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STUDENTS! Are they?

30 hurt, 5 cars, 7 bikes torched over silly reason

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A series of clashes between students of Jagannath University and Kabi Nazrul Govt College over a trifling matter left at least 30 people injured, including students, teachers and policemen, at Old Dhaka yesterday.

University students torched five cars and seven motorbikes parked on the college campus, broke the iron gate, vandalised several classrooms, furniture and office rooms of the college.

They also beat up teachers of the college and vandalised Islamia Govt High School on the college campus.

Police hurled 24 teargas canisters and fired five shotgun shells in their attempt to bring the situation under control, which took them two and a half hours.

College authorities have suspended all academic activities until 29th of this month but ongoing exams under the National University would go on as well as the freshmen admission tests.



Students of Kabi Nazrul Govt College, *bottom left*, rush out of their college gate ignoring policemen to chase Jagannath University students, who had attacked their college in Old Dhaka yesterday. Jagannath students torch cars and motorbikes, *top*, on the college campus and beat up college students, *bottom right*. Students of the college jump from a balcony as burning motorbikes, *left*, block their escape.

Media does not highlight good things
Says adviser Taufiq

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister's Energy Adviser Taufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury yesterday criticised the local media for not highlighting the country's achievements.

Chowdhury made the comment citing Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen's plaudits for the progress Bangladesh made in various economic and social aspects.

"Unfortunately, we are not getting the publicity. I am saddened that even locally we are not aware of it. Our media and its narratives are giving different pictures to the

Local politics face external influence

BRAC University study blames weak democracy for this

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country is facing external influence due to weakness in its domestic politics and unconsolidated democracy, according to a Brac University report.

Crisis during power transition and political confrontation in many cases invite external forces to interfere in domestic affairs. As a result, political parties often compromise national interests to satisfy the forces and stay in power, said the report.

The Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) at Brac University yesterday unveiled the report "The State of Governance in Bangladesh, 2010-2011" at the Brac Centre Inn in the capital.

Although Bangladesh's dependency on foreign aid has been declining drastically and the country is making much economic and social progress, external stakeholders' influence on the country's policymaking process is significant, according to the report.

It said this influence generally originated from important stakeholders, such as development partners, key donor countries, non-profit organisations, multinational corporations and supranational institutions.

End to AIDS in sight

Says UN report

REUTERS, London

A United Nations report said on Tuesday that eradicating AIDS was in sight, owing to better access to drugs that can both treat and prevent the incurable human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes the disease.

An aim to eventually end the worldwide AIDS epidemic is not "merely visionary" but "entirely feasible", the report said.

Success in fighting the disease in the past decade has allowed the "foundation to be laid for the eventual end of AIDS" by cutting the death toll and helping stabilize the number of people infected in the pandemic, UNAIDS said in its annual report.

Some 34 million people had HIV at the end of 2011.

Worldwide, the number of people

Quader Mollah is a good man

Defence witness tells war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second defence witness in the war crimes case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah yesterday gave his testimony before the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

In his 38-minute testimony, Shushil Chandra Mondal, a resident of Quader Mollah's village Amirabad in Faridpur, mostly talked about Mollah's personal, academic and professional life and concluded, "Quader is a very good man."

The 82-year-old witness said he knew the accused since the latter's student life as his school was near his (Shushil's) house.

He added he had seen Mollah, who was in Dhaka for higher education, at their village almost a week after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic March 7 speech in 1971. Mollah at that time was living with his sister near Shushil's house, he continued.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleeda Zia that her elder son Tarique Rahman leads a very honest life?

Yes (15%)

No (82%)

No Comments (3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 866

TODAY'S POLL

Do you support the government decision to write to the Berlin-based Transparency International against the corruption watchdog's Bangladesh chapter over its "ill-motivated" survey on lawmakers?

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Maghrib	5-21	5-24
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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