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4-6 July 2024: Protests following the Supreme Court verdict

On 4 July 2024, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court upheld the High Court's ruling to reinstate the quota, by declaring the government's 2018 circular 'illegal'.[1264](#) Following the verdict, protests intensified.[1265](#) Students of Dhaka University repeated their march, and blocked Shahbagh intersection for the third consecutive day.[1266](#) This time for six hours.[1267](#) Protest coordinator Nahid Islam announced a new three-day protest programme from Friday to Sunday (5–7 July 2024).[1268](#) According to local media, members of the Chhatra League, the student wing of the ruling party, locked the university's halls to prevent students from joining the protests[1269](#) and a large number of students of Dhaka University were reportedly intimidated by Chhatra League leaders and activists.[1270](#) Meanwhile, thousands of students blocked major highways, including those connecting Dhaka with the cities of Aricha,[1271](#) Chattogram,[1272](#) Barishal[1273](#) and Rajshahi,[1274](#) as well as Chattogram–Khagrachari highway.[1275](#) Some highways were blocked for less than an hour, while others were blocked for up to three[1276](#) and five hours.[1277](#)

Nationwide protests continued at educational institutions on 5 July 2024, including sit-ins and road blockades.[1278](#) On 6 July 2024, students blocked Shahbagh intersection for an hour,[1279](#) and also the Dhaka–Mymensing railroad.[1280](#) The student movement launched the 'Bangla Blockade' initiative, set to start at 15:00 the next day, during which all major intersections and roads would be blocked nationwide.[1281](#) They also criticised the government for not making any attempts to initiate a dialogue with the student movement.[1282](#)

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