Star Campus Literary Adda

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WITH incessant exams and heavy load of assignments, one may find very little time to accommodate intellectual discussions in their busy schedules, particularly if it is based on a literary piece. Keeping this in mind, Star Campus took the initiative once again to engage students from various private and public universities in such discussions. The ongoing 'Literary Adda' which created quite a buzz among the students last year, is back with a fresh look. This month the discussion was held at Coffee World in Banani where Professor Shahidul Alam, Chairperson of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Independent University, Bangladesh talked about Bob Woodward's book 'Plan of Attack'. The adda began after the usual introduction part was over. The enthusiastic bunch from the Institute of Business Administration and International Relations of the University of Dhaka; North South University, BRAC University and Daffodil University gathered around the table as the discussion began in full rave.





"It's an account of what happened since the attack on the Twin Towers and a then a run up to the day of attack. There was a detailed report of why and how President George W. Bush, his secretaries, advisers and allies decided to launch a war on Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein..." Dr. Alam began.

"I actually read it in two sittings since the book was absolutely engrossing," Dr. Alam expressed.

He familiarized the author to students before approaching towards the insight of the book. Bob Woodward, one of America's eminent investigative reporters and nonfiction author, has worked for the Washington Post and came to limelight with his reports on the Watergate scandal. After his last book 'Bush at War', he decided to engage in another Bush saga, which was named 'Plan of Attack'.

"The deception points and the flawless military planning were the most remarkable aspects of the book," Dr. Alam said. "The Iraq war was actually a channel to retain political stand. The story of Bush's decisions leading up to the Iraq War was an account of continued dilemmas, since the president was pursuing two simultaneous policies. He was planning for war and he was conducting diplomacy aiming to avoid war.