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# BCL men go berserk

## Dhaka Polytechnic Institute shut

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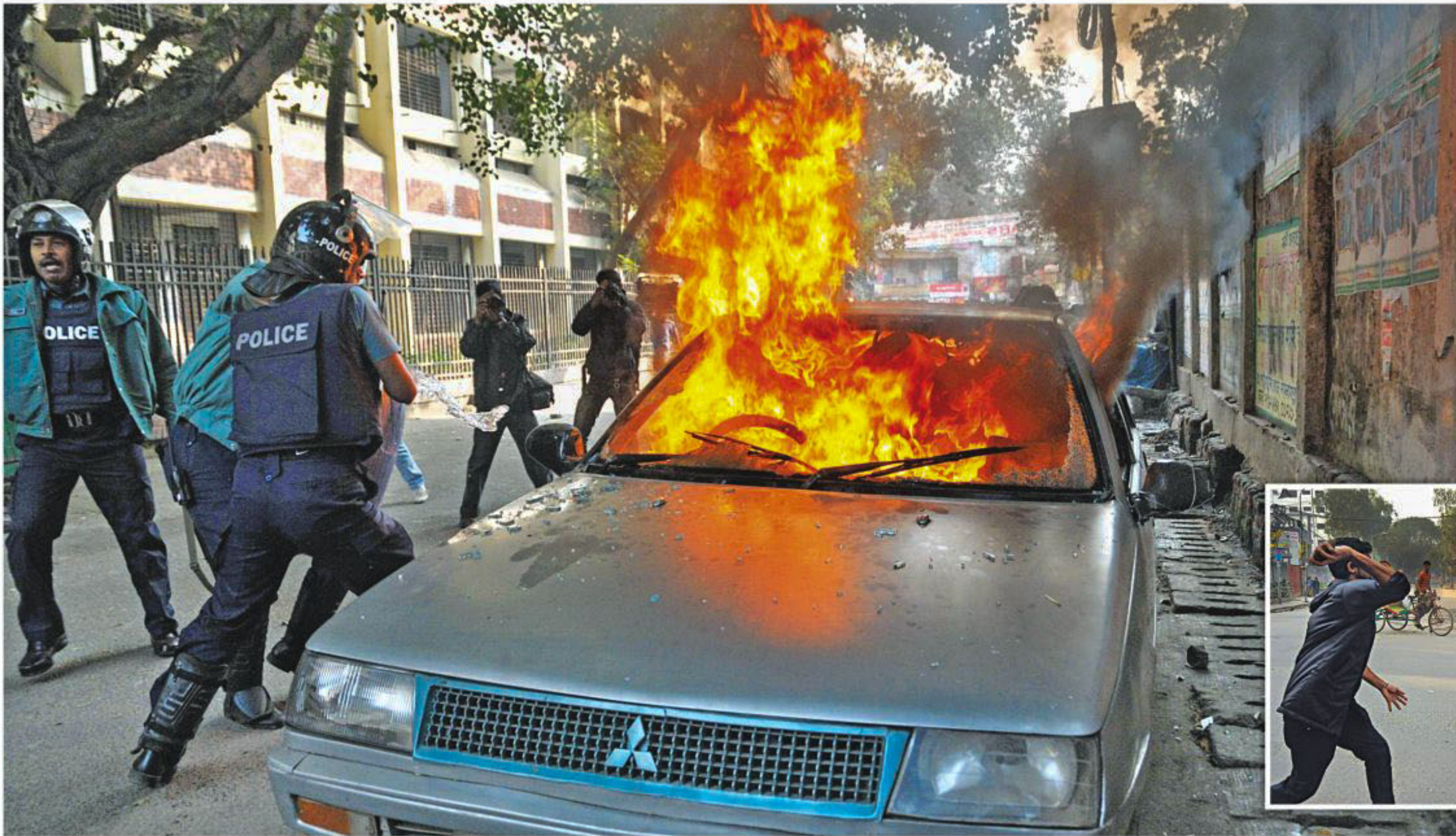
Dhaka Polytechnic Institute has been shut indefinitely after Chhatra League activists went on the rampage and attacked teachers demanding pass mark for two students.

The authorities asked all students to vacate dormitories by 10:00am today. Nearly 1,200 students live in five dormitories on the campus.

Preparation was on for filing a case with Tejgaon Shilpachal Police Station in connection with the incident.

Sources said nearly 1,500 students took part in second year's final exam. Of them, 503 students failed one or two subjects. They later sat for supplementary exams, but 55 of them again failed to obtain pass mark.

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Policemen try to douse the flames of a car set alight by opposition activists near the Judges' Court in Old Dhaka during the hartal yesterday. Pickets vandalise an auto-rickshaw, inset, on Green Road in the capital.

PHOTO: COURTESY



# I'm proud of her

## Says Delhi rape victim's father, he wants his daughter named

REUTERS, New Delhi

The father of an Indian student whose brutal rape provoked a global outcry said he wanted her name made public so she could be an inspiration to victims of sexual assault, a call that was quickly taken up by social media users and may pressure authorities to allow her identity to be revealed.

The 23-year-old physiotherapy student died on December 29 in a Singapore hospital, two weeks after a gang rape on a moving bus in New Delhi that ignited protests across India and neighbouring countries and government promises of tougher punishments.

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# TANGAIL GANG RAPE

## Four accused sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Four accused in the Tangail gang rape case were sent to the district here yesterday on expiry of their three-day police remand.

They were arrested on December 31 and remanded to Madhupur police on Wednesday on charge of violating a teenage school girl in Madhupur.

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# Probe must be done by Feb 18

## Tribunal asks prosecution to expedite probe into Subhan's war crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday asked the prosecution to submit the probe report on the alleged crimes against humanity of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Maulana Abdus Subhan on February 18.

The tribunal fixed the new date after the prosecution sought more

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# PM may address nation later

STAFF CORRESPONDENT


Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's scheduled address to the nation yesterday was postponed as necessary "formalities" were yet to be completed, highly placed sources said.

She might deliver the address later, the sources added.

The PM was likely to highlight in her speech the government's efforts and successes in the last four years as the Awami League-led ruling alliance enters the final

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the ruling Awami League government failed to take proper steps to curb graft in its four year tenure?

Yes

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## PATUAKHALI SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

# Anomalies under probe

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Allegations of recruitment irregularities and audit objections have put Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) in a fix.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) and Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee have formed separate committees to probe the allegations, one of which is raised by Local and Revenue Audit Directorate, Dhaka.

In his last few days in office, vice-chancellor Prof Syed Sakhawat Hussen used his discretionary power to recruit

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## BSF picks up 4 Bangladeshis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Indian Border Security Force picked up four Bangladeshi nationals in Moheshpur upazila of Jhenidah early yesterday.

The four are Matiar Rahman, Jahurul Islam, Shafiqul Islam and Shahidul Islam.

BSF members chased a group of 15 to 20 cattle traders when they entered the Indian territory across Kusumpur frontier to

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A team of archaeologists try to recover an over 200-year-old wooden boat that surfaced on Kuakata beach in Patuakhali. The experts believe that the boat belonged to the first Rakhine settlers from now Myanmar.

PHOTO: STAR

# Work starts to salvage historic boat

MORSHED ALI KHAN

A team of archaeologists and other experts yesterday started salvaging a 200-year-old boat that surfaced on the Kuakata beach last year.

Led by Yves Marre, a French-born Bangladeshi expert on traditional boats, the team is now camping near the site of the salvage operation about two kilometres east of Kuakata zero point.

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# India recasts Mars mission

PTI, Kolkata

India's bid to explore Mars will be a scaled down affair with the space agency flying experimental payload of less than

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PRAYER TIMING			January 7
Azan	5-30	Jamaat	6-05
Fajr	5-30		6-05
Zohr	12-45		1-15
Asr	4-00		4-15
Maghrib	5-30		5-35
Esha	7-00		7-30
Source: Islamic Foundation			

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Regulations Relating to Foreign Exchange Transactions [Recent Liberalization]

Wage earners' remittances can be received by branches of Bangladesh Post Office, approved branch offices of NGOs and authorized agents of mobile operators in addition to bank branches.

Annual travel quota limit has been enhanced to USD 5000 or equivalent to visit the countries other than SARRC region & Myanmar while the limit has been enhanced to USD 2000 or equivalent to visit SARRC region & Myanmar in a calendar year.

Fees related to application, registration, admission, examination (TOEFL, SAT etc.) in connection with admission into foreign educational institutions can be sent through international card or virtual card. Moreover, students who went abroad for study without opening student file in Bangladesh can also open such files through their local guardians.

Exporters can remit upto USD 10,000 in advance from their balances of exporters' retention quota accounts for importing essential inputs to meet their emergency requirements.

Registration fees of the officials of government/semi-government/autonomous/private sector bodies/banks/NGOs may be remitted through Authorized Dealer (AD) bank for participating training, seminar, workshop, etc. abroad to the foreign organizer.

Foreign currency upto an amount of USD5000 or equivalent may be received from abroad without declaring in 'Form C'. However, receipt of wage earners' remittance of Bangladesh nationals need not be declared in 'Form C' irrespective of any amount.

Any amount of foreign currency can be brought into Bangladesh; but amount exceeding USD 5000 or equivalent shall have to be declared to the Customs Authority in 'Form FMJ'. Bangladesh Taka upto 2000 can be taken out/brought in while going to/coming from abroad.

Proceeds from export of services of invisible items (software, data processing, data entry, business services, consultancy, research works, freelancing etc.) can be received from abroad easily and quickly through authorized dealer bank branches.

Proceeds against export of services including business process outsourcing/freelancing/overseas IT services using internet can be received through online payment gateway (presently available at Bank Asia Ltd.) besides TT or draft.


Information Technology/software firms can sell their products to foreign buyers through internet/web portal and can receive proceeds instantly through international cards of foreign buyers.

Service exporters including exporters of software and IT related services can retain upto 50% of their repatriated proceeds from exports in foreign currency in exporters' retention quota (ERQ) accounts. Balances of such accounts can be taken during foreign visit, can be sent to meet any bonafide current need or can be converted into local currency at any time.

To meet various business needs, a software/IT firm (who is a member of BASIS) can remit foreign currency upto USD 10,000 abroad in a calendar year in addition to their ERQ account facility.

Expatriate Bangladeshis including wage earners can buy US Dollar Investment Bond and/or US Dollar Premium Bond even without opening any Foreign Currency Account (FC A/c).

[For details, please visit Bangladesh Bank website ([www.bb.org.bd](http://www.bb.org.bd)). For further information please contact Foreign Exchange Policy Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka, phone-0088-02-9530298, 0088-02-9530142, email: [gm.fepd@bb.org.bd](mailto:gm.fepd@bb.org.bd) or Financial Integrity and Customer Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka, phone-16236, Fax: 0088-02-9530273, email: [bb.cipc@bb.org.bd](mailto:bb.cipc@bb.org.bd)]



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