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APSU rally lathicharged, several injured

DHAKA, Nov 4 (UNB): Several student leaders and workers were injured when police lathicharged to break up a gathering of the All Party Student Unity (APSU) at the Gulistan Square here this afternoon.

Witnesses said, riot police chased and beat as some 200 APSU activists defying Section 144 came in a procession and assembled in a rally near Golap Shah Mazar at about 3 p.m.

DUCSU Science Common Room Secretary Habibul Islam Habib and member Khorshed Alam, Chhatra Union President Mustafizur Rahman Babul, Jatiya Chhatra League President Jahangir Sattar Tinku, Ganatantrik Chhatra Union leader

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Saifuddin Ahmed Moni, Chhatra Moity Secretary Noor Ahmed Bakul were among the injured.

Three APSU activists were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with serious injuries, hospital sources said.

The students stoned a minibus after the police action.

After the police action, the APSU leaders went to the Jatiya Press Club and talked to newsmen, protesting the police assault. They expressed determination to carry on the movement.

Meanwhile, different opposition leaders and groups protested police action on student leaders and workers.

The 8-Party Alliance in a meeting protested the police action on the APSU gathering without provocation.

Awami League Leader Sheikh Hasina also condemned the police assault on students.

BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar in a statement condemned the police swoop on the "peaceful" gathering of students.

Bangladesh Communist Party (CPB) General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik in a separate statement resented the action, saying the current democratic movement could not be stopped by repression.