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Violence at Tolaram College

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The degree examination could not be held at the Tolaram College centre today due to lawlessness created by a section of examinees who insisted on being allowed to adopt unfair means without hindrance.

The trouble-mongers threw down benches from the first and second floors, broke them into pieces, took away all question papers and snatched away scripts from the examinees. At a stage, the ground of the college was littered with broken pieces of benches and chairs, torn scripts and question papers.

Some leaders of the college union were barred from adopting unfair means and they left

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the examination halls submitting their scripts within half an hour of the beginning of the examination of Bengali. Then they were moving about on the campus awaiting an opportunity for a pandemonium. The chance came when a student was caught red-handed adopting unfair means and it was protested by others committing the same offence.

As pandemonium started, all supporters of unfair means in the examination became unruly. But the police deployed around the campus remained inactive although Section 144 was imposed.

The rowdy elements drove all examinees out of the campus and gathered on the road in front of the college. They brickbatted one BRTC bus and one private bus damaging the two vehicles.

It may be mentioned that 699 candidates were appearing at the examination. However, examination was held peacefully at the Mahila College and the girls high school centres.

The Tolaram College authorities lodged a complaint with Narayanganj police in connection with the incident. The college authorities claimed that property worth Tk. 2.5 lakh was damaged.