

Press Note on N' ganj incident

The following Press Note was issued in Dacca on Monday by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Government has learnt with regret that police had to resort to firing at Narayanganj today at about 11-45 a.m. under the orders of the Subdivisional Magistrate in order to disperse an unlawful assembly of riotous mob and to protect the life of magistrates and police on duty and the teachers conducting the HSC examination at Tolaram College. The firing has resulted in one death and ten injuries. The facts and circumstances that led to the firing are as follows:

Apprehending trouble at the examination centre, orders under Section 144 CrPC were promulgated on 24-5-81 prohibiting

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unlawful assembly within 200 yards of Narayanganj Mohila College and Government Tolaram College where the HSC examination centres have been set up. Earlier, the members of the newly elected students union of Government Tolaram College, belonging to BCL (Kader-Chunnu group), along with about 400 examinees and outsiders demanded the presence of student leaders within the examination hall and campus during the examination hours which was refused by the authorities.

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