# **US** jets hit Iraqi targets south of Baghdad

REUTERS, Washington

US and British jets bombed two Iraqi surface-to-air missile sites south of the capital Baghdad after Iraqi forces fired on Western aircraft, a Pentagon spokesman said yesterday.

The planes hit targets near Qalat Sikur, about 130 miles southeast of Baghdad about 11:45 p.m. local time Thursday and Tallil, about 170 miles southeast of Baqhdad at 12:30 a.m. yesterday, said the Defence Department.

The jets opened fire in response to Iraqi firing at Western aircraft monitoring one of the two so-called no-fly zones imposed on the counDave Lapan told Reuters.

"On an almost daily basis our ircraft are fired at by the Iragis. Every time we fly we get shot at,"

An assessment of the damage would take several days, he said.

The Pentagon said the latest attacks by Western warplanes brought to 32 the number of strikes in Iraq's southern zone so far this year. There have been 10 strikes in On Thursday U.S. officials said

Western aircraft had destroyed a ilitary radar at the civilian airport in Basra, home to key oil installations, that threatened their planes.

The frequency of Western strikes against Iraq has fluctuated over the decade since the Gulf War, but they have risen sharply in recent months as speculation has grown that the United States might launch an attack against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The United States accuses Iraq of developing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. Iraq has offered to readmit UN arms inspectors, who pulled out in 1998 ahead of US and British bombing raids.

A US diplomat was due in Paris yesterday to begin efforts to win the support of France and Russia for a tough new UN resolution demanding that Iraq disarm.



A police officer wrestles with a protester during World Bank's annual shareholders meeting in Pershing Plaza, two blocks from the White House, in Washington, DC. Yesterday was the first of three days of protests against the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

day procurement drive was closed

Sources claimed that the

extended procurement was actually

launched for the benefit of some

the food ministry and led by a joint

secretary found that at least 10 food

ruling party men and food officials.

and farmers had no stock.

# boat capsizes in Netrokona

BSS, Netrokona

Three people were drowned when a mechanised boat capsized in a canal near Paskata village under Kalmakanda upazila here Thursday

The dead were identified as Reazuddin, 74, of village Damanda of Kalmakanda, and Zahera, 35, and Afroza, 3, of village Fulbaria of the same upazila. Police said the Paskata-bound

boat from Nazirpur Bazar capsized in the canal due to strong current. Local people recovered the three bodies vesterday. The bodies were sent to Sadar

# Boat carrying 800 capsizes off Senegal: 41 killed

REUTERS, Dakar

A boat carrying nearly 800 people capsized off the coast of Senegal and the West African country's government said yesterday that at least 41 of them had drowned.

Prime Minister Mame Madior Boye told a news conference there were 32 survivors according to a provisional count, but did not say what had happened to the 723 people apparently unaccounted for when Le Diola capsized late on Thursday night. The boat was on its way from the

southern city of Ziguinchor in the volatile Casamance province to Senegal's capital Dakar when disaster struck at 11 p.m. local time.

## JCD activists

of eight men and went on the rampage. They also fired several rounds of gunshots. At least six persons --Salam, Shawkat, Bidyut, Sultan, Najmul and Shahin -- sustained wounds from pellets. The rampaging group also snatched away about eight tolas of gold ornament from the centre at gunpoint. The armed group also opened

fire at the patrol police that rushed to the spot soon after the trouble began.

Police arrested one Rubel with a revolver from the spot while the others managed to escape. Shortly afterwards, police also caught two others -- Suman Das and Abul Khair -- from a nearby area for their involvement in the incident.

The process of filing cases was going on, police officials said.

# Three drown as Judge assaulted in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Narayanganj district and sessions judge Md Abul Monsur was beaten up by some transport workers in Muktarpur ferry ghat area yesterday

The miscreants also robbed him

Sources said Judge Abul Monsur went to Munshiganj by his official jeep in the morning. On his way back to Narayanganj at around 11:00am, a Dhaka-bound passenger bus (Dhaka-Metro-Ja-06-0047) at the Muktarpur ferry ghat hit his ep and broke its bumper.

After crossing the river, the judge demanded compensation from the bus driver named Bahadur. At this Bahadur along with some other transport workers suddenly attacked the judge and tore up his shirt. They also snatched Tk 10,000 Later, the judge informed the

matter to police superintendent Shafigul Islam where a case under the speedy trial act was lodged and later transferred to the Munshiganj Thana.

Police arrested Bahadur, the accused driver, and seized his bus Sardar Paribahan-1. The other attackers are also being hunted for police said.

### Sheikh Hasina FROM PAGE 12

Awami League in a hostile political atmosphere.

She led her party in national movements against martial law and dictatorial regimes

She was confined in Dhaka Cantonment in 1983, put under house arrest for two months in 1984 nd confined again for three months in the following year and for one month in 1986.

She led AL to power in 1996 after

Her party suffered a debacle in the last parliamentary polls held on October 1, 2001. Called 'Daughter of Democracy'

Hasina has authored quite a good number of books. She received many prestigious honorary degrees from various universities at home

### Saddam FROM PAGE 12

gation proved the 65-year-old rule allows at least three doubles to replace him at official appearances.' 7DF said it was difficult to tell

which were the doubles and which was the real Saddam Hussein. Minor details such as the size of the ears, hands and shape of the shoulders gave the lookalikes away, ZDF said. "They have apparently under-

gone surgery to appear to look like the statesman," ZDF said. "The doubles have mastered Saddam's gestures and perfectly mimic Saddam, with only tiny details separating them from the real Saddam

### Khashru FROM PAGE 12

conference in the city. He said Article 98 of the

Constitution is very clear regarding appointment judges on ad hoc basis and there is no ambiguity in it.

ment of judge on ad hoc basis but the law minister is misinterpreting it.

Khashru said the law minister should not confuse the people. "He is very experienced but is doing so, which is very much unethical and unexpected to us."

Referring to Moudud's statement that image of the SC would be tarnished if judges are appointed on ad hoc basis, Khoshru said this would rather enhance the image.

Moudud is also "sharing the blame faced by them (killers)", Khashru "In fact, he (Moudud) does not

want that the killers are punished". The AL leader urged the govern-

ment to help the judiciary function smoothly and ensure rule of law. This is a constitutional duty of a aovernment.

minister of playing a "tricky game" with the letter of the Chief Justice to the President. "We demanded that the letter be made public".

## BUET

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The agitation led the university to close on September 8 for the second time in four months.

release yesterday said they would consider withdrawal of suspension order on student unions and clubs a few weeks after the reopening

at 10:00am. The newly appointed vice-

chancellor of the DU, Prof. SMA Faiz, met with members of the Dhaka University Journalists chancellor's residence yesterday.

ised that the university would take initiatives to improve the quality of food for resident students.

DU-based reporters for a peaceful campus atmosphere. The DUJA members congratulated Prof. Faiz on his appointment as vicechancellor.

Yusuf Haider, Treasurer Prof. Sved. Rashidul Hasan, acting Proctor ASM Atigur Rahman and Assistant Proctor Asif Nazrul were present at the meeting.

bodies would be held after the Puja It said the JUTA demand for removal of Proctor Enamullah

steps were being taken to create new posts for teachers appointed on temporary basis Police will be withdrawn from the campus once security is ensured. A

committee has been formed to frame laws to check harassment of female students on the campus, the letter said. The authorities concerned would

be consulted regarding withdrawal of cases against some students, it When the letter was read out at

the JUTA meeting, many of the teachers alleged that the demands were "ignored" and the VC was

time and again after the three new demands were placed. Some 25 pro-BNP teachers led by Prof Abu Sayeed Khan protested the demand for deferral of Syndicate meeting till October 7 and walked out.

The JU authorities were tough on the JUTA demands since it began the movement in the first week of September. It changed the attitude after Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk held a meeting with the VC. The minister advised the VC and the agitating pro-BNP teachers to be accommodative, sources said.

## Ruling party men untouched one lakh MT of wheat at a cost of Tk. 90 crore in late July when the 135-

Later, on receipt of the first probe

report on August 20, the prime minister summoned party lawmaker Helaluzzaman Talukdar Lalu of Bogra at her office and rebuked him for his involvement in the scam. The second probe report submit-

ted to the prime minister on August 27, also named the BNP men involved in the scam. They included State Minister for Energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain and BNP lawmakers Helaluzzaman Talukdar Lalu of Bogra, Selim Reza Habib of Pabna, Mujibur Rahman of Kishoreganj, and Khurram Khan Chowdhury and Delwar Hussain Khan Dulu of Mymensingh. The name of Alamgir Kabir, APS to the food minister, was mentioned in the

The eight officials made OSD are food secretary Abdul Latif Mandal, DG of food directorate Abdus Sattar Mia, ADG Entajul Huque, food minister's PS Mohammad Mohsin, Regional Controller of Food (RCF) of Dhaka K A Rob, RCF of Rajshahi Fakhrul Islam, Mymensingh District Controller of Food (DCF) Kamrul Hasan and Bogra DCF Nurul Afsar. Of them, Entajul Huque, K A Rob and Fakhrul Islam were given forced retirement. The wheat scam sparked a

public uproar as it hit newspaper

during procurement of an additional

the many shops that are housed

there. Thus, the present young

generation from these areas is

deprived of the opportunities their

Ironically, only a hartal nowadays

provides voungsters of the city the

opportunity to play football and

cricket on the traffic-free roads,

around the capital have been

afflicted by the same development

frenzy resulting in their gradual

disappearance. It has been reported

that a network of 22 canals that used

to form a natural drainage for the

capital since the olden days has

disappeared or shrunk over the last

four decades. Apart from aggravat-

ing the city's drainage problem, the

disappearance of the canal network

has been hampering the annual

recharge of groundwater beneath

the city, thereby leading to the fall of

the groundwater table at an alarm-

ing rate every year as recent sur-

Among the city's canals, the

Dholai Khal, which once used to

provide the artery of an important

bowlers, Chaminda Vaas and

In the face of that onslaught,

Sanath Jayasuriya threw the ball to

part-time spinner Aravinda de Silva

and he immediately snared Hayden,

Kumar Dharmasena's off-spin up in

the air, Atapattu accepting the catch

at extra-cover and from then on

De Silva bowled his ten overs

Darren Lehmann (0) and Damien

Martyn (28) were both run out, the

victims of direct hits from Jayasuriya

and Russel Arnold as the Sri Lankan

players responded to the encour-

With Ponting (3) lbw to Vaas after

a referral to the third umpire and

Bevan (12) caught at mid-wicket

sweeping, Australia's top six were

agement of a noisy full house.

straight through to take one for 16 in

an impressive display but Australia

also did little to help themselves.

Australia lost their way completely.

In the next over Gilchrist slogged

bowled charging down the pitch.

veys have shown.

Pulasthi Gunaratne.

The rivers and lakes in and

predecessors had.

lanes and by-lanes.

headlines in the last two months. The irregularities took place

officials and some ruling party men were behind the scam. The other probe body formed at

The first probe body formed by

the prime minister's directive found involvement of more ruling party lawmakers in the scam involving about Tk. 30 crore. Allegations have it that low

quality Indian wheat was imported at Tk. 6,000 a ton and supplied to government silos at Tk. 9.000 a ton. The low quality and Indian origin

Investigations by three teams of Awami League lawmakers also found that several ministers and ruling party lawmakers were involved in the scam. AL also blamed the prime minister for approving the additional purchase

The government's actions sparing the ruling party men came as a great surprise to officials, sources

They were surprised that the

navigational route for country hoats

to and from destinations within the

metropolis, has almost disappeared

due to four decades of wrong policy

of the city administration to construct

Buringanga, the Sitalakya, the Balu

and the Turag rivers, which were

inter-connected. The Dholai Khal,

for example, used to encircle the old

Dhaka and join the Burganiga by the

Mitford Hospital and the Mill

Barracks. The closing of the Khal

has had far-reaching adverse

impact on the drainage system of

extended from Shahbagh to the

Jirani Khal via the Manda Bridge

used to form the main drainage

channel of central Dhaka. A major

part of the canal is under illegal

encroachment by influential people

of the Segunbagicha, Purana Paltan

and Nava Paltan areas. Under the

Asian Development Bank-funded

Dhaka Integrated Flood Control

Project, WASA managed to acquire

a narrow strip of the canal and

construct a box culvert through

which storm sewer now empties.

The Segunbagicha Khal that

the city

Such canals emptied into the

roads by closing the canal.

Mohammad Mohsin was made OSD though his name was not mentioned in any of the probe But the minister's APS Alamgir Kabir escaped punishment because

food minister's private secretary

he is a political appointee though one of the probe reports found him involved in the scam. Mentionably, unlike many other official and judicial probe reports (like those on Dhaka University

government all through kept the wheat scam probe reports 'a top Neither the reports were made public nor the officials involved in preparation of the reports talked to

newsmen though the scam involved

public money, sources pointed out.

incident, gas export issue etc,), the

## Cab drivers

The DC said five special check posts equipped with videomonitoring devices would be set up in the city to gather information about cab drivers and passengers.

Also, a special team comprising members of the Detective Branch of Police would be on the viail to stop hijacking of taxicabs in the crime-prone Mirpur and other city areas. Cab drivers can also dial the DMP numbers above in case of any trouble.

FROM PAGE 12 or their residences.

They were arrested during raids following intelligence reports that the NGO was giving arms training to students in the name of Islamic education and were involved in trafficking of women and children.

The institute, housed in two fivestorey buildings at Uttara has 60 students and nine teachers and provides free food and lodging to its

Funded by some Middle Eastern countries, it offers diploma in Islamic

### Hasina leaves FROM PAGE 12

Kishoreganj on her way back to the capital on October 1. An aide to Hasina told The Daily

Star that the conferences would enable her to have close interactions with the grassroots-level leaders and workers before any vigorous anti-government movement, maybe early next year. Delegates of all district and thana

committees will attend the conferences. At each daylong conference, Hasina will deliver her inaugural speech and then listen to party workers before making her sum-

# Fresh fighting in northern Afghanistan: 17 killed

REUTERS, Mazar-I-Sharif

At least 17 people have been killed and another 23 wounded in a fresh outbreak of fighting between forces of rival commanders in volatile northern Afghanistan, witnesses and travellers from the area said

They said the fighting broke out at dawn on Thursday and was continuing late on Friday morning in the Dara-i-Suf region of Samangan province about 60 miles south of Mazar-i-Sharif, the key city in northern Afghanistan. The fighting was between the

forces of two Uzbek commanders loval to Uzbek warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum and those of ethnic Taiik Ustad Atta Mohammad.

Dostum and Atta Mohammad are both key members of the central government of President Hamid Karzai, but their fighters have fought several bloody battles in various parts of the north since the fall of the fundamentalist Taliban regime last year.

Now Rouz, a traveler arriving from the area of the latest fighting, told Reuters that Baba Beg, Atta's top commander -- had captured three villages from his rival Almas in the twisting valley of Dara-i-Suf that ies on a dirt road from Mazar city. "Most of the casualties were

Listed criminal

Ainal Shaikh

inflicted on Almas's men," he said. "We could hear the sound of artillery in the distance when we left before lunch. Seventeen bodies have been counted so far and 23 have been wounded.'

Authorities in Mazar confirmed that there was fighting in Dara-i-Suf

but declined to give details. The fighting comes amid rising tensions between Dostum and Atta's men in the Alberz area near Mazar-i-Sharif's military and civil

Officials from both sides have refused to comment about the tension, which has been caused by a disagreement over a demilitarisation plan for Mazar city. Atta's Jamiat Islami faction

controls most of Mazar-i-Sharif. which was Dostum's stronghold in the 1990s, after seizing it from the defeated Taliban regime late last After several rounds of skir-

mishes in the past three weeks, Mazar had appeared more relaxed after Atta and Dostum reached an agreement to demilitarise the city. After the agreement, several

hundred armed men in civilian clothes left the city's government buildings, but they have since been replaced by armed soldiers in uniform from both factions

Wife murdered

A housewife was beaten to death

allegedly by her husband for dowry at Chourhas in the outskirts of

Police said, Sajeda Khatun, 17

daughter of Abul Hossain of the

same area was beaten mercilessly

by her husband Shaheen during an

altercation over dowry on

Seriously injured Sajeda was taken to Kushtia General Hospital

where she died on the following day.

Shaheen often beat Sajeda for

dowry. Following their marriage last

year, Shaheen demanded Tk

30,000 as dowry. Sajeda's poor father could pay Tk 8,000 only.

Shaheen then continued to press for

One shot dead

No case was filed till yesterday.

The victim's family said,

### allegedly for dowry of Jessore held **OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia**

Kushtia town.

the rest amount.

Shaheen is absconding.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Listed criminal Ainal Shaikh of Sharsa upazila of Jessore district was arrested on Thursday afternoon alongwith his five accompli-Acting on a tip-off, police raided a

nouse where Ainal, 40, and his gangmen were hiding. On the basis of their confessional

statement, police later recovered a double barrel gun, a sawn-off rifle, three pistols, a home-made gun, a pipe gun, 10 cartridges, six rounds of rifle bullets and seven hand grenades According to OC Badrul Alam, Ainal was wanted in four murder

cases. He allegedly killed BNP leader Noor Islam and activists of the same party Mozam and Ajibar of Sharsa upazila in 1998 and 1999. Besides, he formed an organised

gang of criminals and smuggling syndicate, the OC said.

### by BSF in Seven Arabs Chuadanga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Mia, 30, was shot dead on Wednesday midnight by Indian BSF near Darshana border of Chuadanga district.

Sources said, members of the BSF fired shots when Mantu Mia and four other Bangladeshis went near Pillars No. 74 and 75 of Nimtala border Indian side 'without any legal authority.' BSF men fired shots in which Mantu died while his four associates escaped unhurt.

Mantu hailed from Dudhpatila village of Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district.

## Nine-shooter FROM PAGE 1 Meanwhile, Babul was produced

before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday upon completion of a four-day remand. Police petitioned for a remand of another five days, but the court granted two days. Asked if Babul will be sent to the

ioint interrogation cell (JIC) again. the Kotwali OC has said it depends Kotwali police arrested Babul at

Islampur in Old Dhaka on Saturday on several criminal charges, includpossession of firearms.

# Viquarunnisa dispute

land. Its price was shown at Tk 16 lakh against its present market value of over Tk 10 crore.

They also alleged that the university was registered as a joint stock company rather than a non-trading and non-profit educational institu-

viqarunnisa University Foundation were made non-removable lifetime members, which is violation of rules of the institution. They also demanded shifting of

the university from the school campus for smooth functioning of the

Hamida Ali earlier admitted that it was improper to register the land in the name of Viqarunnisa University. We could establish the university without transferring the land, Hamida Ali told The Daily Star.

at the minimum, she had said.

Asked about transferring the

Premier bank to meet the criteria set by University Grants Commission for setting up a university".

ferred to Premier Bank as it offered higher interest rate. Meanwhile, talking to this corre-

"We kept Tk five crore as FDR with

spondent, some guardians of VNSC students expressed their anxiety over the future of their wards. They alleged that the academic atmosphere at the school deteriorated since July when the students took to the street demanding extension of tenure of former principal Hamida

about their future. The university has 133 students on roll. It offers graduation in Economics, Business Administration, Computer Science and English. The admission fee is Tk 45,000 and tuition fees for a semester is Tk 34.000.

Dr. Iqbal could not be contacted for comments as he is abroad.

# Illegal terminal The WASA managing director

added.

(south), DMP, Abu Musa Mohammad Fakrul Islam Khan told The Daily Star that his department failed to relocate the bus terminal due to non-cooperation of other departments. "The DCC did not allot seven bighas of land near the Sayedabad

bus terminal for a city terminal," he

The traffic department wrote to the DCC nine months ago about allotment of the land, but the DCC could not take any initiative, as there is a legal tussle between the DCC and the WASA over the ownership

Musa also said he earlier sought mayoral intervention in allotting the piece of land and met Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka twice. Contacted, Chief Estate Officer (CEO) of the DCC AKM Fazluzzoha said the DCC could not construct

the city terminal, as the WASA

earlier filed a writ with the High Court

against a DCC initiative to evict

some WASA employees from the

Earlier, the DCC permitted the WASA to use the land. But playing on the opportunity, 16 WASA employees illegally started living there, setting up houses, the CEO

wrote to the mayor seeking time until July 30 this year for shifting of the WASA employees. Meantime, the WASA filed the writ against the DCC eviction move.

Sımı case FROM PAGE 1 some local hoodlums

She left a note holding five youths Akibur Rahman Khalil, Mofazzal Hossain, Enavet Kabir Doel, Enavet Chowdhury, Ripon and the police SI Abul Bashar of Khilgaon thana -responsible for her death. Later, police arrested SI Abul

Bashar on December 29 last year following a directive from the Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury. He was arrested on charge of negligence of his duties that led to ie suicide of Simi in Khilgaon area of the city on December 23, last

Investigation office (IO) of the

case submitted a charge sheet to

the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's

(CMM) Court, Dhaka, against six

eople, including Abul Bashar on Five other accused -- Khalil Mofazzal Hossain, Doel, Enayet Chowdhury and Ripon -- had been absconding since the incident but they surrendered before the court during the trial of the case.

Rahman," Khashru said at a press

He read out Article 98 and said "We have an example of appoint-

This is violation of the Constitution".

This is "intellectual dishonesty" and by trying to save the killers,

Khashru also accused the law

The BUET authorities in a press

The Dhaka University (DU) will reopen on October 3 after a closure of 67 days since July 28, with its entiai naiis opening tomorrow

Association (DUJA) at the vice-At the meeting, Prof. Faiz prom-

He sought cooperation of the Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. AFM

JUTA

FROM PAGE 12 "green signal" is available. All due elections of teachers'

Parvez was being considered and

The meeting plunged into chaos

of the wheat were proved in sample tests at the Wheat Research Centre at Nashipur, Dinajpur.

after completion of the procurement

City's playgrounds The box culvert has been turned into

a road to prevent future encroach-

Other important canals of the city, such as Begunbari Khal extending from Dhanmondi Lake to Trimohani via Rampura before emptying into the Balu River, the Ibrahimpur canal, the Kathalbagan-Rajarbagh canal, the Gopibagh canal together with other minor canals of the city have all been victims of either illegal encroachment for construction of roads, box culverts or underground drain. All these projects have changed the original purposes that

the old network of canals was meant The story of Burignaga's dire straits is a tragic one, as no proper steps have yet been taken for saving the dying river from the large-scale pollution of its waters from industrial wastes from tanneries and other factors, coupled with unchecked encroachments on parts of the river-

bed and its banks. Experts believe that only the formation an independent authority like the Thames River Authority could save the river from destruc-

### Sri Lanka crush Australia blown away for only 97, two wickets Sri Lanka were content to simply going down in successive overs survive against Warne, who took one for 25 from 10 overs, knowing It took some dour defence from he was Australia's only front-line Warne (36) and Brett Lee (18) to see

cuts and drives.

the tail and finish with three for 26. If they were to have any chance Ponting's men needed early wickets but, although Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie went past the outside edges of openers Atapattu and Jayasuriya on more than one occasion, the breakthrough would not

Australia to relative respectability as

the pair added 46 for the eighth

wicket. But Australia were still

bowled out with eight balls left.

Muttiah Muralitharan mopping up

Both players also took full toll of a wayward Brett Lee when he was introduced, the fast bowler conceding 23 runs in three overs Javasuriva made 42 from 51 balls before Australia's main threat.

Warne, bowled him with a straight

When Hayden dropped Atapattu at slip off successive Warne deliveries it seemed to confirm it was not Australia's night and although Sangakkara fell to McGrath with 21 still required the destiny of the match had long since been settled. Atapattu was happy to play

around the strokeplayers at the

other end, his 50 coming off in 118

spinner. They picked off the runs at

the other end with Sangakkara (48)

playing a series of attractive pulls,

balls with his fifth four off Lee before falling lbw to McGrath for 51 with only three required. Australia will remain in Colombo ahead of the first match of their test series against Pakistan that begins

on October 3.

The VNSC managing committee also alleged that Hamida Ali, Dr lgbal and six other members of

The lower price of the land was shown to keep the registration fees

funds to Premier Bank, she said,

She said the money was trans-

Some students of Vigarunnisa University also said they are worried