

# DU boys go berserk

2 cars set ablaze, 25 others vandalised as learner driver critically injures student on campus

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Angry students of Dhaka University torched two cars and vandalised 25 others after a trainee driver hit a student of the university on the campus yesterday afternoon.

To contain the situation, police stopped vehicular movement on the campus for six hours triggering more-than-usual heavy traffic in Dhaka.

Injured Sadhan Kumar Ghosh, a fourth-year student of psychology department and a resident of Jagannath Hall, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors said he was out of danger and did not have any severe injuries.

Police arrested student driver Rubaiya Haque of Dhaka City

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People try to put out flames after some Dhaka University students set a car on fire at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. The students went berserk after the car hit one of their peers who was taken to the hospital. *Inset*, injured student Sadhan.

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## 2 ministers slam FBCCI for seeking hartal ban

**UNB, Dhaka**

Two influential ministers of the government yesterday blasted the country's apex trade body, FBCCI, for their stance on enacting law to ban hartal.

"Why are you giving such provocative statements?" asked Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddiqui at the inaugural session of the three-day Batexpo 2010 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital.

He asked the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) why they want to ban hartal through enacting a law.

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## Disappearances in question

DCC Ward Councillor Chowdhury Alam among 22 vanished this year

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Around 10:00am on July 22, 2008. Tusher Islam Titu, 25, was buying bangles for his wife at Dhukuria Bera Bazar in Sirajganj. Suddenly, he heard an unknown voice from behind asking him his name. Shaken, Titu turned back to find he was surrounded by four well-built men.

Before he could utter a word, the men started punching him indiscriminately. Within minutes the four, now brandishing automatic pistols and identity cards, announced to the curious crowd that they were members of the Rapid Action



**Chowdhury Alam** **Tusher Islam Titu**

Battalion (Rab) arresting a criminal.

As hundreds in the crowded bazaar looked on, the "Rab" crime busters bundled Titu into a Nosimon, a human hauler, and asked the local operator to drive on.

Since that morning Titu disappeared without leaving a trace. His family looked for him at different Rab offices and police stations only to learn that the law enforcers know nothing about the arrest at Dhukuria Bera Bazar.

The Rab spokespersons never admitted to have arrested anyone in that area that day.

Fifteen days after Titu was picked up in Sirajganj, a young man turned up at Titu's house in Rampura in the capital. Family sources say the youth was too scared to reveal his name. The family quoted him as

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## 'Drug peddler' killed in Rab 'shootout'

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An alleged drug peddler was killed in a 'shootout' between his cohorts and members of the Rapid Action Battalion at Belghar bazaar in Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Hakim, 40, son of Abdus Samad of Itakhola Nayapara in the upazila.

Hakim, a known drug-peddler in the area, was

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## MAIN OPPOSITION'S RESIGNATION THREAT

# AL, BNP trade salvos

**HASAN JAHID TUSHER and RAKIB HASNET SUMAN**

Ruling Awami League is not worried about the main opposition BNP's threat of resigning en masse from the parliament, as the vacuum can be filled through by-elections, according to AL leaders.

AL policymakers said the government will complete its tenure as mandated by the people, although resignation by all BNP lawmakers would create a problem for the parliament to function efficiently, and advancement of democracy would also be hampered to some extent. But the magnitude of the problem would be nothing that could not be handled.

No such untoward situation has been created in the country for which the main opposition must resign from the parliament en masse, the AL leaders said.

BNP is presenting Khaleda's recent "eviction" from her prior residence in Dhaka Cantonment as the reason for its lawmakers' possible resignation.

But ruling party leaders are seeing Khaleda's departure from the disputed house as a private matter, which should not have any bearing on national politics and economy.

"There will be no problem if BNP resign from the parliament, as by-elections can be

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