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## Dormitories vacated: Demo today

# Polytec students clash with cops again: Over 100 injured

Over 100 people including 50 cops and students were injured as the agitating students of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, clashed afresh for the second day on Saturday with law enforcers at 'Satrasa' crossing at Tejgaon at about 9.00am. They blocked traffic on Tongi Diversion Road and vandalized several passing buses protesting the death of a fellow student.

At one stage, a chase and counter chase took place between the students and police while the

law enforcers tried to prevent them from damaging the vehicles. The students from Zahir Hall, Motihar Hall, Latif Hall (West) and Latif Hall (East) joined the protests. Many students took position on the roof of their dormitories and hurled brickbats to the police.

Police charged batons, fired over 100 tear gas shells and some rubber bullets on the agitating students turning the area into a battlefield. Students also hurled brickbats towards the law enforcers.

Among the injured police are Officer-in-charge of Tejgaon police station, Lutfar Rahman, Sub-Inspector Yakub, ASI Shamsu, and constables Hadi and Masud, Tejgaon Zone DC of Police Mahbubur Rahman, ADC Walid Hossain, office-in-charge of Tejgaon Industrial area Sikdar, Inspector (Riot) Babul Miah.

It may be noted that Ashiqur Rahman, a second-year student of the Department of Civil Engineering of the institute was killed when a bus ran over him in front

of the Institute at about 8.20pm on Friday night. On the night, the agitating students vandalized at least 20 vehicles and set fire to a bus in protest against the death of their fellow.

Meanwhile, the residential students of the Institute on Saturday vacated the dormitories on an official order by the Ministry of Education following violent clashes between students and police over the death of a student of the Institute on Friday night.

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## Police boss

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gum were present at the Press Conference.

The local people urged the Chief Advisor of Caretaker Government and Chief of Army Staff to take necessary steps against the illegal activities of the relatives and cadres of Add IGP Sazzat Ali.

They told the reporters at the Press Conference that they have been passing their days in utmost anxiety and tension due to severe torture by Add IGP's relatives and their cadres.

Shwakat Hossain, elder brother of Sazzat Ali is directly involved in various illegal acts, including extortion and land grabbing. He built a 'Rangmahal' at Ashulia area.

Several newspapers have run reports about the illegal act by Add. IGP, Sazzat Ali in different time. But, the high level of the government still did not take any action against his misdeeds. The local people also alleged that evidences of more illegal works would be unearthed if the government conducts any investigation.

Mithu (another brother of Sazzat Ali) has been controlling the stone and sand business by using his cadres with the blessing of his brother Sazzat Ali at city's Gabtoli area. Not only that Mithu's cadres also involved in different illegal businesses, extorting money from the general businessmen and grabbing lands from the poor people.

The locals also told the news-men that the nephew of Sazzat is a listed top terror of Kallayanpur area. He is also involved in murders, rapes, and other illegal activities.