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SSC students, police clash at Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Nov. 19:—Private SSC candidates, outraged by a government order, clashed with police and stormed several schools during a violent protest in the town today (Sunday), reports UNB.

Witnesses said 10 of the protesters were injured, one seriously, in series of clashes with police and also with transport workers.

Police used batons and fired three shots in the air to disperse the unruly youngsters when they swooped on Deputy Commissioner's office at about 11:00 a.m.

Fourteen of them were picked up by police from the troublespots.

The seriously injured, Kamaluddin (17) of Dakbunglow area, was admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Police said about 3,000 private candidates gathered in the town at 10 a.m. to protest an official announcement directing the concerned authorities to maintain strictly the existing rules concerning private candidates in the coming SSC Examination. The candidates might have misconstrued the order as prohibitory on private appearance at the examination.

The agitated students attacked four high schools where the SSC test was being held. Examinations were postponed as they ransacked the rooms of Jhenidah Government Girls and Boys High Schools and Wazir Ali and Fazor Ali Girls High Schools.

Later, the protesters attacked the Chuadanga and Hamdo bus terminals here and damaged 20 buses. They also clashed with the transport workers.

The Motor Sramik Union held a protest rally in the afternoon demanding punishment of the unruly youths.