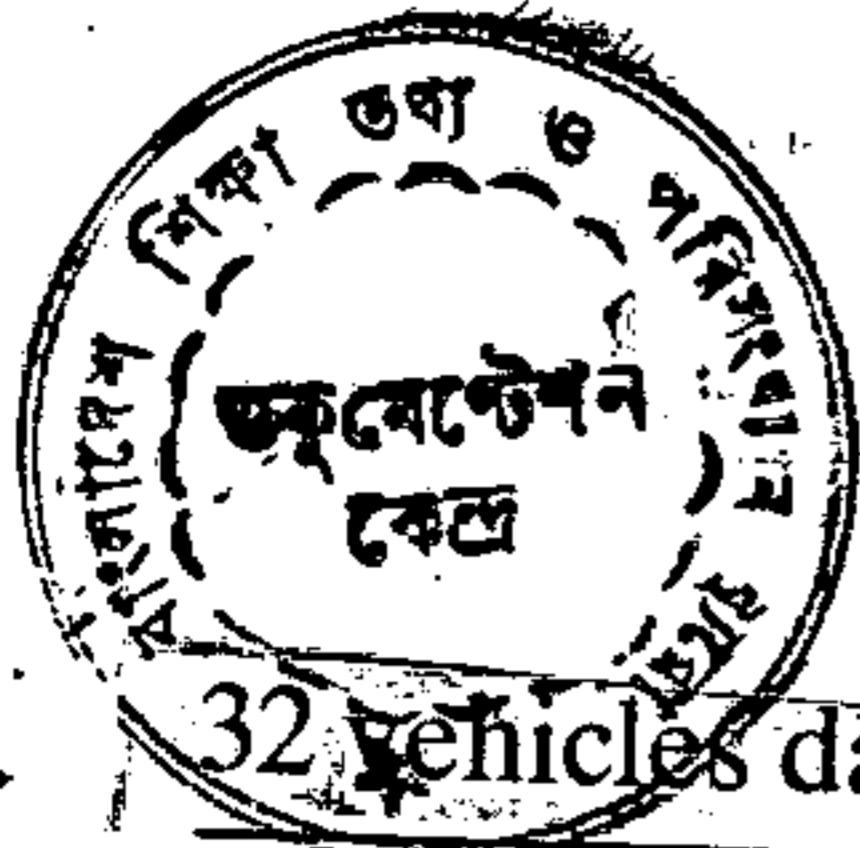


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32 vehicles damaged in city

## Students resist enhanced fare

By Our Varsity Correspondent

Owners of buses and mini-buses did not charge enhanced fares from the passengers in the city on Monday in the face of stiff resistance by the students. The students took to the streets to stop all buses and mini-buses and asked the passengers whether the conductors took any increased fare.

Many buses and mini-buses did not ply on the day for fear of attacks by the protesting students, causing untold sufferings to the members of the public. Some of the sufferers told this correspondent that the dishonest owners did not have the courage to ply vehicles on the roads.

Both the factions of the Central Students' Actions Committee (CSAC), Sangrami Chhatra Jote and other student's organisations observed "Roads Barricade Day" on Monday in protest against enhanced bus fares.

A mini-bus was set ablaze, a BRTC bus was completely damaged and about 30 other vehicles were smashed on the day by the students.

Both factions of the CSAC and the Sangrami Chhatra Jote in separate statements called upon the passengers not to pay enhanced bus

fares. They urged them to help the students build up resistance against the fare enhancement.

Earlier, addressing a rally of the CSAC, former Vice-President of DUCSU, Mr. Akhteruzzaman urged the owners of the buses to refrain from taking enhanced fares.