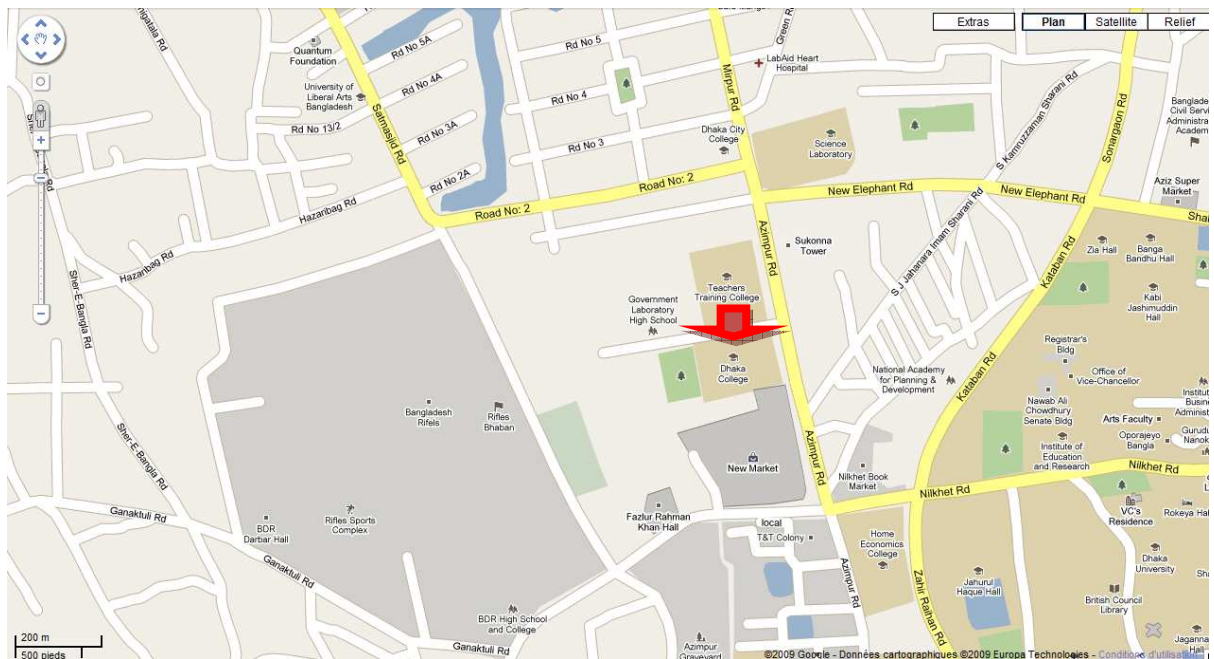
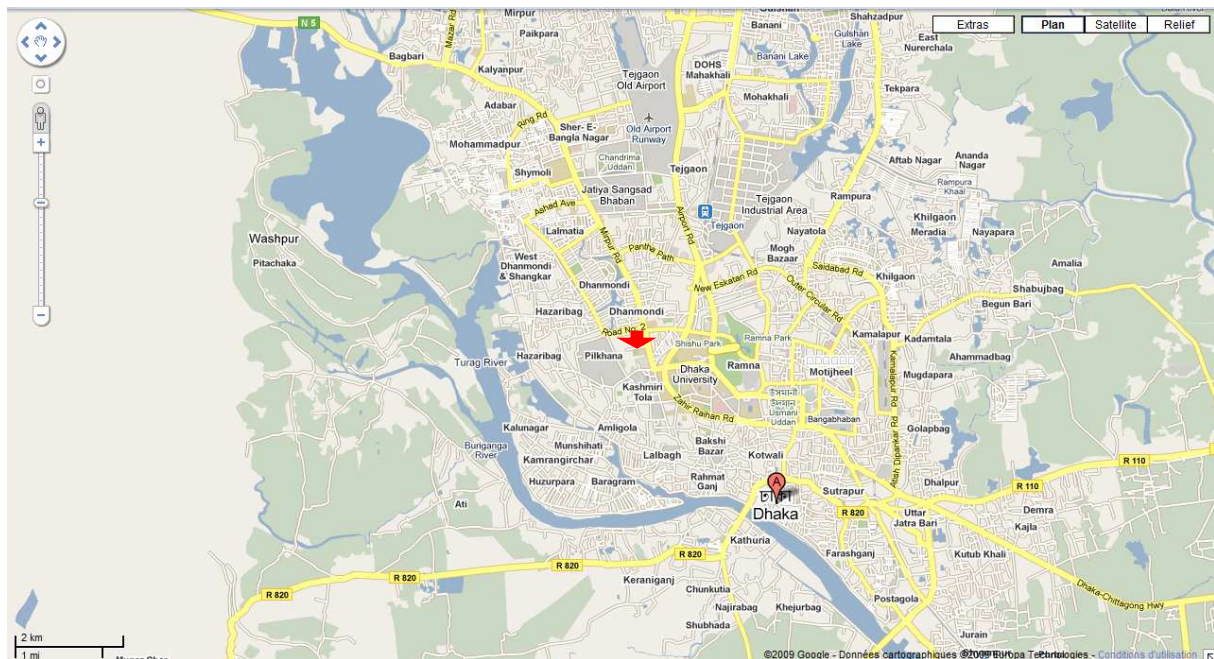


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50 hurt in student-cop clash at Dhaka College

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More than 50 people including students, teachers and police were injured in a three-hour clash between Dhaka College students and the law enforcers on and around the campus yesterday.

Earlier, the students got infuriated after some street hawkers and shopkeepers had handed over a college student to police after a beating, when he and some of his college mates were beating a human hauler driver. The students chased and caught the driver at Nilkhet intersection after he had refused to pick them up from across the campus, as there is no stoppage for the public transportation.

Later, the students returned to their college and spread rumour among their college mates that shop owners were keeping two of their fellows captive in Nilkhet market and another one was injured after a human hauler had rammed him.

As the rumour spread, several hundred students came out of the campus and started pelting the street hawkers and shop owners opposite the campus with brickbats. They also blockaded a section of the Mirpur Road in front of the college, prompting the law enforcers to go into action.

Police fired shotguns twice and 65 teargas shells, and resorted to baton charges to quell the students who were hurling brickbats indiscriminately at the law enforcers.

Students alleged that police even charged batons entering into class rooms and the college dinning room. Six teachers including Vice-principal Dr Anwarul Alam Khan were injured, caught in the middle of a clash, when they were trying to refrain the students from battling the law enforcers.

Vehicular traffic on busy Mirpur Road remained halted for over two hours during the melee leaving a severe traffic jam in the adjoining areas. Besides, owners of shops in the busy strip of malls shut down their business establishments to avoid vandalism.

The agitated students damaged at least eight vehicles on the road while police picked up four persons, a student and three outsiders.

The clash erupted after police had chased the students who blockaded Mirpur Road and were raining brickbats on street vendors and other shopkeepers ignoring police request to stop around 1:45pm.

After the chase, students retaliated and chased police by hurling brickbats at them leading to the clash. The angry students burnt tires and set fire to the furniture that were being sold in front of the college campus on the pavements.

More than 300 police personnel including riot police stormed the college campus around 3:00pm charging batons and firing teargas shells on the students and teachers even inside the classrooms.

Deputy Commissioner of Ramna Zone of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Atiqur Rahman said around nine police personnel were injured in the clash.

Fourteen of the injured were treated in Dhaka Medical College Hospital while the rest were treated in local clinics.

Tension on the college campus was high till 4:30pm, when the last report came in.

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Front Page

Death Sparks Protest

Polytech students block road, clash with cops and damage vehicles

Staff Correspondent



Polytechnic students stage protest blocking Tongi Diversion Road at Tejgaon Satrasta point for hours last night following death of a fellow student in a road accident. Photo: STAR

Angry students of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute damaged at least 20 vehicles and set fire to a bus after a fellow student was killed in a road accident at Satrasta intersection on Tongi Diversion Road last night.

The students also clashed with police for over three hours and put up barricades at different points, halting traffic on the busy road for about four hours.

They also staged demonstration and burned a number of tyres on the road and at places near the institute.

As the law enforcers tried to disperse the agitating students, they started pelting brickbats and attacked them with bamboo sticks. Police lobbed tear gas shells and resorted to baton charge. At least 20 people were injured during the clash.

Aminul Islam, a injured bus helper, said as the students started damaging the vehicles, some

passengers also received injuries.

The deceased student was identified as Mohammad Ashiqul Alam. He was a second year student of Civil Engineering Department and hailed from Baufal upazila of Patuakhali district.

Witnesses said Ashiq, a resident of Latif Hall of the institute, was crushed under the wheels of a bus while trying to get down from it at Satrasta point at about 8:20pm. Ashiq went to Moghbazar to meet his cousin and was returning to the hall by the bus.

As the death news spread to the campus, several hundred students came out of the four dormitories of the institute and demonstrated on the road.

Police seized the killer bus and arrested its driver, but the helper managed to flee.

Vehicular movement on the road remained halted until filing of this report at 1:00am today as police blocked it apprehending fresh agitation by the students.

Several hundred vehicles had to remain stranded at FDC gate and Mohakhali point, causing sufferings to hundreds of passengers.

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Over 100 people injured in violent student-police clash in Bangladesh

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DHAKA, May 10, 2008 (Xinhua via COMTEX) -- -- Angry students clashed with riot police in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka Saturday over the death of a fellow student, leaving more than 100 people, including 50 policemen, injured.

Police said the students of Polytechnic Institute took to the street, damaged passing vehicles in Tejgaon industrial area and clashed with law enforcers to protest the death of Ashiqur Rahman, a 2nd year student of the institute, in a road accident last night.

As the situation went beyond control, police fired over 150 tear gas shells and rubber bullets. Many students took position on the roofs of their dormitories and hurled stones to the police.

The institute authorities asked the students to vacate their dormitories but the students didn't leave the dormitories. The clash continued till 1:00 p.m.

The students placed 12-point demand to the authorities. The demands include compensation to the victim's family, setting speed breakers in front of the institute and half transport fare for students.

Dhaka Polytechnic closed sine die: Violent clash leaves 100 including 50 cops injured: Students asked to vacate dormitories



Police lobbed tear-gas shells at the students after the students hurled brickbats at the members of law enforcing agency during a violent clash at Dhaka Polytechnic Institute at Tejgaon on Saturday. FocusBangla



Students of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute leaving the dormitories as the authorities declared the institute closed sine die following the violent clashes between police and students yesterday. FocusBangla

Mamunur Rashid

Angry students of **Dhaka** Polytechnic Institute in Tejgaon area clashed with **riot** police for the second successive day yesterday over the death of a fellow **student** leaving more than 100 people including 50 policemen injured.

Police said the students of the Institute took to the streets, damaged passing vehicles in Tejgaon industrial area and clashed with law enforcers to protest the death of Ashiqur Rahman, a 2nd year **student** of the institute who died when a bus ran over him on Friday night in front of the Institute.

Ashiqur's death led to an instant protest by students who clashed with police resulting in injuries to at least 15 people on Friday night.

The Polytechnic Institute authorities held an emergency meeting and asked the students to vacate the five halls and dormitories by 1.00pm yesterday following direction of the

Education Ministry.

But the students didn't leave the Hall and the dormitories till 2:pm. Instead they battled with the police for the second time yesterday. A large number of agitated students came to the "Satrastra" crossing at 9:00am, set ablaze a bus of Himalaya Paribahan and vandalised vehicles passing through the area.

The Firemen rushed to the scene and doused the fire of the bus. The protesters hurled brickbats at the police who were trying to bring the situation under control. Many of the students were seen wielding sticks.

Witnesses said the students from Zahir Hall, Motihar Hall, Latif Hall (West) and Latif Hall (East) joined the protest.

As the situation went beyond control police fired over 200 tear gas shells and rubber bullets. Many students took position on the roofs of their dormitories and hurled brickbats at the police.

The area turned into a veritable battlefield in a short time as hundreds of angry students were locked in a fierce clash with the law enforcers.

Tejgaon Zone DC of Police Mahbubur Rahman, ADC Walid Hossain, OC of Tejgaon Industrial area Sikdar, Inspector (**Riot**) Babul Miah, Tejgaon thana OC Lutfar Rahman, SI Yakub, ASI Shamsu, and constables Hadi and Masud were among the injured.

Protesters blocked the roads in Tejgaon area and Tongi Diversion Road for seven hours.

This created a serious traffic jam in the capital.

As the students did not vacate the halls and dormitories within the deadline, the authorities of the Poly technique institute held an emergency meeting for the second time and requested the students to leave the campus. The students at first refused to vacate halls and dormitories because of upcoming examinations. Later they started vacating their halls from 3 pm.

Before leaving the campus they placed 12- point demand to the authorities. The demands include compensation to family of the deceased **student**, installing speed breakers in front of the institute, banning movement of heavy vehicles and half bus fare for the students.

Most of the students of the institute had to face immense problems because of the sudden order to vacate their halls and dormitories.

The principal of the institute, Shamsul Alam, said "We have asked the students to leave the dormitories as the situation went out of control."

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Front Page

Death in Road Accident

Polytechnic students go berserk for 2nd day

50 including 26 policemen hurt; classes suspended for indefinite period

Staff Correspondent



Unruly students of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute clash with law enforcers for the second consecutive day on campus yesterday. Photo: STAR

At least 50 people were injured in clashes between students and police for the second day yesterday at Dhaka Polytechnic Institute over a student's death in road accident the night before.

The institute authorities suspended classes for an indefinite period and closed the dormitories to avert further violence.

Of those wounded, 20 are students and 26 policemen.

The pitched battles that began at around nine in the morning continued with intervals for about three and a half hours. The otherwise busy Tongi Diversion Road was nearly empty of traffic till 2:30pm, leading to severe gridlock on many other roads in the city.

During the clashes, police charged baton and fired more than 100 tear gas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the protesters, who responded with hurling brickbats.

Earlier on Friday night, the agitating students set fire to a bus and damaged 20 vehicles after Ashiquil Alam, a second-year student, was run over and killed by a bus at Satrasta point.

Eyewitnesses said fresh violence broke out at around 8:45am with a group of students going

on the rampage on the road in front of the institute. As they were damaging buses, police chased them back to their hostel.

But soon, hundreds of students from other dormitories and adjoining Institute of Glass and Ceramics massed in front of Latif Hostel and held a rally demanding compensation for the dead student's family, construction of speed bumps and a ban on heavy vehicular movement on the roads around the institute.

They also asked for immediate withdrawal of police from the campus.

At around 10:00am, the polytechnic authorities decided to suspend classes and ask the students to vacate hostels by 2:30pm.

Incensed at the decisions, some of the demonstrators started throwing stones at the policemen posted in front of Latif Hostel.

Split into four to five groups, several hundred students took position on the roof of the four-storey dormitory and its different corners. Soon, projectiles were raining down on the law enforcers from every direction and in no time the area became littered with stones and brickbats.

In response, police shot tear gas shells and rubber bullets, and charged baton, leaving more than 20 students injured.

Witnesses said a group of local slum dwellers and youths covering their faces with scarves joined the students in fighting against the cops.

Tension eased after Principal of the institute Shamsul Alam and other teachers met the students at the entrance of Latif Hostel at around 12:30pm and assured them that they would do everything necessary to meet the demands.

Deputy Commissioner of Tejgaon division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Mahbubor Rahman said he and 25 of his men suffered injuries.

He said a case would be filed with Tejgaon [Industrial Area] Police Station in connection with the incident.

Principal Shamsul Alam told The Daily Star that the higher authorities had directed them to close all four dormitories -- Latif Hostel, Zahir Raihan Hostel, Quazi Motahar Hossain Hostel and Chhatri Nibash -- and suspend classes.

Students said they have told that the hostels would be opened before their examinations begin on May 18.

Police opened the road for traffic after students vacated their dormitories by 2:30pm.

Meanwhile, the principal yesterday filed a case with Tejgaon [Industrial Area] Police Station against Shah Alam, driver of the bus that killed the student. Alam was arrested immediately after the accident.