

Police, outsiders clash at exam centres: 17 hurt

Our Correspondent

MEHERPUR, Mar. 20.—At least 15 persons including two policemen were injured when a section of outsiders clashed with the police at a S.S.C. examination centre at Gangni upazila this afternoon. The police had to open several rounds of fire and tear gas shells to disperse the mob.

According to district administration, the clash took place when a group of people made an attempt to enter into the examination centre at 4 p.m. today. When resisted by the police, the mob became unruly and hurled brick-bats at the police who ultimately resorted to firing eleven rounds of tear-gas shells and 18 rounds of bullets. One person stated to be a student was injured in the police firing, while others including two policemen were injured in the clash. The injured student identified as Ashraful Huq was admitted to Gangni Upazila Health Complex.

The police also arrested 18 persons in connection with the incident.

2 hurt at Rangpur

Our Correspondent from Rangpur adds. Two persons were injured when

police opened fire to disperse a crowd at a S.S.C. examination centre at Badargonj upazila at noon today. The injured persons who have been identified as Rafiqul (20), and Khairuzzaman (18) were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

The police said that they resorted to firing when they failed to disperse the crowd who were engaged in supplying copy to the examinees.

Meanwhile, 49 SSC candidates have been expelled from the examination halls at eight centres in the district today for adopting unfair means in the examination. The police also picked up four persons from an examination centre at Kaunia upazila of the district today.

According to reports, 2 examinees were expelled from Narayanganj and 15 from Pirojpur examination centres for adopting unfair means in the examination halls.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent also reported expulsion of 24 examinees including two female candidates for copying in the examination centres.

Ctg. Medical College closed sine die

Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, Mar. 20.—The Chittagong Medical College was closed sine die today following clashes between two groups of students during the past two days.

The college administration asked all students except the final year MBBS examinees and female students to vacate the dormitories.

Earlier, nine rooms of Chittagong Medical College's hostel were ransacked and set on fire by some unruly medical students on Saturday night.

There were also skirmishes between the two rival groups of the students following the ransacking of the hostel rooms. The warring groups freely used lethal weapons and exploded bombs during the skirmishes. The Panchlaish police sources said that the trouble originated from a cricket match held between two student groups. The sudden outbreak of violence inside the medical college put the patients and general employees in great panic. The police could not enter the medical college for not getting the clearance of the college.

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authority.

ASI drowns

Another report adds:—One Assistant Sub-Inspector of Security Department of Chittagong Port authority drowned when a port patrol boat sank in the river Karnafuli near New Mooring Jetty on Saturday night. According to port thana the victim Assistant Sub-Inspector Mr. A.M.K. Kabir along with others were aboard the patrol boat Nirikkha to guard the shipping channel. His body could not be traced despite of all out search in the Karnafuli river. The patrol boat Nirikkha capsized when it rammed into a floating jetty of navy.