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Truck rams rally, 5 vehicles burnt

BCL activists clash with police

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At least five persons were injured, one of them seriously when a police van rammed into a procession of Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) near GPO crossing on Tuesday.

Police arrested four members of BCL including Dhaka University Unit General Secretary Kamruzzaman Ansari.

The agitated BCL activists and supporters set on fire four vehicles and damaged about 25 vehicles at Bangabandhu avenue and Dhaka University areas.

A large number of BCL leaders and activists from different parts of the city including Dhaka University assembled in front of the National Press Club and held a rally in protest against the killing incident in Chittagong and release of arrested student leaders.

Presided over by S.M. Solaiman, Vice-President of BCL the rally was addressed by Momtaz Uddin Mahedi, Kamrul Ahsan, Golam Mustafa Sujon and Kamruzzaman Ansari.

Speakers at the rally alleged that

the government along with the anti-liberation forces were hatching conspiracy against BCL and killed BCL leaders and activists in different areas of country.

They also alleged that the government was trying to stop the movement of BCL through arrest and repression.

The speakers demanded punishment to those responsible for the killing of three BCL leaders in Chittagong and release of all arrested BCL leaders including Masum Ahmed and Liaquat.

They also urged the students to stand against the government's persecution.

The rally over, the BCL members brought out a procession and march towards Bangabandhu avenue. A police van which followed the procession suddenly rammed into the procession near GPO crossing and injured Babul, a BCL leader. His left leg was fractured under the wheel of

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police van. Some BCL activists rescued Babul and took him to Dhaka Medical College. Police resorted to lathi charge on the processionists and arrested four BCL members from the procession. The arrested persons are: Kamruzzaman Ansari, DU Unit BCL General Secretary, Tabul Chowdhury, Tofeal and Nurul Bari.

After the incident the processionists went on the rampage and damaged about 25 vehicles at Bangabandhu avenue area. Later some supporters of BCL pelted stones at police near Samsun Nahar Hall of Dhaka University. Police fired tear gas shells to disperse them. They also set on fire a motorcycle near DU medical centre.

Earlier, a group of BCL activists set fire three vehicles at Nilkhet and inside the British Council.

Police sealed all entry points through DU area and took position at different points in and around the campus.

Tension is prevailing in the Dhaka university areas.

Meanwhile BCL held a Press conference at the National Press Club on Tuesday evening in protest against the police excess in its procession.

It was addressed by B.M. Mozammel Haq, Nurul Amin Ruhul and S.M. Mosharrat Hossain.

In the Press conference, they gave an account of government's repression upon the BCL leaders and activists throughout the country.

They demanded release of all BCL leaders and activists and urged the law enforcing agencies to discharge its duty impartially.

They also urged the all democratic forces to boycott the BNP and JCD politically.