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Violence in Tangail over bus fare

# Student killed in police firing

TANGAIL, Feb. 8.—Mirza Jaglul, a student, was killed and two others were injured in police firing in Tangail today. The incident occurred during a half-day hartal call given in protest against yesterday's clash between the public and the bus workers in which 52 persons including students and police were injured.

The hartal was observed peacefully, but at about 11 a.m. scattered processions were brought out in different areas of the town by angry mob when police shelled several rounds of teargas to disperse the mob.

Meanwhile, the mob intensified, and started brick batting at the police at different spots. The police opened several rounds of fire in which one Mirza Jaglul, a student, died on the spot and two others were injured. The angry mob damaged the MDF room of the local telephone house and the telephone system of the town. Section 144 was

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immediately imposed. The police arrested 16 persons including a student leader. The situation which arose in protest against enhanced bus fare could not be controlled even after several attempts by the district authority. A section of the mob also damaged a local Pourashava truck and two other buses. Dawn-to-dusk hartal was called for tomorrow.

## Chittagong

Meanwhile BSS adds: Private sector buses went off the roads in 16 inter-district routes to and from Chittagong on Sunday morning following a decision by Inter-district Bus Owners Association not to put their vehicles in services unless safety and security is ensured.

The association General Secretary Kafiludding Ahmed told a Press conference on Sunday night that a section of people were damaging buses, manhandling the staff and creating trouble in different routes

particularly, Sitakunda and Mirsarai.

Association President Muhammad Shah Alam Chowdhury also spoke.

The association officials said that some people were using the increased bus fares as a plea to create trouble.

They alleged that not only the bus staff but at times the passengers were also facing harassment.

They said 40 buses were damaged.