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## Live bullets can't be used if there's no riot or law violation: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday observed that law enforcers can use rubber bullets, teargas shells and then live bullets if anyone violates the law.

Live bullets cannot be used if there are no riots or violation of the law, the court added.

The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon made the observation while delivering an order on a petition that challenged the legality of keeping six coordinators of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement in the DB custody and the use of live rounds on demonstrators.

The bench, however, rejected the petition saying that it has become infructuous after the release of six coordinators of the movement.

The petition was filed by Supreme Court lawyers Aynunnahar Siddiqua and Manzur-Al-Matin on July 30.

The six coordinators were freed on Thursday.

Yesterday, the HC observed that "every citizen shall have the right to participate in peaceful procession, assembly and public meetings as per the directions of the constitution."

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
AUGUST 5

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:20	12:45	5:00	6:47	8:15
JAMAAT 4:55	1:15	5:15	6:50	8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Lives were lost, scores suffered injuries, establishments were vandalised and vehicles were torched in Dhaka on the first day of the non-cooperation movement announced by the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement yesterday. *Top*, a building set on fire in Dhanmondi-2. *Bottom left*, law enforcers firing tear shells to disperse crowd in Segunbagicha. *Right*, protesters at Shahbagh. *Inset*, a torched police box near Jatiya Press Club.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN, ANISUR RAHMAN

# Violence rocks Dhaka

STAR REPORT

Dhaka wore the grim hue of a battleground yesterday, witnessing mass demonstrations and violent clashes across different areas, leaving at least 12 people dead and many others injured on the first day of the non-cooperation movement declared by the Anti-Discrimination Students' Movement.

The violence that ensued between Awami League affiliates and the protesters left the city dwellers largely unnerved and traumatised.

Tahidul Islam, 22, Abdullah Siddique, 22, Ramizuddin Rouf, 24, Selim, 40, Riazuddin, 36, and four others who are yet to be identified were brought dead or died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Bachchu Mia, in charge

of DMCH police outpost.

Another youth named Rezaur Rahman, 23, was brought dead at Sir Salimullah Medical College Mitford Hospital, from Gulistan area around noon, said Abdul Ahad, Ansar commander of the Mitford Hospital.

An unidentified person was brought dead to Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital. Meanwhile, the activists of AL and its affiliates, many of them brandishing weapons and canes, took positions at different points to politically counter the non-cooperation movement.

The capital remained almost disconnected from the rest of the country throughout the day. Except for those joining the rallies and demonstrations, people rarely ventured out of their homes, leaving the streets largely

deserted, while most shops remained closed.

Meanwhile, the students' platform yesterday declared a long march to Dhaka for today.

SHAHBAGH

In Shahbagh, protesters kept the intersection blocked from 10:00am to 6:00pm. By 11:40am, the Shahbagh intersection and adjoining areas became crowded with demonstrators carrying banners and posters and chanting anti-government slogans. They also marched from Shahbagh to Banglamotor area during this time. In the afternoon, more protesters joined the rally, some carrying sticks and iron rods. Amid this, sporadic clashes, chases, and counter-chases occurred around the area.

Around 10:45am, a clash ensued between

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## Take back armed forces from streets Say retired officers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of senior and mid-ranking retired officers of the armed forces yesterday called upon the government to withdraw the armed forces from the streets and send them back to barracks in these difficult times.

They came up with the statement while addressing a briefing at the RAOWA Club in the capital's Mohakhali DOHS.

Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan, the former chief of army staff, read out the statement on behalf of the retired armed forces officers.

The retired officials organised the press briefing to make their stand clear amid the ongoing situation in the country.

While reading out the statement, Iqbal Karim said the patriotic military "must not accept any responsibility for the current situation".

"We appeared here because we are deeply concerned, troubled, and saddened by all the egregious killings, tortures, disappearances, and mass arrests that have been tormenting Bangladesh over the past three weeks," he said.

"Witnessing all these as guardians, we simply cannot absolve ourselves from the responsibilities

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## Teachers lay out 5-point outline for interim govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh University Teachers' Network yesterday proposed an outline to form an interim government consisting of teachers, judges, lawyers, and civil society stakeholders, based on the opinions of civil and political forces for a democratic transition.

According to their proposal, the protesting students will play a key role in the election of members of this government, and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government will resign to this interim government.

On behalf of university teachers, former Jahangirnagar University teacher Prof Anu Muhammad announced the proposal at a press briefing held at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Prof Anu said this resignation and democratic transition can be possible in a few steps. A shadow government led by citizens, including students and teachers, will be formed with organisations representing the stakeholders of the main forces of the protesting students, he said.

"It will ensure accountability and transparency of this interim government so that a conducive

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## It's a clear violation of human rights Says Dr Kamal Hossain about law enforcers using lethal weapons on protesters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Excessive force and lethal weapons used by law enforcement agencies on unarmed protesters during recent quota reform protests was in clear violation of human rights and contradictory to democracy and justice, Gonoforum founder Dr Kamal Hossain said yesterday.

In a statement, Dr Kamal, also an eminent jurist, called for a neutral probe into the killings and tortures during the protests.

He said the probe should be done under the stewardship of international expertise and culprits be brought to justice.

"However, suppressing dissents or harassing common people on this pretext will in no way be acceptable," he added.

He slammed the government order to "shoot on sight" and denounced "extra-judicial killings"

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## CLASHES IN CAPITAL

# At least nine bodies brought to DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid widespread violence in the capital, at least nine bodies were brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Among them, four of the deceased have been identified. Four bodies couldn't be identified as their information was not registered in the system, and one body was taken away without autopsy.

According to our correspondent, Abdullah Siddique, a 3rd year BBA student from Habibullah Bahar University was brought dead to DMCH with a bullet wound in his chest. He was shot during a clash in Jigatola.

They said the body of Ramijuddin Rouf, who was also shot in the head, was brought to the hospital around 6:30pm but was taken away without autopsy. Rouf was a 2nd-year student from Daffodil University.

He was injured in a clash in the Karwanbazar area and died before reaching the hospital, they said, adding that a bullet pierced through his eye.

Tahedul Islam, 22, a junior office assistant in a consultancy firm in Mirpur DOHS, was brought dead to the hospital from the Farmgate overbridge area where a clash broke out between protesters and revolver-carrying men in civil clothes and police.

Of the four more unidentified bodies, two were snatched away from the hospital by the protesters. They took the bodies to Central Shaheed Minar in a procession chanting anti-government slogans. The bodies belonged to 14 to 20-year-olds, said DMCH sources.

In Uttara's Azampur, around 11:30am, Awami League men took position in the area. As a clash ensued, a protester was allegedly shot dead there. His body is currently at DMCH as one of those unidentified.

There was a rush of injured people at DMCH between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Most of the 234 people who were treated at the hospital had bullet injuries. Of them, 53 were admitted to the hospital.

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## BNP supports one-point demand Fakhru urges party members to stand by students

UNB, Dhaka

BNP yesterday extended full support for the one-point demand of the student-led Anti-Discrimination Movement, urging its leaders, activists, and people from all walks of life to stand by the protesters.

Speaking at a press conference at the BNP Chairperson's Gulshan office, party Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir called on the government to step down amid the mass upsurge.

He said the entire nation has rallied behind the one-point demand for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation and the immediate transfer of power to a neutral government.

"BNP declares full solidarity with the one-point declaration..." he said.

"In this extreme crisis facing the nation, democracy-loving people and the leaders, workers, supporters, and well-

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## 3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF MUSLEHA ISLAM

Musleha Islam, wife of Late Farukul Islam, left us on this day three years ago. Widowed at the age of 29, she raised her 4 young children alone braving many obstacles and social taboos. She was loved and admired for her warmth, generosity and affection by all who knew her. She was a staunch supporter of our freedom struggle. She allowed her house to be used by freedom fighters as a safe house and to store arms, ammunition, medical supplies, blankets, etc. Her house was raided by the Pak army on August 30, 1971 to arrest her eldest son freedom fighter Wasif Islam and not finding him wanted to take away her youngest son, Rizwan Faruk, who she saved with her wit and courage.

It has been 3 years yet we miss her every day and remember her with profound gratitude, admiration and love. She remains forever in our hearts as a source of strength and inspiration.

All are requested to pray for her everlasting peace in Jannat Ul Ferdous.

Syed Wasif Islam, Shaheen Anam, Sheraz Faruk, Rizwan Faruk, Mahfuz Anam, Sonia Faruk. Grand Children: Tahmima, Yasin, Usama, Shahzad, Hafsa, Sahar, Shaveena. Rayid, Samanzar, and 6 great grandchildren.