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## Trader shot at by miscreants Two Dhaka College students hurt in clash with police

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Sohel Rahman (41), a businessman was shot at and two students of Dhaka College were injured in two separate incidents of violence in the city on Tuesday. All of them were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Sohel Rahman, a resident of House No. 665, Road No. 33 (New) received bullet injuries in the chest when some miscreants shot him at about 6-30 a.m. near the bridge at



Sohel Rahman

Road No. 8, Dhanmondi residential area. The incident took place when Mr. Rahman came to the rescue of two women morning walkers near Road No. 8, Dhanmondi. The miscreants numbering three came in a private car and attacked the women who came out for a morning walk. Mr. Sohel Rahman, also a morning

walker when tried to resist them was shot by the miscreants. The miscreants sped away from the spot after the shooting. The panic stricken women whose identity could not be ascertained ran to safety. A patrol party of Dhanmondi police while passing through the road few minutes after the incident found Mr. Rahman lying on the road with the bullet injury and took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He was admitted to the hospital in a critical condition. Mr. Rahman was undergoing operation till the time of writing this report at 10 p.m. on Tuesday.

Our Varsity correspondent adds: In another incident, two students of Dhaka College Omar Faruk and Faruk were seriously injured when the police lathicharged a group of violent students as they went on rampaging the Bakushah Market at Nilkhet at about 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

The students who came in a procession from the direction of Dhaka College damaged some shops at the market as a sequel to the killing of their fellow student Farhad Hossain allegedly by the shopkeepers of the market a few days back. The stu-

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## Clash

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dents clashed with the police with sticks and brickbats. Police fired at least five rounds of tear gas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the agitated students at Nilkhet. The violent students at that time damaged some vehicles on the road. The members of the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) finally brought the situation under control. Shops in the new market and the adjoining areas remained closed during the student-police clash. The traffic system in the area was completely disrupted as the police diverted the traffic from the Science Laboratory point and banned entry of other vehicles including the automobiles to the New Market zone. Normalcy was restored in the area after 2 p.m. on the day.

Meanwhile, the residents of T&T Officers Colony across the Dhaka New Market at Azimpur complained that the police entered the colony and misbehaved with the women and other members. The police entered the colony premises while chasing the students who clashed with the police. The police personnel allegedly misbehaved with the residents and held out threats against them. The police warned that any youngman residing in the colony would be taken into custody and be dealt with severely, the residents complained. They said the people of the T&T colony had nothing to do in the clash between the Dhaka College students and the police and they were in no way involved in the incident.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) President Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury Moin and General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim in a statement on Tuesday strongly protested the police attack on a procession of Dhaka College students.

They condemned the attack on the students and said many students were injured during the incident. They demanded punishment to those responsible for the incident.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front in a separate statement also protested the police attack on Dhaka College Students.

UNB report adds: Critically injured Omar Faruq, first admitted into Dhaka Medical College Hospital with head injury, was shifted to CMH.

Students alleged Faruq was hit on the head with a rifle butt by a BDR man.

Police arrested seven of the students as they started destructive activities like burning and damaging vehicles during the pitched battle.

Witnesses said more than a hundred students brought out a "lathi procession" and marched straight towards the market at about 10:30 a.m.