aided by ruling party activists.

Another victim injured in Wednesday's violence also died on Thursday. On Friday, at least 66 people were killed across the country.

The overall death toll and that from yesterday's violence may rise, as The Daily Star could not reach many hospitals where dozens of critically injured patients were taken for treatment. Also, many

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## Violence flares in Mymensingh, Savar, N'ganj

STAR REPORT

Fierce clashes between agitators and law enforcers in Mymensingh, Savar, and Narayanganj left at least 12 people dead yesterday.

At least four were killed in each of these places.

Over 100 people took treatment at hospitals for injuries sustained in the violence in Savar and Narayanganj.

In Mymensingh's Gouripur upazila, three people were killed during clashes on the first day of the nationwide curfew. At least 30 people, including 12 police officials, were injured.

Witnesses said the agitators blocked the Mymensingh-Kishoreganj Highway at Kaltapara around 11:00am and police rushed there to try and disperse them.

Of the injured, 16 were taken to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, where Rakib, 18; Biplob, 19; and Jubayer, 18, died around noon, said Md Zakul Islam, deputy director of the hospital.

Contacted, Gouripur Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Imran Al Hossain confirmed the deaths.

In the district's Phulpur upazila, a pedestrian was reportedly killed, while 10 others, including three policemen, were hurt in clashes between agitators and law enforcers in the Amuakanda Bridge area.

The deceased was identified as Saiful Islam, 32, of the upazila, said police.

In Savar, poultry trader Kurban Ali, 55, was killed as police opened fire during a chase and counter-chase with demonstrators at the Bazar Bus Stand.

He was shot in the throat while he was in his shop, his family said.

Witnesses said the agitators gathered there around 2:00pm. The clash erupted when police fired shots to disperse them. The demonstrators retaliated by throwing brick chunks at them.

Kurban was taken to Enam Medical College Hospital, where he was declared dead, said Rezaur Rahman, a doctor there.

Rickshaw-puller Roni, 27, of Savar's Shahibagh, was shot during a clash around 5:30pm on the Savar

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## Key organiser of quota demo 'picked up'

### Allege family and witnesses, point fingers at cops

ASIFUR RAHAMAN and AHMED DEEPTO

Nahid Islam, a key organisers of the anti-discrimination student movement, was picked up by plainclothes persons from a house in Sabujbagh early yesterday, according to witnesses.

They alleged the people broke the locks of the building gates to enter and detain Nahid, a masters student of DU's sociology department who has been leading the quota reform protests from the front line since the first week of July.

His family members and fellow protesters alleged that law enforcers picked him up as he declined the government's proposal for a dialogue ahead of the Supreme Court's hearing on the quota issue today.

However, three of the 27 protest organisers met the law minister on Friday night in this regard.

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## Two varying sets of demands from quota protesters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the quota reform protests have come up with two varying sets of demands.

Three key coordinators of the Baishamyabirodhi Chhatra Andolan placed eight point demand at a meeting with three ministers at State Guesthouse Padma on Friday night.

Hasnat Abdullah, Sarjis Alam and Hasib Al Islam participated in the meeting with Law Minister Anisul Huq, Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury and State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Muhammad Ali Arafat.

They demanded that those in the government, who instigated Chhatra League and instructed the law enforcement agencies to attack the protesters, be brought to book after an investigation.

They also called for financial assistance and monthly allowance to the families of those killed and injured during the protests.

The demands also include resignation of the vice-chancellors and proctors for whose "silent role" the students came under attack.

They said the seats at the university halls should be allocated through the university authorities concerned, and the students' unions must be made effective.

The three coordinators demanded immediate withdrawal of the law enforcers from all universities and reopening of halls.

The government must ensure that those who are involved in the movement will face no political or legal harassment or any punitive measures from the university administration, they added.

All the cases filed over the quota reform protests have to be withdrawn immediately, the protest organisers said.

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Three key organisers of quota protests place 8-point demand before three ministers.



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