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Clash at HSC

exam centre

One killed, 71
hurt including
60 policemen

By A Staff Reporter

Seventyone persons were injured in an hour-long clash between an unruly mob and policemen on duty at Tolaram College HSC examination centre, Narayanganj on Monday morning. The clash resulted at the end of last two attempts by outsiders to supply copies to the examinees.

The injured persons included 60 policemen and five HSC examinees.

Abu Awwal, an examinee from Tolaram College, later died of his injuries at the Dacca Medical College Hospital the same evening.

Of the injured persons eight are now admitted at the DMCH one at PG Hospital while 20 policemen, some of whom with

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acid burns were admitted to the police hospital. Forty policemen, including SDPO, Narayanganj, Abdul Hannan Khan, were given first aid. Some of the policemen received acid burn injuries.

According to police, on Saturday also some outsiders tried to create trouble at the examination centre. At one stage, they pelted stones on the car of the SDO, Narayanganj.

Later a meeting was held at the chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, Dacca to discuss about the law and order situation at the centre. Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner the meeting decided to maintain normal atmosphere in and around the examination centre at any cost.

According to police on Monday, the trouble began when a group of outsiders tried to sup-

ply copies to some examinees. These outsiders entered the examination centre violating section 144. At first police tried to dissuade them from entering the hall premises. But the outsiders began to pelt stones on the policemen on duty.

Police said that some outsiders managed to enter the centre and reached the first floor of the two-storied building.

Police said that when the policemen tried to catch them, these outsiders, backed by some students, began throwing wooden benches on them from the first floor. These people also obtained acid from the college laboratory and began hurling the same towards policemen. A number of policemen received burn injuries.

Police said that in order to face the situation, they fired a number of tear gas shells. At one stage, a large mob, gathered outside the centre tried to overpower the policemen. The mob also created road block and damaged some vehicles including one BRTC bus.

Police said that as a self defence they opened fire in which several persons were injured.

Police arrested 48 persons in this connection.

Those admitted to the DMCH are: Md Kamal (25), 98/15, Chashara, Md Hannan (19), an examinee, Abu Sayed Khan Boby (18), an examinee, Syed Ahmed a businessman, Mr Rafiq (22), a third year commerce student of Tolaram College, Taimur Rahman, an examinee, Ziauddin (24) of Deobhog, Narayanganj and Bachchu Mia (7), an on-looker.

At PG Hospital, one Abul Hashem (22), an examinee was admitted while one BRTC bus driver, with multiple injuries, was given first aid.