



Police baton-charge agitating students near the BRTA office in the city's Mirpur-13 around noon yesterday. Students of several colleges in the area brought out the procession, demanding justice for the two college students who were killed in a road crash in Kurmitola area on Sunday.
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Protests flare up

Police beat up students demanding justice for death of two in Sunday's road accident; Road blocks severely disrupt traffic in the capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers beat up dozens of students in different areas of the capital yesterday, as several thousand school and college students took to the streets demanding safe road and justice for their two peers killed in Sunday's road crash.

At least 20 students, some of them

female, were injured in Kafrul alone as police baton-charged them in efforts to clear the roads. Several other students were injured in Uttara and Science Laboratory area in police beating.

A video clip doing rounds on Facebook show the white uniform of a student is covered with patches of blood all over. The Daily Star could

not verify the video.

Angered by the law enforcers' action, the agitated students torched at least three buses in Uttara and at Science Laboratory Intersection.

They also smashed glass and windshields of around 50 vehicles during the protest that rolled into its third day with more and more students of

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DEATH OF 2 STUDENTS Take action against the culprits: PM

STAR REPORT

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday directed the Dhaka Metropolitan Police to take legal action against those responsible for Sunday's road crash that took the lives of two college students and left several others injured.

It also directed the DMP and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) to take action against under-age drivers and those who drive without licences, according to a press release issued from the PMO.

The directives came after a meeting at the PMO. The officials concerned from Road Transport and Highways Division, BRTA and Bangladesh Road

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Truck crushes schoolgirl to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A schoolgirl was killed and another injured when a truck hit them in Comilla's Muradnagar upazila yesterday. The accident happened at a time when school and college students took to the streets in the capital, demanding justice for the death of the two college students.

The deceased is Aklima Akter, 16, daughter of Abdi Miah of Babutipara village.

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BNP surprised over Sylhet

It thought AL would take all; ruling party sees infiltration, organisational weakness behind poor show in the city

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and DWOHA CHOWDHURY

The election result that put the BNP mayoral hopeful ahead of the Awami League contestant in the Sylhet city polls came as a "surprise" to the party high-ups as they had feared the ruling party would take away all the three mayoral posts through irregularities.

Some AL leaders, however, said the Sylhet result is frustrating and it gives a signal that BNP-Jamaat men infiltrated into the party and they might betray it in the national polls.

BNP leaders say Rajshahi and Barisal had long been their strongholds but they lost those to the AL. The vote margins proved that there were widespread "irregularities" in those two cities, they added.

As there were "irregularities" also in Sylhet, Ariful Haque Chowdhury's taking the lead was unexpected to the party,

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WI's pedigree or Tigers' momentum?

STAR SPORT DESK

Bangladesh will embark on the three-match T20I series against West Indies today with the first match to take place from 6:30 am Bangladesh time in St Kitts. The Tigers recovered from their dismal showing in the Test series loss by winning the three-ODI series 2-1, but they face a much tougher test as their opponents are two-time world champions in the shortest format.

West Indies are a different team in T20Is -- while they seemed outmatched by the

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It'll lead to civil war

A furious Mamata says about Assam list; Indian SC against coercive action; Rajya Sabha heats up

STAR REPORT

Heated debates over stripping around 40 lakh people in Assam of citizenship continued for the second day yesterday with the opposition parties accusing the government of politicising the issue and making people refugees in their own country.

The ruling BJP came down heavily on the oppositions, asking whether they wanted rights of the people of Assam and India or to save "illegal infiltrators", reported the



Hindustan Times.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee warned that the issue may trigger a bloodbath or civil war. "They [BJP] are trying to divide the people. The situation cannot be tolerated. There will be a civil war, bloodbath in the country," she told a conclave

in New Delhi, reported NDTV.

"I am surprised to see that the names of our former president Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed's family members are not on the

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