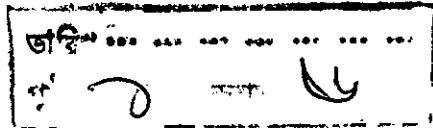


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50 injured as BCL, JCD clash on RU campus, 16 held

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RAJSHAHI, July 9:—Over 50 students including six police personnel were injured in violent clash that occurred between the activists of the ruling party's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Rajshahi University (RU) campus on Monday.

Four students—Shimul (20) of Zia Hall, Uzzal (20) of Madar Bux

Hall, Anwar Hossain (24) of Sher-e-Bangla Hall and Jinnah (28) of the same hall were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) with serious injuries and 20 others were admitted to different clinics to avoid arrest.

Police arrested 16 students from the spot. Meanwhile, RU unit of JCD has called a two-day strike in the campus from tomorrow

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BCL, JCD clash

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(Tuesday) to protest the combined attack of police and BCL on JCD.

Tension escalated in the campus when the ruling party backed BCL declared Rajshahi City Mayor and BNP central Organising Secretary Mijanur Rahman Minu persona-non-grata on RU campus on Saturday for not extending civic facilities in the RU campus area. BNP backed JCD retaliated by declaring the Prime Minister and her Cabinet members persona-non-grata on RU campus on the same day for not allocating sufficient fund for RU.

A chase and counter-chase between the supporters of BCL and JCD occurred yesterday noon. JCD activists beat a BCL activist.

Protesting the beating incident BCL brought out a procession at about 11.30 a.m. today on RU campus. When the procession was passing near the JCD's tent some brickbats were thrown from the procession to the JCD's tent. A JCD activist retaliated and a chase and counter-chase ensued. Police resorted to lathi charge to disperse JCD activists. The clash soon spread to RU Bus Stand, Administrative Building, Central Library and Kazla Gate areas. Police fired rubber bullets and lobbed of tear gas shells and resorted to baton charge on the students mercilessly. Police arrested five JCD activists Aminul, Dalim, Raihan, Riaz, Farid and six BCL activists Uzzal, Jwel, Khokan, Milon, Raju and Sabuz and five others.

RU correspondents of the Prothom Alo Mahbub Alain and Dainik Jugantar Samar Dey were also beaten indiscriminately, by police while they were performing