



## Govt set to ban Jamaat-Shibir

14-party combine makes unanimous recommendation; gazette within two days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League-led 14-party alliance yesterday unanimously recommended that the government ban Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir for their alleged involvement in anti-state activities.

The alliance made the recommendation at a meeting at the Gono Bhaban, presided over by AL President Sheikh Hasina.

Hasina, also the prime minister, assured that her government will act on the recommendation and issue a gazette notification in this regard within two days, said sources.

"For the sake of national interests, the 14-party members unanimously agreed to ban politics of Jamaat-Shibir to eliminate the anti-state element," Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader told reporters after the meeting, which started at 5:00pm and ended around 8.

"Jamaat Shibir have recently committed unprecedented acts of terrorism, including killing police

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A boy screams and shows his ID card to prove he is a student while being dragged away by police during a demonstration in front of Independent University in the capital's Dhanmondi-2 yesterday afternoon. The otherwise peaceful gathering was obstructed by law enforcers and several were detained from there.

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## Don't mock the nation

Says HC about DB's handling of 6 protest organisers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday expressed its displeasure at detective branch taking six coordinators of quota protests to its office and showing the media that they are having food there.

"Don't mock the nation," said the HC.

"Who told you to do this? Why did they do it? Whoever is taken there [DB office] is made to sit at the dining table," the HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon said during a hearing on a petition.

Supreme Court lawyers Aynunnahar Siddiqua and Manzur-Al-Matin yesterday filed the petition seeking orders to have the six protesters released immediately and to stop the use of bullets against protesters.

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HC bench

## Nationwide mourning today

Decides the cabinet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has declared today a nationwide mourning in remembrance of those killed in the recent violence centring the movement for reform in government job quotas.

People were urged to wear black badges to mourn the deaths.

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## Protesters take to streets again

Face obstruction from law enforcers; 80 detained; demo organisers reject call for nationwide mourning

STAR REPORT

Quota reform protesters yesterday staged demonstrations across the country, including in Dhaka and Chattogram cities, but law enforcers dispersed them at many places and detained at least 80.

Ruling party men also obstructed them from holding demonstrations in some places.

Students from different universities and colleges held the demonstrations to protest the "detention of six coordinators of the quota reform protest by the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police and forcing them to issue a statement on ending protests".

In Chattogram, police detained at least 10

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## End mass arrests, arbitrary detention

Amnesty urges Bangladesh govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amnesty International yesterday urged Bangladesh to end mass arrests and arbitrary detention of student leaders and protesters.

In a statement, Smriti Singh, regional director for South Asia at Amnesty International, made the call responding to reports of the arrest and detention of student leaders, protest participants, and members of opposition parties following the quota-reform protests, with over 9,000 arrests over the weekend in Bangladesh.

"The mass arrest and arbitrary detention of student

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