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Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus shakes hands with former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at a joint press conference in Berlin on Monday, as Germany celebrates the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Religion helps protect people from AIDS

Hasina tells Dr Nafis

UNB, dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said religious sanctions, social values and familial bonds in Bangladesh are playing effective role in protecting its people from being infected with the deadly disease called AIDS.

She made the remarks when visiting Special Envoy to the UN Secretary General for HIV and AIDS Dr Nafis Sadik paid a courtesy call on her at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

The UN emissary said Bangladesh can be a good leader of the Muslim world in prevention of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

In reply, Hasina said her government will enhance the activities of the National Committee on Prevention of HIV/AIDS.

She said her government is "always alert and careful about all matters related to AIDS infection".

The envoy also conveyed the United Nations' satisfaction as infection with HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh still remained at a minimal level.

Dr Nafis thanked Hasina for her leading role in the international forums for protecting all developing and least developed countries from the adverse impacts of the global climate

change.

Advisers to the Prime Minister Dr Mashiur Rahman and Prof Dr

Syed Mudasser Ali, Prime Minister's Office Secretary Mollah Waheeduzzaman and

Deputy Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Mahbul Hoque Shakil were present.



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Saudi Ambassador Dr Abdullah Bin Naser Al-Busairi hands over a cheque for Tk 34.09 lakh to Executive Director of ICDDR,B Dr Alejandro Cravioto as contributions to the ICDDR,B's core funds for 2009 at his office on Monday.

Five injured, 20 shops gutted in market fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least five people were injured and 20 shops gutted in a massive fire at Mirpur Cooperative Market in the city yesterday.

Sources said the fire originated from the first floor of the five-storey building when welding works were going on there around 11:00am. The fire engulfed the entire floor.

Several firefighting units came to the spot and managed to douse the blaze around 12:00 noon.

President of the Cooperative Market Traders' Association Manik Miah said firefighters took 35 minutes to arrive on the spot. He claimed that the extent of loss was more than Tk one crore.

It was alleged that the fire originated from Rajib Foam Corner in the market.

SM Enamul Haque, owner of Rajib Foam Corner, said the market authorities were having welding works done in front of his shop. Fire from the welding fell on the foam and spread quickly.

Workers of a garment factory located on the 3rd and 4th floors of the market and others jumped off the 1st and 3rd floors and got injured.

One injured garment worker identified as Momtaz Begum, 28, was admitted into Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A fire brigade official said they could not reach the spot quickly due to traffic jam.

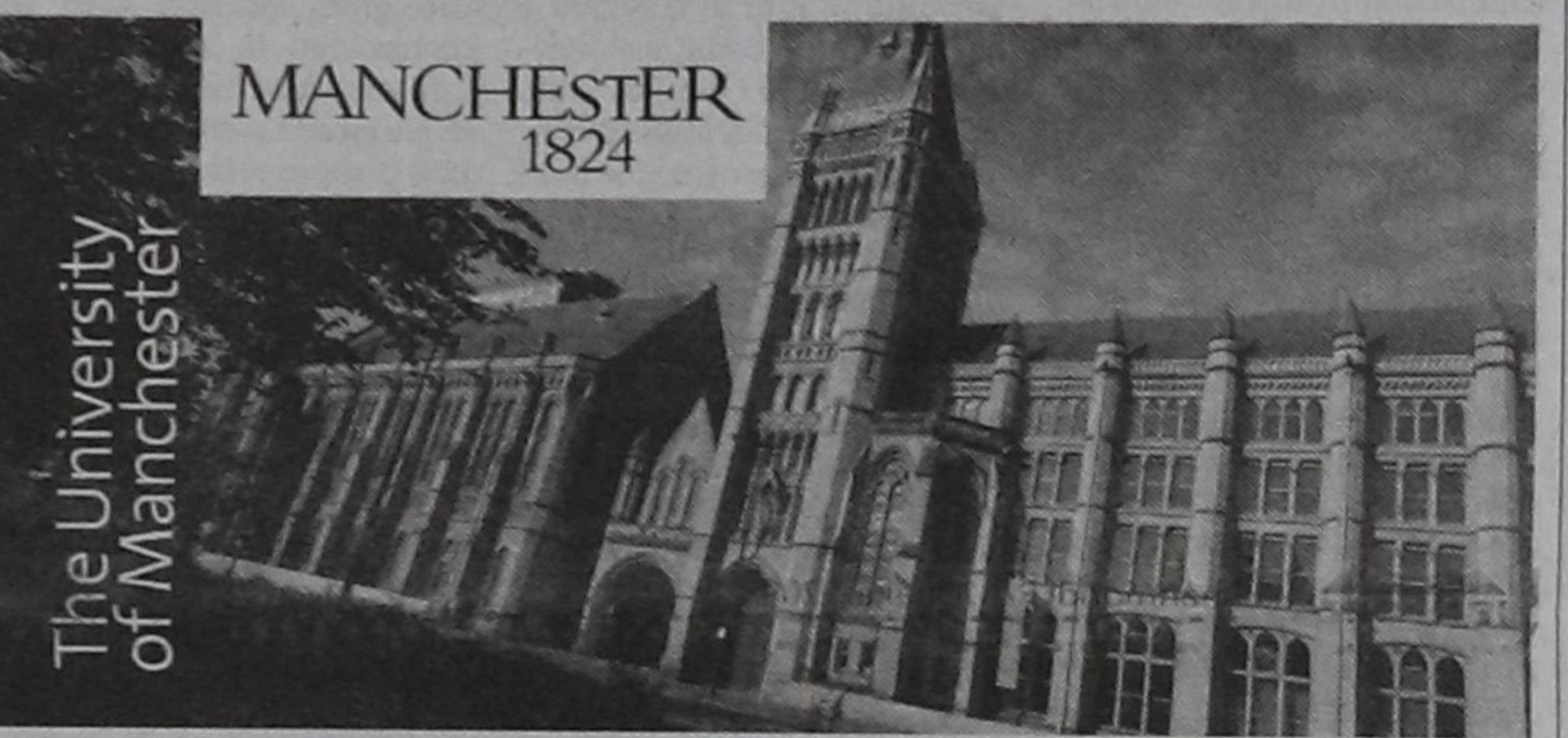
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