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# The height of insensitivity!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When about 60 arson victims were writhing in pain at the DMCH burn unit yesterday, some people thought of exploiting their sufferings.

Posing as TV journalists, a shooting unit showed up at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday and started to take footage of an injured.

They didn't bother to take permission from 19-year-old Sabuj, who was lying in his bed with his both hands and chest bandaged. They pulled him up and moved his head in different directions.

"I had no idea why those people were forcing me to do this," Sabuj told The Daily Star last night.

There was more. A woman from the team, posed with him with glycerine applied in her eyes to fake tears and show that his sufferings have made her cry.

The team packed up before anybody could understand anything.

"At first, we thought they were TV journalists," said Ivy Akhter, an aunt of the patient. "But I was shocked when the woman applied some kind of drop in her eyes and others took footage of Sabuj."

A staff of a cloth store at Joydevpur, Sabuj was injured in an arson attack in Gazipur when he was on a Dhaka-bound bus on Wednesday night.

Talking to a reporter of Prothom Alo, the person who was directing the shoot identified himself as Rafiqul Islam Bulbul and claimed he was working for Bangladesh Television (BTV). Later, he said he was doing it on his own and he would hand over the video to the state-run television channel for broadcast.

As per his business card, he is senior editor/author and film director of Dainik Ei Bangla, Shaptahik Durniti and

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While patients at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital reel from the arson attacks and try to cope with the pain, a number of people showed up there with cameras yesterday and shot a film. "Put glycerine in her eyes," one of them was heard asking another, referring to the woman in the sari, apparently an actress. The incident left the patients bewildered.

PHOTO: STAR

## PM counts on public wrath

UNB, Dhaka

Terming the ongoing attacks on people crimes against humanity, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hoped that the public wrath and tough government action against BNP-Jamaat would bring an end to the current situation.

"It's a matter of hope that people are now aware and not accepting such destructive acts like burning people to death and causing damage to public property with arson attacks. People have started resisting these acts," she said.

"We expect to overcome this situation as public wrath is against them [BNP-Jamaat and other components of the

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## Khaleda won't budge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said the ongoing anti-government movement would continue until the 20-party alliance's demands were met.

"Our movement will go on until it achieves the desired goal. I am urging all to take part in this movement," she said in a press statement. "Our backs are up against the wall and we have no alternative but to go for the movement."

Claiming that the movement was completely peaceful and systematic, the BNP chief said several people had been killed by petrol bombs during the movement. She con

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## Diplomats, donors call for dialogue

HASAN JAHD TUSER

A group of foreign diplomats and representatives of some donor agencies yesterday called for a dialogue to break the political impasse and end the ongoing violence.

They also expressed grave concern over the loss of lives in the blockade being enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance since January 6.

At a dinner with

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## TRANSASIA PLANE CRASH Father's hunch saves toddler, wife

CNN ONLINE

As they took their seats on a TransAsia Airways flight that crashed in Taipei on Wednesday, Lin Ming-wei and his young family were looking forward to a vacation.

But a noise made Lin uneasy, and shortly before take-off, he asked cabin staff if they could take an empty row on the rear right hand side of the plane, which was bound for Kinmen, an island in the Taiwan Strait, local media reported.

Minutes later, Lin was fighting his way out of the plane's wreckage and searching frantically for his toddler in the shallow, murky waters of the Keelung River.

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A few of the 14 lakh yaba pills the anti-smuggling cell of the navy seized from a fishing trawler near Chittagong port yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## 14 lakh yaba tablets seized at Ctg port

STAR REPORT

Members of Bangladesh Navy seized around 14 lakh yaba tablets at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port early yesterday.

A team of the navy's anti-smuggling cell in a drive found the pills worth around Tk 77 crore inside a fishing trawler, said Commander SM Atiqur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the navy cell.

With yesterday's haul, the navy has seized around 20.10 lakh yaba tablets at the same anchorage and in its adjoining areas since June 22 last year, reports our staff correspondent

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## Tigers lose once again

SPORTS REPORTER

While Michael Clarke brought shade to the Australian camp in the Brisbane heat, the Tigers were shrouded by a dark cloud as their batting relapsed further in the second unofficial practice match at the Allan Border Field yesterday. Recovering from 57 for 5, Bangladesh posted 193 before being

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