

## Police, students clash 50 including DUCSU VP injured

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Several students including Amanullah Aman, Vice President of Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) were injured following clashes between students and the members of the law enforcing agencies at the Green Road area in the city on Thursday. About 50 students were injured, according to Sarbadaliya Chhatra Oikkya Jote.

The trouble originated when a big procession, organised by Sarbadaliya Chhatra Oikkya (All-Party Student Unity) which was on way to the President's Secretariat, was obstructed near Panthapath crossing. The processionists became angry and damaged or set ablaze over a dozen vehicles. Several crackers were also exploded.

The procession was planned as a part of the anti-government movement programme and demanding reopening of all educational institutions including the country's five universities. Police reportedly opened some rounds of blank fire to disperse the angry demonstrators.

Later, the students reassembled at the Green Road area in the afternoon. DUCSU Vice-President Amanullah Aman and BCL leader Habibur Rahman Habib addressed the rally reiterating their pledge to continue the united movement till the ouster of the present government paving the way for restoration of people's rule.

One police officer was reportedly injured when some angry students

stoned the police. Earlier, police put barbed wire barricade at Bangla Motor crossing obstruct the procession. Later, the students changed their route and proceeded through Green Road. But all the roads towards the President's Secretariat were heavily guarded.

A big rally of the All-Party Student Unity was held in front of the Central Shaheed Minar before bringing out the procession.

Mustafizur Rahman Bulbul presided over the rally.

Speakers at the rally were bitterly critical of the government for keeping closed the educational institutions in-

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### Students

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cluding the universities for long.

Amanullah Aman, Vice-President DUCSU, Nazmul Huq Prodhan, President, Chhatra League (N-S), Habibur Rahman Habib President of Chhatra League (H-A), S.M. Kamal Hussain, General Secretary of Jatiya Chhatra League and Nur Ahmed Bakul General Secretary of Jatiya Chhatra League (H-A), S.M. Kamal Hussain, General Secretary of Chhatra Maitri addressed the rally.

Heavy contingent of police and BDR were put on guard around Dhaka University, Shahbagh Crossing, Mirpur Road, Farmgate and New Market areas.

### Vehicles damaged

The vehicles which were either set ablaze or damaged were bearing the following numbers-Dhaka Ka-9095, Dhaka Ka-299, Dhaka Gha-2572, Dhaka Bha-8282, Dhaka Gha-5721, Jasas car-633718, 633588, Dhaka Bha-8161, Dhaka Ja-1488, Gaibandha Pa-14, and Dhaka Bha-5472.

All the vehicles were reportedly belonged to government or semi-government departments.

Meanwhile All-Party Student Unity in a statement signed by DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan, was critical of police action on the procession. The All-Party Student Unity called for organising countrywide student demonstrations today (Friday) in protest against police excesses and arrests.

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