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DU student succumbs to injury

Fellow students take their anger out on vehicles, police

DU CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka University student who was injured in Sir AF Rahman Hall Tuesday during clashes between Chhatra League factions died yesterday sparking further violence on campus.

Doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital declared Abubakar Siddique, a fifth semester student of Islamic history and culture department, dead at 9:20am following a 30-hour struggle to save him, said Md Abbas Ali, elder brother of Siddique.

Hearing the news of

Siddique's death, hundreds of students took to the streets and involved in sporadic clashes with policemen. Six vehicles were vandalised.

Roommates of Siddique and students of nearby rooms claimed a teargas shell hit him when he took cover on his balcony from teargas the police had shot inside his room. However, police say something heavy fell on his head.

Around 10:30am disgruntled students vandalised four vehicles near Teacher-Student



Abubakar



A child is at risk as agitating students and police lock in a battle on DU campus yesterday after the news of Abubakar's death spread. Inset, the home of Abubakar at Golabari village under Madhupur upazila in Tangail.

Dream meets death at DU

RAKIB AHAMMED and MIRZA SHAKIL

Abubakar was right on track on the road to his dream. Many days he didn't see his mother. Many nights he spent without visiting home where his mother passed every moment with her mind swinging between pains and hopes that her son would realise his dream one day.

Abubakar Siddique, a third year student of Islamic history and culture at Dhaka University, also wanted to make his mother proud. He wanted to be a faculty member of the university. In an

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Graft eats away up to 50pc of contract value

Minister tells public-private committee on procurement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Loss of government money from corruption or otherwise in projects involving public procurement is often as high as 40 to 50 percent of the contract value, Planning Minister AK Khandker said yesterday.

He also said public procurement with large financial involvement, either by design or by default, creates greater temptations or offer more opportunities for corruption or misuse of funds.

The newly formed Public-Private Stakeholders Committee (PPSC) aims at

"citizen engagement" in monitoring the public procurement process, to ensure transparency and accountability, the minister added.

He was addressing the first meeting of PPSC in the conference room of National Economic Council at the planning ministry secretariat.

Last month the government in a bid to bring more transparency to public procurement process formed the 27-member watchdog committee comprising representatives of its own and the private sector, with the planning minister at its helm.

Representatives of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, Transparency International Bangladesh, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Bangladesh Association of Construction Industries, Bangladesh Association of Consulting Engineers, Brac, Proshika, and Dhaka Reporters' Unity are also in the committee.

The planning minister yesterday also said PPSC stands out as a unique expression of public-private partnership which is expected to devise ways for institutionalising social audit of public procurement.

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CTG ARMS HAUL Hafiz to be quizzed by TFI in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Criminal Investigation Department took Md Hafizur Rahman - the prime accused in sensational Chittagong arms haul case, into a three-day remand for interrogation at TFI (Task Force for Interrogation) cell in Dhaka yesterday.

A CID team led by

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Asif shoots gold together, silver alone

SPORTS REPORTER

Asif Hossain Khan almost pulled off a double in the men's 10m air rifle after the heroics of the women's team in same event the other day.

But the ace shooter of the country misfired at a crucial time only to miss an individual gold after leading Bangladesh to the team event gold along with Abdullah-Hel-Baki and Shovon Chowdhury in the 11th South Asian Games at the National Shooting Range in Gulshan yesterday.

If Sharmin Akhter Ratna's individual and team event gold medals were a fairytale on Tuesday, the effort of Asif was reassuring for country's sports lovers after that brutal and shameful police attack on the shooter at this very place in 2006.

After forcing his way into the team as the last man, Asif, who won 10m air rifle gold in the 2002 Commonwealth Games, hit a career-best 596 in Bangladesh's team event gold.

He started the shoot-off with a two-point advantage and was heading for an individual gold only to fire the penultimate shot for a career low 6.8 points that cost him dearly and India's Imran Hasan Khan popped up to win the gold. Asif took the silver but confirmed a triumphant return to international circuit in a most pleasing fashion. He however apologised to the nation for his late slip.

The shooting gold improved Bangladesh's tally to four gold, five silver and 12 bronze medals. They also leapfrogged Sri Lanka in 2006.

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3 drown in boat capsizes 3 missing as ferry collides with boat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

At least three labourers drowned and three others went missing when an earth-laden boat sank in the Shitalakkhya in ghat-5 area of Narayanganj Port early yesterday.

In another incident, three passengers including a woman went missing after a

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New novels attract visitors

DU CORRESPONDENT

The bookstalls that have already brought new novels of popular writers started drawing attention of the booklovers and visitors at the Amar Ekushey Boid Mela.

The presence of booklovers before these stalls was thin while there was not much crowd before other stalls yesterday evening.

Booksellers said there were not many people in the fair as violence erupted on Dhaka University campus at noon.

In general, there were few buyers in the fair as most of them were visitors. Many school and college-going

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A mobile court recovered 23 bags of contaminated blood from Dhaka Blood Bank and Transfusions Centre in the city's Moghbazar area yesterday.

Illegal VoIP equipment seized in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab personnel yesterday arrested three persons at Khilgaon Tilpapara area and recovered a huge amount of VoIP equipment, spare parts and cable worth around Tk 60 lakh from them.

The arrestees are SM Anwar Hossain alias Abu Saleh, 31, son of late Ahmed Ullah of Sandeshpur Bepari Bazar, Abdul Hannan Bepari, 35, son of Rashid Ahmed of Purba

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4 kids killed in Pak school bombing

Missile strikes from drones kill 31

AFP, Peshawar/ Miranshah

A bomb blast in northwest Pakistan yesterday killed eight people including four children and three US soldiers at the opening of a school, which just been rebuilt after an Islamist attack.

The US troops tasked with training Pakistani paramilitary soldiers were travelling in a convoy with local troops, journalists and officials to the opening ceremony of the girls' school when the bomb exploded.

It appears to be the first time American soldiers have been killed in such an attack in Pakistan.

At least 65 people, most of them schoolgirls and some journalists, were wounded in the attack in the district of Lower Dir,

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think the ruling Awami League is not taking any steps intentionally to restrict Chhatra League from various criminal activities?

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○ No (43.1%)
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