



## Kuet tensions spill onto other campuses

At least 40 hurt as JCD, anti-discrimination students clash in Khulna

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Activists of Chhatra Dal and Students Against Discrimination faced off at different universities last night, hours after clashes between the groups left over 40 people injured on Kuet campus.

The clashes at Kuet began in the afternoon over a restriction on student politics that has been in place at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology since the fall of the Awami League regime in August last year.

On Dhaka University campus last night, anti-discrimination students held a rally and marched.

The central committee of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), a pro-BNP student body, last night sent a team to

**‘General Students of Kuet’ demanded a complete ban on student politics, punishment of the attackers, and resignations of the VC, pro-VC, and student welfare director. Until the demands are met, all classes and exams will remain suspended at Kuet, they said.**

Kuet to investigate what happened there and report in 24 hours.

JCD President Rakibul Islam Rakib, General Secretary Nasir Uddin Nasir, Senior Joint General Secretary Shyamal Malum, and joint general secretaries Shahadat Hossain and Sohel Rana are in the team.

Dhaka University Chhatra Dal said the clashes at Kuet were instigated by a “secret organisation”.

Ganesh Chandra Roy Sahas, president of DU Chhatra Dal, stated that JCD activists were distributing entry forms at Kuet when a group misled people into believing that Chhatra Dal was aligned with the fascists.

DU Chhatra Dal General Secretary Nahiduzzaman Shipon said the group responsible for the Kuet clashes had a history of anti-Liberation activities in 1971, supporting

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Tens of thousands of people gathered on the banks of the Teesta in Lalmonirhat's Sadar upazila yesterday to participate in the second day of the 48-hour programme demanding a fair share of the river's water. BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman virtually addressed the mammoth rally.

PHOTO COURTESY: BNP

## ‘Fair share of water a right, not charity’

Tarique slams India's unneighbourly conduct, addressing rallies on Teesta banks

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Tens of thousands of people converged on dried-up riverbeds of the Teesta as a 48-hour demonstration demanding a fair share of water from India and implementation of a government master plan to save the river continued yesterday.

While the BNP was a prominent driving force behind the gathering, people of all political stripes from across the river basin joined the programme, many camping on the

dried-up riverbed.

The “Jaago Bahe Teesta Bachao” (Wake Up, Save Teesta) protest, beginning on Monday morning, was organised by the Teesta River Protection Movement Committee simultaneously at 11 points in Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Nilphamari and Gaibandha.

BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman virtually addressed the gatherings from London, emphasising that the just share

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Apologise if you are to join polls

Asif tells AL ranks not complicit in July atrocities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain yesterday said the Awami League members not involved in the July atrocities can participate in polls after apologising to people for the crimes committed by their colleagues.

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Prepare for nat'l election

CEC asks DCs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin yesterday sought the active involvement of deputy commissioners in the electoral process, and urged them to raise public awareness regarding polls.

Speaking at a session on the final day of the Deputy Commissioners' Conference-2025 at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka, he called on the DCs to maintain neutrality and uphold electoral laws while performing their election duties.

He also reassured the DCs, who typically

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## Expanding trade horizon should be the focus

Say speakers at nat'l dialogue on foreign policy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs to adopt a foreign policy that prioritises national interest while actively seeking new economic opportunities, said speakers at a national dialogue yesterday.

The daylong dialogue styled “Post July Revolution Foreign Policy of Bangladesh: Navigating

New Horizons” was organised by the Jatiya Nagorik Committee at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies auditorium in the capital.

In the first session, Dilara Chowdhury, a political scientist, stressed the importance of maintaining a strong relationship with neighbouring India as it surrounds Bangladesh on almost

all sides and a deteriorating relationship with the neighbour could lead to unrest.

India will be keen on keeping Bangladesh under its influence as it is tied to their security concerns, she said. However, blaming only India would not be beneficial either as every country prioritises its own interests, she said.

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## India can at least ‘put restrictions’ on Hasina

Foreign adviser tells The Hindu

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain has called on India to restrict Sheikh Hasina from making “incendiary and false” statements publicly.

In an interview with The Hindu, on the sidelines of the Indian Ocean Conference in Muscat, the foreign adviser also touched upon a number of issues saying that India's relationship with Bangladesh should not be “regime specific”.

Asked by the Chennai-based Indian newspaper about Bangladesh's expectations from India regarding Sheikh Hasina, Touhid said Bangladesh has already requested that the former prime minister – accused in scores of murder cases – be extradited.

“As long as the Indian government doesn't do that, we would expect they can at least put some restrictions on her so that she does not make incendiary and false statements which instigate reactions among the people,” Touhid was quoted as saying by The Hindu.

He added that the issue remains deeply sensitive, particularly given Hasina's 15 years in power, and said her actions continue to provoke strong reactions in Bangladesh.

Touhid further stressed that the India-Bangladesh relationship should not be “regime-specific”, arguing that political ties between the two nations must transcend individual governments. Reflecting on the historical cooperation between the two countries, he said.

“Whichever government, whichever party, is in power in our two capitals, that should not affect our relations.”

Touhid also clarified that the Bangladesh government is committed to protecting minority

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Touhid Hossain



### Al-Haj M. A. Khayer (1928-2014)

February 19th marks the 11th death anniversary of Alhaj M. A. Khayer, former Member of the Constituent Assembly of Bangladesh. He was elected from the Muksudpur-Kashiani constituency of Gopalganj in the 1970 general election, which played a crucial role in the nation's Independence Movement.

Mr. Khayer was a freedom fighter, industrialist, and dedicated social worker. In recognition of his significant contributions to the Liberation War, he was posthumously awarded the Swadhinata Padak (Independence Award) in 2014.

As the Founder Chairman of Jamuna Bank, he was instrumental in shaping its growth and development from the very beginning.

We pray to Almighty Allah for the eternal peace of his departed soul.



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