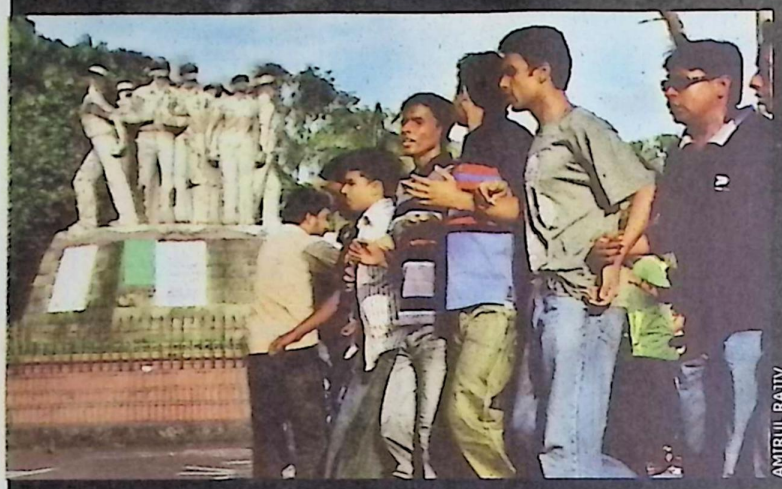
DU protest



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Dhaka University erupts in violence on August 20 after army personnel manhandle students following an altercation at a football game. Thousands of students take to the streets to protest, demanding removal of the army camp from the university campus and an apology for the incident. Students fight pitched battles with the police that leave hundreds injured as the unrest spreads first to campuses and then to localities all across the country, leading to vandalism and destruction of property.

Rangs Bhaban comes down

Rajuk begins its demolition of the upper stories of Rangs Bhaban on August 3 after the Supreme Court overrules the High Court judgment that had declared valid the construction beyond the sixth floor of the 22-floor building. The court's ruling paves the way for demolition above the sixth floor of the Tk 700 crore building to set the stage for the purchase by the government and eventual demolition of the entire structure.



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Deluge continues

Floods continue to cause havoc the length and breadth of the country, leaving over six hundred dead and millions homeless or displaced, according to latest estimates. Although the floodwaters appeared to recede near the end of the month, damage to crops is estimated to exceed Tk 2,000 crore and thousands remain stricken with water-borne diseases, specially diarrhoea, caused by contamination of the ground-water and overloading of sewerage systems caused by the flooding.