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Students procession lathicharged: 25 hurt

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At least 25 students were injured, five of them seriously, when a procession brought out by the city unit of the all-Party Student Unity came under baton charge by police in front of the GPO on Sunday. The procession was proceeding towards Gulistan area to join a rally, organised by the All-Party Students Unity, in support of its demand for opening of all educational institutions including Dhaka University.

Later, talking to newsmen at the National Press Club the leaders of the student unity condemned to police action.

Those injured in the police attack include Jahangir, Sattar, Tinku (Jatiya Chhatra League), Saifuddin-Moni (Ganotantrik Chhatra League), Mustafizur Rahman Babul-Chhatra Union and Mohammad Ali Chowdhury Manik, Jatyatabadi, Chhatra Dal.

Of the injured, Mohammad Ali Chowdhury Manik was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile different political parties and student organisations in separate statements strongly condemned the police action on the peaceful

students procession. Such repressions cannot stop the united movement, they said. They stressed the need for intensifying further unity in the opposition camp to hasten the ouster of the present government paving the way for restoration of people's rule.

Mr. Oli Ahad, President of Democratic League in a statement said despite all repressions the current movement would continue till the cherished goal is achieved. He was bitterly critical of police action on the students procession.

Mr. Hasanul Huq Inu, General Secretary of JDS (Inu) while condemning the attack said that the people would resist all repressive action of the government.

Mr. A.F.M. Mahabubul Huq of BSD and Mr. A. Samad of Gano Azadi League in separate statements condemned the incident.

Ganotantrik Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Ganotantrik Chhatra Shakti, Ganotantrik Jubo Shakti, Bangladesh Shymabadi Dal (ML), in separate statements stressed the need for united resistance against such repressive actions.