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## Bangladeshi police, opposition clash leaving dozens injured

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DHAKA, Jan. 21 (Xinhuanet) -- Bangladeshi police and main opposition Awami League (AL) supporters clashed here Saturday ahead of Sunday's opposition-sponsored countrywide hartal, leaving dozens wounded, private news agency UNB reported.

Witnesses said the law-enforcers used batons and fired several teargas shells to break up a pro-hartal procession near the AL head office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the afternoon. The clash erupted at around 4:30 pm and continued till 6:00 pm.

They said hundreds of helmeted police in full riot gear kept the Awami League office and surrounding areas cordoned off. "Being beaten, angry opposition activists pelted police with brickbats and burnt motor tires in the troubled areas," said a firsthand report.

The list of injured people includes policemen and press photographers who were on duty to cover the AL's pro-hartal rally and procession.

The clash ensued when AL workers led by Dhaka City AL Organizing Secretary Haji Selim tried to bring out a procession from the party office to drum up Sunday's dawn-to-dusk hartal. "As police intercepted, the clash broke out," says the spot report.

AL decided to hold a countrywide dawn-dusk hartal Sunday to protest the recent appointment of two election commissioners which was thought to be a government move. Enditem

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## **SOUTH ASIA NEWS**

### **Violence ahead of strike leaves 50 people injured in Dhaka**

By DPA

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Dhaka - More than 50 people were injured as violence erupted on the streets of the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka Saturday ahead of a country wide shutdown called by the opposition, police and witnesses said.

Fierce clashes broke out between riot police and stone throwing protesters after police stopped a street march by opposition activists by setting up road blocks.

A dawn to dusk general strike has been called for Sunday by the main opposition Awami League and 13 other small groups demanding the resignation of the country's Chief Election Commissioner M. A. Aziz for his alleged partisan treatment of the ruling Nationalist-Islamist coalition of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

'It is difficult to expect a free and credible election from a person who is not neutral,' said opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

The Election Commission is a constitutional body which holds elections in the country. Aziz was recently appointed for a five-year term by the government.

Police fired teargas shells to disperse opposition activists assembling at the central headquarters of the Awami League in Dhaka.

Awami League officials claimed police swinging batons forced their way into the party office and assaulted opposition leaders who were in the middle of an emergency meeting.

Private television news channels showed footage of critically wounded people being carried away from the scene of clashes. Some victims were seen profusely bleeding.

Five policemen were hit by the missiles and admitted to hospitals.

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### **Dozens injured after police clash with anti-government protesters in Bangladeshi capital**

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Riot police in the Bangladeshi capital used tear gas and batons Saturday to stop a protest march by about 3,000 opposition activists, injuring at least 30 people, witnesses said.

The clashes erupted outside the headquarters of the main opposition Awami League party as its members tried to drum up support for a general strike Sunday against an alleged government plan to create new voter lists favorable to the ruling coalition, reporters at the scene said.

Police fired tear gas shells and swung batons, and the protesters responded by throwing stones and smashing several passing vehicles, the witnesses said.

At least 30 people, including two police officers, were injured, said the witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to fear of reprisals.

Sunday's dawn-to-dusk nationwide shutdown has been planned by the Awami League and its 13 smaller allies to press for the resignation of three election officials they accuse of trying to create new voter lists that would favor the ruling coalition in next year's general elections.

The opposition has accused the government of influencing the five-member commission, but the government denies it.

Rallies and general strikes are common opposition tactics in Bangladesh. Most people stay home and businesses close during the strikes due to fears of violence. Sunday is a working day in this Muslim-majority country.

The voting list controversy started last month when Chief Election Commissioner M.A. Aziz ordered the preparation of a new list despite objections from the opposition, which just wanted the old voters' list updated, AP reported.

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## 500 Agitators Arrested In Nepal

By Binaj Gurubacharya

**Katmandu, Jan. 21:** The riot police fired teargas and beat pro-democracy activists who defied a ban on rallies in the capital on Saturday to protest the King's power grab nearly a year ago. At least 500 people were arrested and 50 injured.

Hundreds of police fired several rounds of tear gas shells to disperse small groups of protesters who emerged from alleyways in central Katmandu chanting "Down with autocracy, we want democracy!" Many of the protesters hurled stones and scuffled with the police, who used bamboo batons to beat the demonstrators.

About 50 people were injured, including six police officers. Security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity citing official policy, said they had orders to enforce a ban on rallies in Katmandu. A National Human Rights Commission representative at the scene estimated that at least 500 protesters were loaded onto trucks and taken to detention centres. The police cleared the square and sealed it after two hours of battling with protesters, who moved their demonstration to nearby streets and alleys. (AP)

## **Countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal today**

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The 14-party combine led by Awami League(AL) will observe a nationwide dawn-to-dusk hartal today (Sunday) to protest the appointment of two new election commissioners and in support of the demand for resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Justice MA Aziz, reports UNB. The general strike follows a two-day weekend.

After a meeting of the liaison committee on January 16, the 14-party alliance announced the hartal programme.

Terming the two election commissioners "conspirators" and "champions in rigging", the opposition rejected their appointments. Previously, the AL-led alliance turned down the appointment of the incumbent CEC.

Zaker Party has also expressed its solidarity with Sunday's shutdown.

Chittagong will remain out of the ambit of this hartal due to Maizbhandar Urs at Fatikchari. The two-day annual event begins today.

Meanwhile, the police and the AL supporters fought Saturday pitched battles around its central office at Gulistan leaving dozens wounded.

Eyewitnesses said the law-enforcers used batons and fired several rounds of teargas shells to disperse a pro-hartal procession near the AL office in the afternoon. The clash erupted at around 4:30 pm and continued until 6.0 pm.

They said hundreds of helmeted police in full riot gear kept the AL office and surrounding areas cordoned, preventing movement of vehicles through the busy Gulistan road. "Being beaten, angry opposition activists pelted the police with brickbats and burnt automobile tires in the troubled areas," said a firsthand report.

The list of injured people includes policemen and press photographers who were on duty to cover the AL's pro-hartal rally and procession.

The clash ensued when AL workers led by Dhaka City AL organising secretary Haji Selim tried to bring out a procession from the party office to drum up support for hartal. As police intercepted, the clash broke out.

AL leaders alleged that police also had entered the central office several times and clubbed its activists 'indiscriminately'. Among the injured are press photographers Indrajit of the New Age, Jiban Ashish of Focus Bangla and Julhas of the Independent.

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## **Protests Shut Down Bangladesh Cities**

Staff and agencies

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By FARID HOSSAIN

DHAKA, Bangladesh - An opposition-sponsored strike closed shops and shut down public transport across Bangladesh on Sunday as authorities deployed thousands of security forces to deter violence.

Sunday is a working day in the Muslim-majority country.

Stores were shuttered and schools closed in Dhaka, a city of 10 million people. The streets remained largely devoid of public transport, and only a few tricycle rickshaws operated with permission from strike organizers.

Rallies and general strikes are common opposition tactics in this impoverished South Asian nation. During the strikes people usually stay home and businesses close due to fears of violence.

The opposition parties were calling for the resignation of three election commission officials whom they accuse of plotting to create voter lists that would drop names of government opponents head of next year's general elections.

On Saturday, riot police used tear gas and batons to stop a protest in Dhaka by about 3,000 opposition activists, injuring at least 30 people.

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## **More than 100 hurt in strike-hit Bangladesh**

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DHAKA (Reuters) - A day-long strike largely paralysed Bangladesh on Sunday, more than 100 people were injured in clashes and police detained opposition activists.

A 14-party opposition alliance, led by the Awami League of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, called the strike to press demands for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner M.A. Aziz, whom they accuse of pro-government bias.

The opposition also wants reform of the election commission to make it "fully capable of holding a free and fair parliamentary election", due in January 2007.

Authorities deployed hundreds of extra police and special forces in Dhaka and other cities to keep order after the opposition vowed to make the stoppage a "new turning point" in their long campaign to oust Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Senior Awami League leader Tofayel Ahmed said the election commission had "literally become a wing of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and hence unable to conduct a free and fair election."

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed accused the opposition of spreading unfounded charges.

Strike-related violence swept the capital, Dhaka, and at least 10 other district towns on Sunday. Police used batons, teargas and even gunshots to quell the protesters.

At least 10 people were wounded when police opened fire on an opposition rally in Jamalpur, 200 km northwest of Dhaka.

Nearly 60 people were injured in clashes between strike supporters and opponents in Rangpur, another town 350 km north of the capital, police and witnesses said.

Witnesses said Sunday's clashes erupted when steel-helmeted riot police used batons to disperse opposition leaders and workers marching and chanting in support of the strike in Dhaka and in the industrial town of Tongi near the capital.

Pickets burned vehicles in the northern town of Rajshahi and Magura in the southwest, reporters said by telephone.

The port city of Chittagong was unaffected by the strike on Sunday, a working day in mainly Muslim Bangladesh, because of a sensitive religious anniversary, opposition leaders said.

But schools and businesses across the country, including the Dhaka Stock Exchange and most government and private offices, were either closed or staffed thinly.

Much transport was at a standstill nationwide, witnesses said.

In Dhaka, at least 25 people were injured in clashes between Awami activists and police on Saturday evening.

Newspapers said hundreds of anti-government activists had been picked up overnight by police trying to discourage strikers. Police declined to confirm the reports.

Twenty people were injured in clashes on Sunday in Dhaka and 15 others in Tongi.

Police said they acted after protesters attacked them with stones and bricks.

"It (police action) is autocratic, because holding rallies and marches is our democratic right," said one opposition leader, Bimal Biswas.

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## **Over 200 injured in Bangla hartal called by Awami League**

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Sporadic violence left over 200 people injured as a dawn-to-dusk "hartal" enforced by the opposition Awami league disrupted normal life and business across Bangladesh today.

Awami League led 14-party opposition combine enforced the shutdown from 0600 hrs to protest the appointment of two Election Commissioners and demand resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Justice M A Aziz.

UNB News Agency said pro-ruling BNP activists equipped with guns allegedly opened fire on the procession in northern Jamalpur, injuring at least 30.

In the capital, nearly 100 opposition activists were injured and many arrested as riot police clashed with Awami League workers at different points, including Mohakhali, Mirpur, Paltan and Gulistan.

Witnesses said police charged baton indiscriminately to disperse the agitating crowd. Awami League leaders Col (Rtd) Farooq Khan MP, Brigadier (Rtd) Subed Ali, Brig (Rtd) Baker Hossain, Col (Rtd) Shajahan, Col Maksud, Col Jamil and former MP Dr. Iqbal were among those injured.

Police arrested several hundred activists on charge of violent picketing as they hurled brickbats at police and passing vehicles.

Awami League chief whip Abdus Shaheed staged demonstration at Russel Square demanding resignation of the election commission.

Schools, shops and private offices were closed and most automobiles stayed off the roads in Dhaka.

Awami League general secretary Abdul Jalil MP said, "People will not participate in general elections unless the present Chief Election Commissioner and two other newly appointed Election Commissioners Justice Mahfuzur Rahman and S M Zakaria resign." The authorities have deployed around 8,000 police and paramilitary BDR personnel at strategic points to maintain law and order in the capital.

Reports said police also clashed with opposition supporters in northern Rangpur town leaving more than 50 people wounded. In eastern Sylhet town, at least 10 people, including a television cameraman, were injured.

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## **Violence marks 14-party hartal, over 200 injured, 500 picked up** **Pickers clash with police and ruling party activists across country**

STAFF REPORTER

Baton charge by police, arrest of hundreds of picketers and their sporadic clashes with police as well as ruling party activists marked the countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal called by Awami League led 14-party opposition combine that disrupted normal life yesterday.

Around 200 opposition leaders and activists, mainly of Awami League including former Home Minister Mohammad Nasim MP, Colonel (Retd) Faruk Khan MP, former MP HBM Iqbal and Kazi Moshtaq received injuries in police attacks and 500 others were picked up by law enforcers. HBM Iqbal was admitted to Samarita Hospital.

Police attacked Mohammad Nasim and fellow activists in front of his residence at Dhanmondi when he was returning home after taking part in demonstrations.

The 14-party opposition alliance enforced the strike demanding resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Justice M A Aziz and newly appointed two Election Commissioners SM Zakaria and Justice Mahfuzur Rahman and reform in caretaker government system and the Election Commission.

The daylong hartal disrupted normal life and hampered economic activities and industrial production. Markets and shopping malls kept their shutters down. Educational institutions remained closed.

Government offices functioned, but with comparatively low attendance. Many private offices and business houses remained closed.

Movement of vehicles in the capital was thin in the morning, but increased as the day wore on. Inter-district bus communications remained suspended. But, rail, air and launch communications were normal.

Police put up barbed wire fences and barricades on ways to AL central office, Paltan intersection, Noor Hossain Square, Mukhtangan and some other areas of the city.

Activists of AL and other members of the 14-party alliance took to the streets since early morning. Armed police and members of other law enforcing agencies, however, had taken their position earlier at various places in the city. They allowed no vehicle to ply the area. Some 10,000 police and BDR personnel guarded the capital since early morning.

Being unable to reach AL central office, leaders of 14 party alliance blocked the road in front of Mukhtijoddha Krira Chakra and held a meeting chaired by Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya.

The opposition activists locked in a series of clashes with police at different places in the capital Dhaka including Farm Gate, Bangabandhu Avenue, Gulistan, Paltan, Mohakhali, Shutrapur and Mirpur-1.

A number of processions, led by central and city AL leaders, including Tofail Ahmed, Matia Chowdhury, Sohel Taj, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Kamal Majumdar, Alhaj Rahmatullah, Major General (retd) Subid Ali Bhuiyan, Haji Selim, Habibur Rahman Mollah came under police action.

Also, components of the opposition alliance, including Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) and Workers Party demonstrated in the capital and came under attack by police and BNP activists at various places, it is alleged.

At Paltan area, police dispersed a procession of Jubo Mohila League after beating the female activists and picked up a total of nine members from them.

Police attacked a procession of Workers Party at 6.30am as it tried to move towards Motijheel from Paltan area. Some 14-15 activists were injured in the police action. Police also picked up a total of 20 leaders and activists from the spot.

Police, at the same time, clubbed a procession of AL to disperse it when the procession led by Tofail Ahmed reached Paltan area leaving seven activists injured.

Police also dispersed a procession of AL, led by A K M Rahmatullah, Tofail Ahmed and Colonel (retd) Faruk Khan MP at Mohakhali crossing at about 7.30 in the morning.

About 15 opposition leaders and activists were wounded in the police action. Police picked up a total of 10 activists including Kazi Moshtaq Elen from the spot.

The police charged baton when some AL leaders and workers along with Tofail Ahmed tried to proceed towards the party's central office from Noor Hossain Square at about 11am.

At that time Rafiq, a leader of Sechchasebak League, became seriously injured. He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.



Besides, police charged batons and picked up 12 leaders and workers of 14-party combine when they brought out a procession in Shyampur area of the capital at about 8.30am.

At about 11am, police unleashed baton charge on a procession of AL and its front organisations resulting in the injury of at least 8 pro-hartal activists at Azimpur. Police picked up Sagar Ahmed, president of Lalbag Thana Chhatra League from there.

Meanwhile, Imran (16), was seriously injured in a bomb blast near the Kamalapur railway slum area. He was admitted to DMCH.

At Tongi, some 50 people were injured in police action in the morning. Among them were Zahid Ahsan Russel, MP, and Poura Chairman Azmatullah, Awami League general secretary Abdul Jalil informed newsmen.

JSD president Hasanul Huq Inu alleged that in Rangpur, police arrested JSD town committee general secretary Masud-un-Nabi Munna and Chhatra League leader Shyamal.

UNB adds: A report from UNB Jamalpur correspondent said gunmen backed by the local chapter of ruling BNP allegedly fired on a pro-hartal procession of Awami League at Tarakandi in Sarisabari upazila of the district. At least 20 people were wounded, 10 by bullets, during the violence that ensued.

Sarishabari upazila Awami League claimed that "BNP terrors" launched the gun attack on their procession near Jamuna Fertilizer Factory, but police denied the firing incident.

Bullet-struck Gadu, Abdul, Titu, Shamim, Delu, Zaman, Khalil, Likhon, Sujon and Harun—workers of Awami League, Jubo League and Chhatra League—were treated at local clinics.

Witnesses and opposition sources said helmeted police in Dhaka in full riot gear charged baton indiscriminately to disperse the pro-hartal processions led by Awami League leaders Tofail Ahmed and Dr Iqbal in Mohakhali and Tejgaon areas and Kamal Majumdar in Mirpur.

Police arrested dozens of activists on charge of violent picketing as they hurled brickbats at police and passing vehicles.

The pickets damaged a passenger bus at Azimpur at about 11:45 am, leaving three people injured. Police arrested four pickets from the scene.

Awami League MPs led by opposition chief whip vice-principal Abdus Shaheed staged demonstrations at Russel Square. Awami League leader Mohammad Nasim MP also led a procession and assembled at the Square.

The authorities deployed around 8,000 police and paramilitary BDR personnel at strategic points to maintain order in the capital, as the shutdown came against the backdrop of high political tensions and recent bomb strikes by militants.

In Rangpur, at least 50 people were injured in a series of triangular clashes involving pro- and anti-hartal activists and police during hartal hours in the northern district town.

Witnesses said police resorted to baton charge at about 11 am when combined opposition activists brought out a procession at Girls School in the town, leaving scores of people injured.

In another incident, a clash erupted between police and picketers when the opposition workers obstructed a motorcycle at Kachari Bazar at about 12.30 pm.

Police fired some 10 rounds of teargas shells to come to grips with the situation as opposition workers threw missiles of brickbats.

A procession of BNP and its front organisations locked in a clash with pickets at Kachari Bazar at about 2.30 pm. The rival groups chased each other amid a shower of brickbats during the clash that lasted half an hour.

In Sylhet, at least 10 people, including a local BTV cameraman, were injured when police clubbed a procession of the 14-party combine at Court Point in the city at about 12:45 pm. BTV cameraman Digen Singh was admitted to Sylhet Osmani Hospital with serious injuries.

Sylhet Mayor Badruddin Kamran led a procession of Awami League that paraded the city streets. Police snatched away a banner from a procession of CPB.

The general strike, a much-used traditional way of staging anti-government protest in Bangladesh, disrupted normal life and business activities in Dhaka and other major cities and towns.

UNB Gazipur correspondent reported that at least 10 people were injured in a clash between picketers and police at Tongi Station Bazar on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at about 10 am when police allegedly interrupted a procession brought out by pro-hartal activists.

However, combined 14-party claimed that at least 50 people were injured in the 'police attack' on them during the hartal hours.

Another report from Shariatpur said at least 10 hartal supporters were injured when police reportedly attacked an AL procession near Rajganj bridge in the district town yesterday morning.

Opposition workers also blocked movement of vehicles on various points by setting fire to tires during the hartal hours.

In Magura, 10 people were injured in a clash between pro-and anti-hartal supporters at Sreepur Bus Stand in the district town. A bus was also damaged during the trouble.

Reports from UNB correspondents in Rajshahi and Khulna said the hartal was observed peacefully in the two cities. Schools, markets and private offices were closed. Barring rickshaws, buses, trucks and private cars stopped plying during the shutdown.

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## **Awami protesters clash with police during strike**

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**DHAKA: Bangladesh police clashed with protesters yesterday, arresting dozens as a nationwide general strike calling for 24-hour power supply and lower prices for basic goods and fuel paralysed the nation.**

The day-long strike staged by the opposition was the first to be held over spiralling fuel, food and fertilizer costs and energy shortages in the impoverished South Asian nation.

Police in a busy commercial area of Dhaka baton-charged hundreds of demonstrators who were shouting "Give us power, give us fertilizer".

Similar clashes occurred in Dhaka University campus when police in riot gear dispersed student supporters of the opposition.

Police said there were no injuries but the private UNB news agency said at least 50 people were hurt as police battled demonstrators in Dhaka. It added 20 more were injured in clashes in Narayanganj and Munshiganj towns near Dhaka and Bandarban in the southeast.

"The strike was largely peaceful except for some sporadic clashes between police and strike supporters," Dhaka police chief Mizanur Rahman said.

He added at least 56 people were arrested for violence during the strike.

Security was heightened with at least 8,000 policemen and paramilitary soldiers patrolling the capital's streets to avert violence, said Ali Ahmed at the Dhaka police control room.

The strike largely halted life across the country of 140mn people, shutting schools, colleges, shops, businesses and financial markets.

Cars and trucks were off the road across Bangladesh and port cargo shipments were hit, but the railway, which carries little freight, was working.

The stoppage was called by a 14-party alliance, led by the main opposition Awami League.

It has been waging a strident campaign that has included frequent general strikes to oust the Islamist-allied government, accusing it of poor governance, corruption and failing to tackle rising militancy in the mainly Muslim nation.

"Time is up for this government, they should allow free and fair election under an independent election commission," said Begum Matia Chowdhury, a leader of the main opposition Awami League, as she led a march to enforce the strike in the capital.

The strike is the latest in a long-running campaign by Hasina to topple Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, whose Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) enjoys a two-thirds majority in parliament. Hasina's Awami League returned to parliament at the weekend after a year-long boycott, but party workers said they planned to carry on the fight against the government inside the chamber and on the streets.

Khaleda has said she will serve out her full five-year term and hold elections as scheduled in January 2007.

Police, meanwhile, said all was calm in the western city of Rajshahi after at least 20 people were injured late on Tuesday when they hurled tear gas to control protesters who turned violent as they geared up for the strike.

“We’ve deployed around 1,000 policemen in the city and so far things are calm,” Rajshahi police chief Naim Ahmed said by telephone

Anger has been surging among Bangladeshis over the past year over rising grain, fertilizer and fuel prices along with massive power shortages. In some areas, people are getting only four hours of electricity a day.

Commodity and fuel prices have shot up due to global price hikes, government officials say, and inflation is running at over 7%. Last September the government raised gasoline prices by 17%.

Some people in recent weeks have been staging local protests against the price rises and power woes.

Last month, at least 11 people died in the northwestern district of Chapainawabganj when police opened fire on protesting farmers demanding reliable cheap power to allow them to irrigate their fields.

The cash-strapped government has commissioned new power plants that it says will improve the situation soon. – AFP

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## **Violente manifestation à Dacca**

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20 personnes au moins ont été blessées à Dacca, la capitale du Bangladesh dans des heurts avec la police anti-émeutes. Les manifestants défilaient à l'appel de la Ligue Awami, le principal parti d'opposition, dans le cadre d'une grève qui a perturbé l'activité dans tout le pays.

Sheikh Hasina, la responsable de l'Awami, accuse le gouvernement de corruption et d'inefficacité et tente de le forcer à provoquer des élections anticipées. Les grèves se succèdent depuis plusieurs semaines. Le Premier ministre bangladais Khaleda Zia entend rester en poste jusqu'au terme de son mandat en octobre prochain.

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