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# Ill-fated JnU students



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In your editorial of September 27, 2011 you wondered why protests always took violent form in our country. We, the students of JnU, have been demonstrating for a long time in a civilized manner. But nobody paid any attention. And now we are running out of time as our university turns six (6) on October 20. So, what would the desperate students have done? As a matter of fact, we were protesting in a civilized way till the police and the BCL started to beat up the students. Of course, vandalising cars is really a shameful act and every student of JnU feels sorry for this. But was it all our fault? You asked in your editorial what had been the fault of the stranded commuters and of those whose vehicles had been senselessly vandalised? Then, we ask you - what was our fault? What will we do if this university goes private? If the government doesn't have enough funds, then why did the PM promise to establish at least one public university in every district? The government can spend around Tk. 2000 crore just to

change the name of an airport, but can't spend one-tenth of the amount for JnU?

We pay Tk. 100 as our monthly tuition fee, whereas the DU students pay Tk. 18 and the JU students pay only Tk. 10 per month. Most of the students can't pay any more as they have come from poor families, and they have to spend a huge amount of money to stay in Dhaka city as JnU does not have dormitories. What kind of behaviour can one expect from us when we face all these problems? How can one expect the students to be calm?

Our sincere thanks to the editor as he proposed persuasion before the police take any action. We are extremely sorry for causing the damage. But why is everyone just talking about vandalising cars? Isn't there anyone who can understand our deplorable condition?

**Nabiha Binte Manjur**  
A student  
Jagannath University

## New gas found

The latest discovery of natural gas reserve in Rashidpur in the country's north-eastern region by BAPEX (Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Ltd.), a subsidiary of Petrobangla, is good news. However, we need investments for extraction and utilization of this gas. 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas can solve our energy crisis to a great extent.

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## Publish results in time

I am a recent graduate in BBA from Shahjalal University of Science & Technology. Our final semester exams ended in February this year. Then I joined a commercial bank as an intern for three months starting from March to June. After completing internship, nearly three months have passed. Our MBA class has started from last September.

But still we haven't got our BBA final results. And I was bound to get myself admitted into the MBA programme of the same university. This is really frustrating. I couldn't sit for the admission test of IBA(DU), BIBM and also JU's MBA programme. We passed the HSC exams in 2005 and now 2011 is almost over. It took us nearly six years to complete a four-year BBA course (although there was no big political conflict or any other issues to hinder our education).

I think if our teachers were a bit more cordial, this would not happen. Our teachers have various excuses for not publishing the results of each semester in time. The same teachers also teach at the private universities where they are sincere and publish the results in time. The authorities should look into this matter.

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# Do we really need sitting service buses?

Being an inhabitant of Mirpur area, I start for my office from Pallabi at quarter past seven in the morning and it takes almost an hour to reach Shewrapara. The unbearable gridlock, caused by various reasons, is turning out to be a threat to my job. At Pallabi, Mirpur 10, Kazipara and Shewrapara the commuters queue up in large numbers to get on the bus every morning. Though I am not an expert, yet I have found out some problems where we can work on. The unskilled traffic police is one of the causes behind this jam. They find it difficult to control the movement of the vehicles at every point. And some of the drivers block the roads unnecessarily. Most of the bus services in Mirpur area offer sitting service. They do not take any more passengers when the bus is full in the morning. As a result, the queues of the commuters seem endless. I think we do not need any sitting service bus at all. All the buses should take passengers standing, with a revised bus fair. Stern government action is called for in this respect. Do we really need sitting service buses?

**Abdul Fatha Asif**  
Pallabi, Dhaka



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## Establish peace at home before world peace

I consider Sheikh Hasina's presentation of world peace roadmap at the UN of little significance, given her failure in bringing peace in her own country. In fact, I do not read in detail any statement made by the ministers, because I know what would they say about a particular incident. While commenting on hartal, they will definitely say that life was completely normal and people rejected the 'unjust hartal' called by the opposition.

And to cover up the police excesses, they will accuse the victims of preventing the police performing their duties and jail them without any compunction as it happened in the case of Yusuf Ali who was trampled by the police during the last hartal. Their annoying public speech always get on the nerve of the audience as their speech is always about muktijuddho and rajakars.

**Tinku**  
On e-mail

## The roads of Bangladesh

If you are travelling from Dhaka to another district, you must know how long it is going to take to reach the destination. But you can never reach there in time. Why? We mostly think that the jam on the roads is to blame. But besides that, we should also take a good look at the roads. Most of them are broken or damaged, with holes filled with puddles or mud. Here in Uttara, some organisations dug a road to set up some pipes a few months ago. They set up the pipes, filled the holes with mud, and left the rest of the road broken. My school is only 510 minutes away from my home. As I go by car, it must take no more than five minutes on an average. Now, it takes 1015 minutes because of the road condition. It's time the authorities took some action.

**Samaha Raida**  
On e-mail

## Why this agitation?

A public university should be run by the government. The students of Jagannath University have been demonstrating against the University Act 27(4) since its establishment in 2005. But the government has failed to give any solution to the problem. The students' opinion is that if a university is run by the students' fees, then it cannot be called a public university. So, their demands are simple - to nullify the University Act and to have government funding for the university.

**Eunus Sikder Emon**  
Jagannath University



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# Ban on hydraulic horn

I am writing this letter, after reading Md. A. Alim's letter of 26th September in your columns on hydraulic horn. Hydraulic horns are banned by law in our country. But I doubt if there is any implementation of the law. I had a bitter experience while I was returning to Dhaka from Chuadanga with my wife and two-year-old son after celebrating Eid with my family members.

We were sitting just behind the driver and observed that the driver was continuously blowing the hydraulic horn creating great disturbance to my two-year-old son and other passengers, and scaring the passers-by all the way. I requested the driver several times not to use the hydraulic horn as my son got frightened. But he didn't listen to me.

The law will not be implemented unless the government takes stern action against the bus owners and drivers who use hydraulic horns. I, therefore, request the government to take action against these arrogant drivers for the sake of public health.

**Md. Ashrafuzzaman**  
Zaman Kuthir, Shaikhpara  
Chuadanga

## Let the corrupt commit suicide

Two campaigns in China - the Three-anti Campaign (1951) and Five-anti Campaign (1952) - were reform movements originally issued by Mao Zedong in an effort to rid Chinese cities of corruption. The process was effective. Some 20,000 cadres and 6,000 trained workers began spying on the business affairs of fellow citizens. The media encouraged compliance with the government policies. Up to 15,000 trained propagandists were working in Shanghai by late 1951. By February 1952, parades of anti-capitalist activists went door to door to visit business leaders. It created immense psychological pressure. And corruption went down. Of course, it had some negative impacts, but every story has two sides to it.

And in the context of Bangladesh, let's focus on the positive side of such a reform policy in action. If we can root out corruption, imagine what the country can achieve within a short time.

**Asifur Rahman Khan**  
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## Indecent cinema posters

That day while I was returning home from my university, I noticed that some young boys were smilingly watching some obscene Bangla cinema posters. Our censor board probably consists of some immoral persons who do not find any unpleasant scenes in the films which are produced in FDC.

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# Corporal punishment

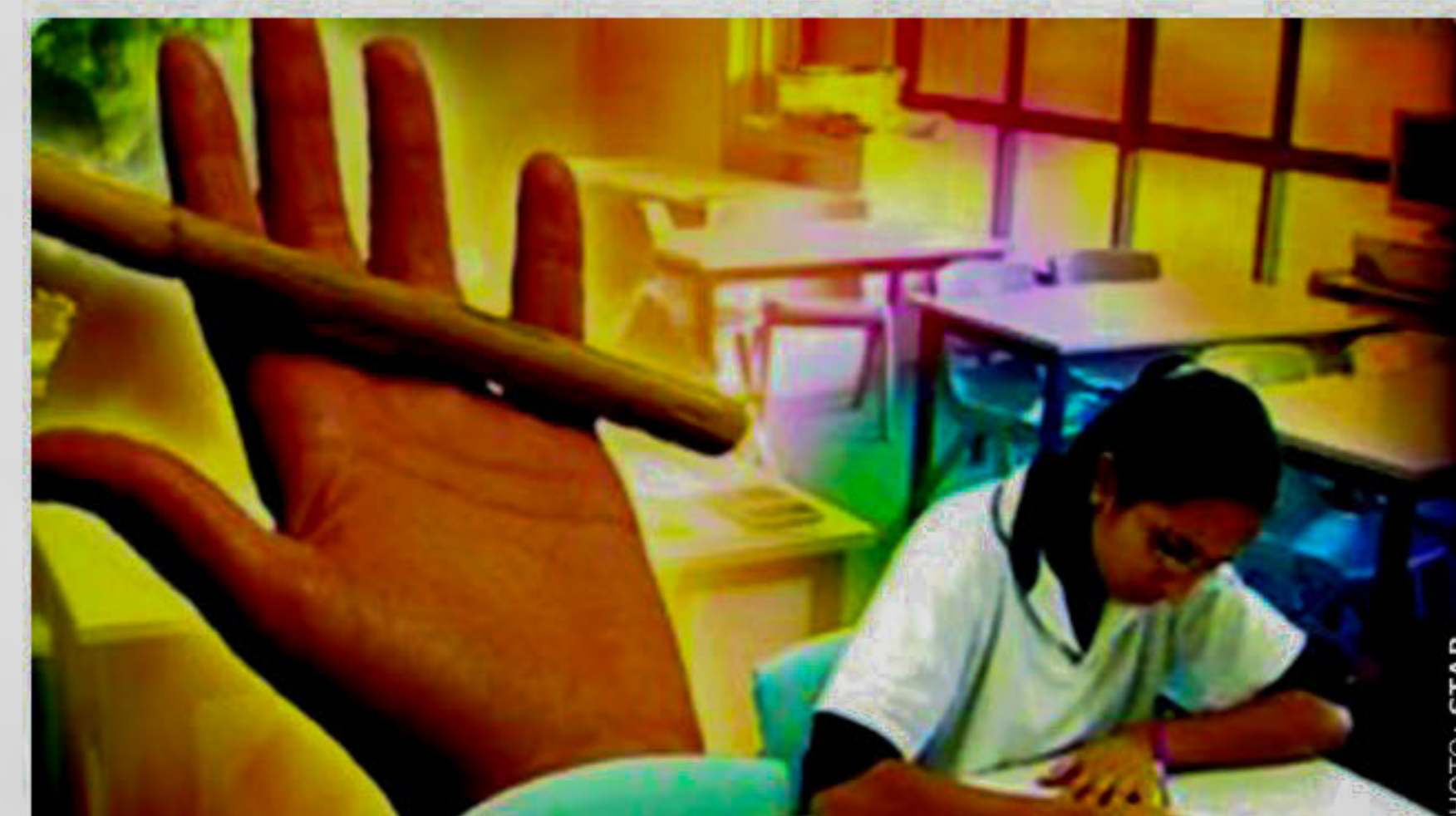


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Some teachers resort to corporal punishment in schools. They do it to maintain discipline in the classroom. But physical punishment has a negative impact on the mind of the pupils. It leaves a lasting impression on the students' and influences their future conduct. So, it can have a short-term result but it has long term negative effects. That is why, corporal punishment is banned in many countries.

In our country, corporal punishment exists in different forms. In the past, the teachers believed in the saying, -- "spare the rod and spoil the child." But these days such mindset is deplorable. We hope the teachers would shun the practice of giving corporal punishment.

**ZabedWali**  
On e-mail

## READERS

respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Tuesday's *The Daily Star* news report headlined "Sayeede indicted"

### Zafi

I don't think this government really wants to punish them.

### Hriday Saha

The committee should collect the information about the activities of razakars (Pakistani collaborators) as soon as possible.

### Turja

Finally, the prayer of the millions of people is answered.

### Jiasmin Khan

As a family member of a freedom fighter, I want to thank the judges and prosecutors for starting the case. The international terrorist groups in Pakistan are now very alert and they are lobbying with the USA and other influential countries to sabotage the trail.

### Javed

It may have taken 40 long years but the war criminals of 1971 have finally been charged for crimes against humanity.

I lost my grandmother and my eldest uncle in the hands of the collaborators in Dinajpur. We have waited all these years for the collaborators to be tried for committing murder, arson, rape and looting.

I want to thank Sheikh Hasina and her government for this incredible task. Now, let the process of healing begin for the victims' traumatized families.

### Ahmed

It is beyond my comprehension why it took 40 years for the victims and their families to come out with these allegations. He has been around even when BNP-Jamaat was not in power. Surely, they could have pursued justice for their loved ones long time ago. It all seems fishy to me.

### Luffy

This political trail by the AL is just to please their Indian masters. Will this be internationally recognised?

### Zahidul Islam Biswas

The report says: 'Sayeede was directly involved in abduction, confinement and raping of several girls. He raped a Hindu girl on several occasions. He also forced some Hindus to convert to Islam, an act the court considers a crime against humanity.'

This type of reporting is very misleading. It is reported in such a way that it may give an idea that these offences were proved in the court of law, which is not true. Simply, these are charges made against Sayeede. The *Daily Star* should be careful in such reporting and must be careful in using words. The wording of this report is