

Press Note

Govt regrets death resulting from violence

DHAKA, Oct 13 (BSS): One Manirul Islam was killed and two others were injured in police firing while they were engaged in destructive activities in Tejgaon industrial area here today, according to a press note issued by the Home Ministry tonight.

The press note said though there was no programme of the political parties today, some student organisations called for strike in the educational institutions. During this strike period extensive damage to a number of government and private vehicles were made in some stray incidents in the metropolitan city. Besides, different government and private assets were also damaged.

It said that police on duty lawfully obstructed some unruly students on the road in front of Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute while they were damaging

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government and private vehicles at about 9 a.m. At this the students became more agitated and set ablaze a jeep and started brickbating and hurled cocktails on the police from the roofs of different buildings. At one stage at about 11 a.m., the unruly students entered the Sonali Bank and the BRTC bus repairing workshop adjacent the institute. They damaged properties and tried to loot and also set on fire the B.G. Press by entering it.

The press note said to make them refrain from these sort of destructive activities police first fired tear gas shells and made lathi charge. In spite of that they did not stop and tried to make more damage. Finding no other alternative police had to fire some rounds of bullet to save these government institutions from destruction. At this one Manirul Islam Azad and two others were injured. Later Manirul Islam Azad died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The government sincerely regretted the death of a citizen as a result of violent and destructive activities by some persons, the

Press Note added. The government hoped that all concerned quarters would refrain from unlawful activities of damaging the government and private properties. It was the sacred duty of the government to safeguard state properties and lives and properties of the citizens, it said.

The Press Note further said the government wants to assure the people that it was determined to take appropriate measures to maintain law and order, safeguard the state properties and life and properties of every citizen.