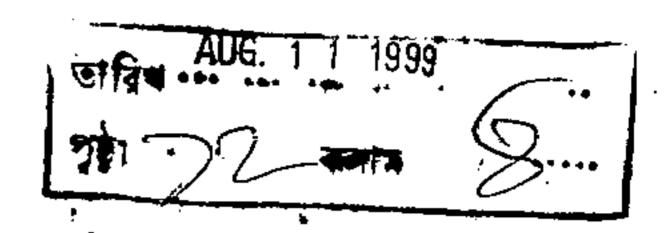
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Sadat College students clash with police, halt traffic

TANGAIL, Aug 10: Enraged by the killing of a student at Government Sadat College, protesters today clashed with police and put up barricade on Dhaka-Tangail highway, paralysing traffic for four hours, reports UNB.

Hundreds of vehicles remained stranded on both sides of the barricade part from 10

am to 3 pm..

Tensions prevailed on the college campus during the barricade as police and students chased each other several times, witnesses said.

Traffic resumed after police removed the barricade, put up in protest against the killing of Belal Hossain in police firing during Monday's clash.

The students under the banner of Combined Students Unity brought out a procession at Korotia and held a protest rally at the local Shaheed Minar.

Belal was killed and over a hundred people were injured in the fierce clash between police and students over supplying to the examination hall during subsidiary examinations of degree (honours) course at Sadat College on Monday.

The deceased was a student of Korotia Madrassah, according to the victim's father, Abdus Sattar. He hailed from Sonalia village in Basail thana.

Namaj-e-Janaza for Belal was held today at his village Sonalia and later he was buried at family graveyard. Local people, including Abdul Kader Siddiqui, MP, attended the janaza.

Kader Siddiqui, suspended from Awami League, at a press conference at his residence today said innocent Belal was killed and many were injured in police action.

"Such a heinous attitude of police cannot be tolerated ... the government has to take the responsibility," said Siddiqui demanding judicial probe into the incident.

Fearing further troubles and insecurity, most of the teachers of Sadat College, including the Principal, packed up and left Korotia today.

However, the district administration has decided to take strict measures to conduct the next examinations.

Police on Monday arrested 13 students after the violence in which police reportedly fired rubber bullets and gunshots while students, backed by outsiders, exploded bombs during the clash.