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Boy dies in Kushtia road mishap

Student killed in police firing

By A Staff Correspondent

A college student was killed and another youngman was injured when police opened fire to disperse a mob that had set a killer truck and a police van on fire in Kushtia town on Saturday morning. The student killed was identified as one Tapash, an intermediate student of the Kushtia Islamia College. The youngman Ratan who has received bullet injuries is under treatment of a private physician.

The incident occurred when 12 year old Shohel was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding truck near the municipal market at around 10 a.m. on Saturday. An infuriated mob attacked the driver of the truck following the tragic death of the minor boy. A traffic police constable who tried to intervene in the situation was allegedly assaulted by the mob.

Later on a police contingent arrived at the place of occurrence in a van. Failing to tackle the situation the police force retreated only to come back after a little while with further reinforcement. By the time the mob set the police van ablaze and earlier the truck was set on fire. A Fire Brigade van came along with

the police force and extinguished the fire.

A dawn to dusk hartal will be observed in Kushtia today (Sunday) to protest against the police firing.

When contacted the Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia told me on Saturday night that the situation is tense in the district headquarters. He said that the police informed him that they had resorted to firing of five rounds of bullets that killed one student and one youngman.

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Quoting the police source, the D.C. said that 37 policemen were injured in clash with a mob that was infuriated after the death of a minor boy in the truck accident.

The Deputy Commissioner said that political leaders including those of Awami League told him (D.C.) that they would see that no more violence took place during the hartal period.