

SSC students damage cars, block Dhaka-Aricha road

By A Staff Reporter

The agitating SSC students staged violent demonstrations in Dhaka city and in some other parts of the country for the third consecutive day on Monday, protesting a changed SSC examination system.

They damaged a number of vehicles near GPO-Muktangan area in city when they went on a rampage and clashed with police.

Police picked up at least 15 demonstrating students from the spot.

Meanwhile UNB adds: Students blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway for about two-

and-a-half hours since 10 am, causing sufferings to thousands of passengers of hundreds of buses stranded on the highly busy road.

They allegedly damaged three buses, including a BRTC bus, and also assaulted at least 10 passengers during the holdup at Dhulivita in Dhamrai thana.

Seriously injured passengers were rushed to Dhamrai Health Complex.

Another report said rowdy students stoned the Dhaka-bound Mahanagar Prabhati intercity train at Brahmanbaria railway station at noon, scri-

ously wounding a passenger and a guard.

Several windowpanes of the train were also damaged. The loss was estimated at Tk 1 lakh.

At least nine people, including a cop, were injured in a clash between the agitating students and police in the northern Lalmonirhat town.

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Seventeen were arrested during the outrageous demonstration.

Some 500 to 600 students in a militant procession proceeded to submit memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner at about 11:50 am. They damaged 5 vehicles at the Mission crossing.

Police rushed to the spot and lathicharged the outrageous demonstrators to disperse them, leaving 9 injured.

Police picked up 17 students, including General Secretary of the district unit of pro-Awami League Chhatra League Rezaul Karim Mukul, who reportedly led the procession, from the spot.

Police Habibullah Subodh Chandra (42) was admitted into hospital while other injured were released after first aid.

The clash between the students and police continued for about 40 minutes and created panic in nearby localities.

Tension is still prevailing in the town.