

JCD, BCL clash in Matlab : 20 injured

CHANDPUR, Dec 9 (UNB): At least 20 people, including a police officer, were injured in a clash between the supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League (A-A) during a half-day hartal today (Monday) in Matlab upazila town.

The 6 am to 12 noon countrywide hartal was enforced by the Upazila Parishad Chairmen Samity protesting dissolution of the upazila system which was introduced in 1982 by the fallen Ershad regime.

Police sub-inspector Abdul Malek of Matlab thana, Azmat Khan (21), Babul Miajee (25), Babul Miah (27), Golam Rabbani (28), Didar Hossain (17), Alamgir Hossain (20) and Shoeb (22) were rushed to Matlab Health Complex with serious injuries.

Police and witnesses said the clash erupted when student wing of ruling BNP and Awami League-backed Chhatra League (A-A) brought out processions in the upazila headquarters during hartal hours. Last page col 1

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The two groups clashed with each other when they came face to face and chanted provocative slogans. Both sides used lethal weapons, witnesses said.

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. But none was arrested in this connection.

The hartal was observed partially in Matlab and other five upazials of the district.