

JCD men run amok

In protest against charges against leaders including its president in a case filed for attack on Inu's house; damage 4 buses in Savar; clash with cops in Rajshahi

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The activists of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal went on rampage and brought out processions in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong, and Mymensingh yesterday protesting submission of a charge-sheet against five JCD men over the bomb attack on Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu's Mirpur house in the capital on June 9.

Our Savar correspondent reports, at least 40 JCD activists of Jahangirnagar University unit torched a bus and vandalised three other vehicles on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar on the outskirts of the capital.

Earlier, they brought out a procession around 10:30am in Dairy Farm Gate area.

Police detained three JCD men - Ahsan Habib, Moniruzzaman Sagar and Faruk Hossain - over the vandalism on the spot.

Denying the allegation, JCD JU unit Joint Secretary Md Sohel Rana said the Bangladesh Chhatra League activists carried

out the vandalism.

However, BCL JU unit President Mahamudur Rahman Jony said it was the JCD activists who were involved in it.

Detective police Sunday pressed charges against five JCD leaders and activists in a case filed over the bomb attack on Inu's house.

The charge-sheeted accused include Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel, 35, president of JCD; and Sharifuddin Jewel, 35.

Our staff correspondent from Rajshahi adds, some 50 JCD activists of the district unit clashed with police near Rajshahi Government College in the city in the afternoon, injuring 10 JCD men.

The clash erupted around 3:30pm as the activists ransacked the building of Regional Education Directorate blocking the college road, said Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Boalia Police Station.

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Witnesses said the JCD men set fire to straws on the road.

Sharmin Ferdous Chowdhury, deputy director of the Regional Education Directorate, who was injured in the ransacking, said all the front-side glasses of the building were damaged.

The JCD men threw brick chips at police and blasted a cocktail.

Police fired some 50 rounds of rubber bullets, shotgun, and sound grenades.

A JCD activist Shah Alam

was arrested on the spot.

The district JCD unit President Shafikul Alam Somapto said some JCD men might have threw brick chips at police during when police prevented them from bringing out a procession.

Our CU correspondent reports, JCD activists brought out a procession on Chittagong University campus in the morning.

During the programme, around six JCD men were injured in an attack allegedly launched by some BCL

activists.

However, CU BCL President Mamunul Hoque denied their involvement in the attack.

Our BAU correspondent adds, some JCD activists of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) unit vandalised several vehicles, including a taxicab, at gate no-1 of the University in Mymensingh, said witnesses.

Earlier, they brought out a procession from the nearby KR market around 9:00am.