



**Students of Dhaka Commerce College block a road near the college protesting the death of one of their female teachers after giving birth allegedly due to negligence by a doctor and authorities of Dr Azmal Hospital in the city's Mirpur yesterday. Inset, Grieving female students try to console each other on hearing news of the death.**

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## No strained relation with US over Yunus issue: FM

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni has said there exists no strained relation with the United States following the removal of Prof Muhammad Yunus from Grameen Bank.

The minister said she had had talks with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton while she had been in New York last month and invited her to visit Bangladesh.

Hillary assured that she would visit Bangladesh somewhere next year, as she would undergo busy schedule this year, she said.

Dr Dipu Moni was talking to the agency at Hamburg international airport Thursday evening prior to her departure for London en route to New York to attend the UNGA session.

Asked if there will be any meeting between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and US President Barack Obama in New York, she said no meeting is scheduled but the two leaders may meet at the reception to be hosted by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and at high-level events on "International counter-terrorism cooperation" and "Every woman every child".

## DOCTOR'S NEGLIGENCE ALLEGED

# Commerce college teacher's death sparks violent protest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 300 students of Dhaka Commerce College went on a rampage at Dr Azmal Hospital in the city's Mirpur yesterday after a teacher of the college died allegedly due to negligence of a doctor and the hospital authorities.

The students vandalised the ground floor of the nine-storied hospital including some machinery, a pharmacy and doctors' chambers for around an hour using metal rods, sticks and blunt weapons, said witnesses.

Five of the hospital staffs were injured and 20 vehicles in adjacent areas were damaged during the rampage, they said.

The deceased Trisha Ganguly, 32, an assistant professor of Bangla department, was admitted to the hospital when she went into labour around 5:00am yesterday.

She gave birth to a girl around 8:00am through caesarian section but was shifted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of

another hospital in Mohammadpur as her condition deteriorated. She passed away around 11:30am, said Dr Ferdousi Begum Rumi, the accused who delivered the baby and was supervising Trisha's treatment.

When Trisha's body was brought to the college around 1:30pm, the students went berserk, vandalising some 8 to 10 cars near Dhaka Zoo and of similar numbers at Shiyalbari. They then went to vandalise the hospital at Mirpur section 6, said witnesses.

Afterwards, police chased the agitating students towards Mirpur 10 where 13 of them were detained, said Kazi Wazed Ali, officer-in-charge of Mirpur Police Station.

The detained students said they heard that Trisha was administered the wrong dosage of anesthesia while there was neither any ICU nor adequate medical equipments at the hospital.

The damages are an estimated Tk 50 lakh, said the hospital Director Mir Atahar Ali, alleging that the students also

looted Tk 2.5 lakh from the cash counter.

The hospital's Operation Theatre (OT) In-Charge Kuholi Nasrin said Trisha's family hired Dr Ferdousi and her team, comprising an anesthetist and another doctor, to perform the operation.

Dr Ferdousi then rented only the hospital's OT for Tk 3,000 and performed the operation where only the hospital's nurses, not the doctors, took part, she said.

Dr Ferdousi said Trisha was under her supervision for some days before the operation.

Trisha had low blood pressure, which was brought to normalcy by administering drugs right before the delivery. But it began to fall immediately after she gave birth and she passed away though they gave their utmost effort to save her, said Dr Ferdousi.

The college remained closed yesterday following Trisha's death and will remain closed today, said the vice principal.

## Schoolboy stabbed to death in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy who was stabbed by miscreants in the city's Gabtoli area on Friday night succumbed to his injuries at Chest Diseases Hospital at Mohakhali yesterday.

The dead Ahadul Islam Sajal, a student of Class-X of Shah Ali High School at Mirpur, was standing in front of his residence around 10:30pm on Friday.

Four to five of his friends called him to a nearby sand field where they stabbed him in his neck and chest. Sajal used to live at a flat at Gabtoli Khaleque Tower with his parents, police said.

Local people rushed him to Chest Diseases Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at 7:00am yesterday.

## DHAKA UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

# 2.11 lakh to vie for 6,031 seats

PALASH RAHMAN

Around 97 percent admission seekers will not be able to get admission in Dhaka University (DU) in the 2011-2012 academic sessions due to seat scarcity.

More than 2.11 lakh applicants have logged their applications against 6,031 seats under the five units in the current session, said DU authorities.

The number of applicants has increased by around 30 percent than the previous session, they said.

"Nearly 50,000 admission seekers more have applied than that of 2010-2011 academic year, which is a great challenge for DU authority," said Prof Dr Hasibur Rashid, Convener of the online admission committee.

DU sources said the current ratio of applicants against seats available is 74:1 under the Faculty of Social Science where only 1,006 candidates will get admission.

The ratio is 36:1 for the science faculty, 16:1 for arts faculty and 43:1 for both business studies faculty and fine arts faculty, sources added.

A total of 54,674 candidates have applied for 1,553 seats at the science faculty while

35,998 candidates have applied under the arts faculty for 2,378 seats, sources added.

Besides, 5,057 aspirants will fight for 119 seats at the fine arts faculty.

Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated the online application system on August 16 and the month-long lodging of online applications came to an end at 12:00am on September 16.

"The authorities of the university have already taken steps to check all the loopholes so that no fake admission seekers can appear in the test" said Prof Arefin.

DU authorities have asked the candidates to submit the money through pay-slip at any branches of Sonali, Rupali, Janata and Agrani Bank by September 20 and the last date of receiving admit card is September 25.

For any correction regarding the admission test, the candidates are asked to inform the admission committee from September 16 to 30.

Seat plans of the admission test will be available at DU website at [www.univdhaka.edu](http://www.univdhaka.edu).

The aspirants will be able to know the information of their exam hall and result by sending SMS at 16321.

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