

Expulsion of SSC examinee**Student killed as mob, police clash in Comilla**

COMILLA, Mar 13 : A student was killed in police firing on a mob who went on rampage after expulsion of SSC candidates at Chowddagram High School centre, today, reports UNB.

Officials and witnesses said some 30 people, including 13 cops, were also injured in the violent clash. Five of them suffered bullet wounds in the police firing.

Witnesses said Shah Alam, a higher secondary certificate (HSC) Examinee of Chowddagram Government College, died on the spot as police fired on the agitated people.

Police said they had to fire 20 teargas shells and 40 bullets to tame the crowd who went rowdy setting fire to public property and damaging vehicles barricading the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

The trouble ensued at about 11 am after seven magistrates, led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Ebadat Ali, conducted a massive search expelling 74 examinees for adopting unfair means in the exam on English first paper.

Police said aides of some examinees, mostly youths, who were involved in supplying copy from outside, gheraoed the magistrate team and locked in a hit-and-run clash with police soon after the expulsions.

Some of them set fire to an autorickshaw used by a woman officer of Chowddagram Thana Parishad, another group set fire to Chowddagram Telephone Exchange while some others damaged standing vehicles on the highway.

To pacify the mob police at first charged baton and lobbed

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teargas shells. But, as the situation went beyond control, police said they were compelled to open 26 rounds of rifle fire and 14 rubber bullets.

Shah Alam, son of Sirajul Islam of Chatitola village in the thana, was shot to death during the melee while five other youths including an SSC examinee received bullet injury.