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Vehicles set ablaze in and around DU

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Groups of unruly youngmen set ablaze microbus, a motorcycle and damaged several others including a BRTC bus, a BIDC bus and two private cars in and around the Dhaka University campus on Sunday night.

At least ten crackers were exploded in this connection and chase and counter-chase continued between police and the unruly elements for a few minutes near Fulbaria. The police lobbed several rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the agitated mob.

According to eyewitnesses, a group of youngmen set ablaze a microbus of a donor agency and damaged several others including two private cars and a B.I.D.C. bus near the TSC crossings at around 7 pm.

The microbus belongs to the United Nations came under attack while crossing the Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. The driver of the vehicle hurriedly got down and fled the spot. The agitated elements also badly damaged two private cars and one bus belongs to B.I.D.C. at the spot.

The Fire Brigade rushed to the spot after 45 minutes, brought the fire under control and removed the burnt microbus.

Following the incident, police again closed all the roads in and around Dhaka University campus apprehending more untoward incidents.

It may be mentioned here that all the entry points to DU campus were opened for the traffic on Thursday evening

following a continuous closure for seven days since June 29.

At around 8:30 p.m. the agitated youngmen set a motorcycle on fire and exploded at least ten crackers in the area.

At the same time, another group of rowdy youngmen partially damaged a B.R.T.C. bus near Fulbaria. Police chased the persons and lobbed several rounds of tear gas shells when the agitated youngmen brickbatted the police. Chase and counter-chase continued for a few minutes. But police brought the situation under control by dispersing the elements. Volatile situation was prevailing on the campus till writing this report at 11:30 p.m. on Sunday.