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Is the leader of the Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir party in prison

A report published in October 2013 by the United News of Bangladesh states that:

"Activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, the associate student body of Bangladesh Jamaate-Islami, went on a rampage in the capital, Narayanganj, Comilla, Rajshahi and Jhenidah districts on Thursday, leaving 13 people, including 10 cops, injured" (United News of Bangladesh (10 October 2013) *Shibir goes berserk in capital, 4 districts*).

This article also states:

"In Narayanganj, some Shibir men blocked Dhaka-Chittagong highway and staged demonstration on the highway at Siddhirganj in Sadar upazila of the district in the morning. Witnesses said a group of Shibir men brought out a procession demanding the release of the detained Shibir central president Delwar Hossain in the area at about 10am" (ibid).

A report issued in March 2013 by the Daily Sun

"Plainclothes police of Detective Branch arrested the president of central Islami Chhatra Shibir, Delwar Hossain, from the city's Shyamoli area on Sunday afternoon" (Daily Sun (31 March 2013) *Shibir President Delwar arrested*).

This article also points out that:

"Shibir is the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami which has been unleashing terror for the last few months demanding release of its leaders facing trail for atrocities during the country's liberation war" (ibid).

A document issued in 2013 by Odhikar notes that:

"On February 28, 2013, Delwar Hossain Sayeedi was awarded death penalty (by hanging till death) by the International Crimes Tribunal-1 for committing war crimes during the liberation war of 1971" (Odhikar (2013) *Police allegedly killed one at Dotterhaat of Sadar upazila and two others at Rajganj of Begumganj upazila of Noakhali district*, p.1).

A report released in December 2013 by *The Independent* points out that:

"A prosecution witness against Jamaat-e-Islami Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayeede who was stabbed by some miscreants on Saturday succumbed to death at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early Tuesday. The victim was the eighth prosecution witness in the case against the Jamaat mastermind Sayedee who was awarded death penalty by the ICT-1 on February 28 this year" (The Independent (11 December 2013) *Hacked Sayeede witness dies*).

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