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City chokes on demo

Traffic nightmare as students of 7 DU-affiliated colleges block Nilkhet for 9hrs for publication of results

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka city commuters yesterday suffered immensely due to severe traffic congestion as students of seven colleges affiliated with Dhaka University barricaded the busy Nilkhet intersection for more than nine hours from 9:00am, demanding publication of exam results.

The agitating students continued their demonstration till 6:00pm despite the DU authorities' assurance that the results would be published next month.

Several hundred students blocked the intersection with ropes around 9:00am after a sit-in. They barred every vehicle and even pedestrians from crossing the intersection till noon. Some of them sat on the middle of the road and chanted slogans.

Vehicular movement on the roads in Nilkhet and New Market areas remained halted for hours, causing severe traffic congestion in the adjacent roads.

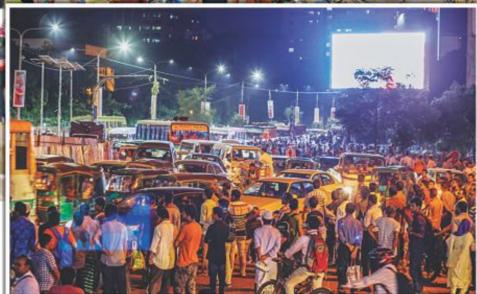
They placed a five-point demand, including publication of Honours fourth and second-year exam results, withdrawal of a police case filed against 1,200 students following their July 20 Shahbagh protest, creating separate websites for the colleges, preparing academic calendars

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Students of seven Dhaka University-affiliated colleges block the busy Nilkhet intersection in the capital yesterday. Staging a sit-in to press home their five-point demand, they barricaded the roads, preventing vehicular and pedestrian movement, causing immense public suffering.

PHOTO: COLLECTED



Global NGO honours Brac Boat School

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Brac Boat School project, which helps children in isolated communities gain access to quality education, is named as one of the 100 innovative projects across the world by global education non-profit organisation HundrED.

The Finland-based organisation that aims to share inspiring innovations across the globe to help improve the future of education investigated 700 projects based on their originality, impact and scalability.

The Boat School project was chosen because of its innovative approach to provide primary education to children excluded from traditional schools due to seasonal flooding or other water-based barriers, according to a Brac press release.

"Boat Schools stood out to us as a project that needed to be shared with the world," said Saku Tuominen, creative director of HundrED.

"Being able to showcase

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MYANMAR CRISIS EU, US edge towards punishing army leaders

REUTERS, Yangon/Washington

The European Union and the United States are considering targeted sanctions against Myanmar military leaders over an offensive that has driven more than 5,00,000 Rohingyas out of the country, officials familiar with the discussions say.

Interviews with more than a dozen diplomats and government officials based in Washington, Yangon and Europe revealed that punitive measures aimed specifically at top generals were among a range of options being discussed in response to the crisis.

Nothing has yet been decided and Washington and Brussels may decide to hold off for now, the sources said. There are also discussions about increasing aid for Rakhine State.

The active discussion of sanctions -- not even on the table a month ago -- shows how the dramatic exodus of Rohingyas is putting pressure on Western policymakers to take action.

While much of the outcry overseas has focused on Nobel laureate and Myanmar's national leader Aung San Suu Kyi, few Western diplomats see an alternative to her leadership. Suu Kyi does not control the military, which still wields considerable power under Myanmar's army-written constitution.

The EU Foreign Ministers Council will discuss Myanmar on October 16, although officials do not expect any move on sanctions that soon. Danish minister for development cooperation, Ulla Tornaes, told Reuters that Copenhagen had been working to get the crisis on the agenda, "with the wish to put further pressure on the military".

Two Washington-based US officials with knowledge of the Trump administration's Myanmar deliberations said targeted sanctions against

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MUGGING GONE WRONG Univ student killed near his home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He dreamt of becoming a businessman like his father, but he could not live that dream, as his life was cut short yesterday by muggers when he was only 22 years old, hoping to graduate in computer science and engineering.



Abu Talha

Khandakar Abu Talha, a second year student of Daffodil University, fell prey to muggers near his home in the capital's Tikatuli in the morning and lost his life having been stabbed by them.

It was around 6:30am when Talha was going to Motijheel by a rickshaw to catch a bus to Ashulia. Only 50 yards ahead of his home in front of a

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HURRICANE-RAVAGED PUERTO RICO Google balloons to help restore cell networks

AFP, New York



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Google's parent company is set to launch balloons into the Caribbean skies in an attempt to restore telephone networks in hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico.

Alphabet Inc, which controls Google, obtained authorization from the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to deploy the devices -- developed from 2013 as part of a project known as "Loon."

It aims to temporarily re-establish Puerto Rico's cellular network -- where 83 percent of cell sites were still out of service Friday, according to FCC figures.

"More than two weeks after Hurricane Maria struck, millions of Puerto Ricans are still without access to much-needed communications services," FCC chairman Ajit Pai said in a statement.

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Missing Jubo League man's body found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police recovered the decomposed body of a Jubo League leader, who had been missing for the last two months, from Birab Khalpar area in Narayanganj's Rupganj yesterday evening.

The body of Monir Hossain, 25, organising secretary of Jubo League's ward-2 unit of Kanchan municipality, was found inside a buried sack.

Monir, son of Sirajuddin

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GANG RAPE OF MINOR GIRL She flees torture of her master, becomes victim

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

She didn't find any other way than sneaking out of her employers' house in Mohadevpur upazila of Naogaon to escape torture, but things got only worse, as she ended up in the hands of rapists on her journey back home.

She was waiting near Post Officer area to catch a bus to Tilakpur village of Naogaon's Sadar upazila on Friday afternoon. The 12-year-old at the time knew what she had left behind -- her days of torture over the last seven months and yearning to talk to her parents -- but little

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Unidentified criminals set fire to Bashi Government Primary School in Kalihati upazila of Tangail yesterday, following a dispute over the ownership of a portion of the school land.

PHOTO: STAR

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School burnt 'over land dispute'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Criminals yesterday torched Bashi Government Primary School in Elenka municipality of Tangail's Kalihati over land dispute, locals said.

"Unidentified people set fire to the tin-roofed school, pouring petrol or diesel on it around 1:45am. Three classrooms with 90 benches, three tables and three blackboards were burnt before locals extinguished the fire an hour later," said Jayeda Khatun, acting headmistress of the school, quoting locals.

No classes were held yesterday at the school, which has around 300 students. This incident caused panic among students and teachers, she added.

Freedom fighter Hasen Ali, former president of the school managing committee, alleged that a family of Bashi village, who had damaged properties of the school claiming that they

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Mahmudullah

Mahmudullah has been with the Bangladesh team for about the past ten years now and despite facing loads of ups and downs throughout his career, he has overcome those hurdles with great authority.

Mahmudullah emerged as one of the five more adept players in the current Bangladesh team with his ability to absorb pressure and deliver performances when it is most badly needed. Be it his back-to-back hundreds in the 2015 ICC World Cup in Australia or his magnificent century alongside Shakib Al Hasan against New Zealand in the ICC Champions Trophy this year that clinched a memorable victory, Mahmudullah did it in style.

With an elegant style of batting, the right-hander has the technique to tackle bowlers in any condition and pitch which makes him a valuable part of the Tigers' middle order.

Despite that, the 31-year-old still had to prove his worth in the longest format after he was dropped from the prestigious 100th Test for Bangladesh against Sri Lanka earlier this year. He was also not considered for the two match Test series against Australia.

However, Mahmudullah did prove his worth and made quite the statement during his comeback game against South Africa as he scored a fifty in the first Test where the other batsmen struggled immensely.

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