

Violence spread on the campus: RAB cons deployed

# KU students-bus workers clash leaves 50 injured

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KHULNA, May 16:-Over 50 persons including eight students and eight police men were severely injured in fierce clashes between students of Khulna University and transport workers at Sonadanga bus stand in the city on Thursday midnight. The clashes also occurred between police and students on Khulna-Satkhira highway from 6.30 am to 12 pm on Friday.

Three students of KU now under treatment of a local clinic and MCH were identified as Matosh, Asad and Maruf who are students of computer science discipline.

The authorities in Khulna University asked the students of both male and female to vacate all the dormitories by 3pm today after holding an emergency meeting with teachers, administration and high officials of KMP and district police. None was found vacating dormitories till filing this report at 5 pm while all female students vacated Aparajita dormitory by 5 pm.

Eye witnesses and victims said, KU student's victims of the cruelty of the workers in bus stand and police on Thursday midnight when KU campus closed for summer vacation from 16th May to 15th June 2008. Students went to their native by bus and train. In this situation, 4 students went to the bus stand near Royal More, the authority of the Hanif bus Counter denied to take their luggage and computer in bus. They went to talk with the Hanif Bus-counter manager at Sonadanga bus terminal. In the absence of the manager, workers denied cruelly and then worker-leader Biplob uttered slang words with threat. When the students gave their identity as students and requested to behave well with them. Then, the workers leader Biplob threatened the students and told they could do

nothing as they have no political activities on the campus. The workers took the students in a room and closing the collapsible gate, the workers beat them with rod, sticks and clubs. Two students cried out and appealed to free them safely. But the workers didn't pay heed to their appeal and smashed cruelly. Severely injured 2 students were admitted to the Khulna Medical Hospital. Their bodies were badly damaged. Doctors faced difficulty to stretch in the lip portion of the body

Their teeth have been damaged wholly. Hearing this, students came out in the road on the midnight in the demand of arresting the workers leader Biplob. But in Sonadanga bus-stand, few students again faced attack of workers and police gave back-up to the workers.

Observing the helpless situation, students came back to the campus. In the campus, students demanded to arrest Biplob to the university authority. But in a situation just kept their attention

to stop the students. But they didn't issue any case in thana against the culprits. In the morning when all the students of university heard this news, they came into the street and took peaceful position demanding the arrest of Biplob and the other culprits to issue the case filed in thana and punishment of those police to whom the victim students prayed to protect from the culprits. At 12 p.m. when the university authority and the administration of police (See Page 11 Col. 2).

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failed to meet the demands of students, they broke a counter of Hanif at zero-point near Khulna University. Thereafter few times, police attacked students with heavy arms. They have thrown several tear cells among the students who were in a peaceful situation. At least 50 students injured during the attack of police. After clashing with students for 2 hours, police came to the front to give them decision. Police as well as RAB assured the students to arrest the leader Biplob as soon as possible and assured that he will confess his guilty and will ask for pardon in front of the nation. Police will take steps against the guilty police. In a state, students came back from the movement receiving the assurance of the Police Administration.

Prof of Khulna University told the Bangladesh Observer that six member probe committee formed today evening after holding a meeting with all discipline head, provost, DSA body. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Saifuddin Shah presided over the meeting. The committee was headed by Associate Professor Md. Harun-or-Rashid, Forestry and Wood Technology. The other member of the committee were Dr. Md. Mostofa, Associate Professor of FMRT Ma-

mun or Rashid, Associate Professor of BA Md. Sanaul Islam, Assistant Professor of Soil Science Md. Abdul Jabbar, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Professor Monirul Islam, Director of student Affairs and also Secretary General of this committee. This committee will submit their report after the two weeks of summer vacation. Committee will find the exact fact, identified the guilty person and will provide suggestion in the report.

Some students of Khulna University told this correspondent that KU students are very peaceful and non-political students due to the constitution of the Khulna University. But they have faced problems several times; they have been attacked by others. Where the students are in an educative mood having a smooth non-political campus, they need cooperation of the society. The present Caretaker Government is

thinking to stop student politics. On the other hand, the police and the workers are attacking the non-political students finding them helpless. In this condition, the students of KU ask the people of Bangladesh- why they are facing so?

Have they no right to be free from violence, terrorism and arms? Will they always be helpless?

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