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Indiscipline won't be tolerated : Press Note

The government on Wednesday reiterated its determination to take all possible measures to ensure the security of peace-loving and law-abiding people, reports BSS.

A Press Note issued by the Home Ministry made it clear that the government would under no circumstances tolerate activities against law and order. The government sincerely hoped that all concerned quarters would refrain from activities against law and order in national interest.

It said that Wednesday's hartal failed to get spontaneous support of the people.

The Press Note said that attendance in government and semi-government offices and autonomous organisations was satisfactory on Wednesday despite "provocative activities and misleading efforts" of anti-social elements.

Twenty-six persons including 22 policemen were injured as a result of clashes between the supporters and opponents of the hartal and throwing of brickbats the Press Note said.

The following is the text of the Press Note: "some political

parties and alliances gave a nationwide 54-hour hartal call from 6 a.m. today (July 22) in support of their various demands. It should be mentioned here that earlier on June 30, opposition political parties and alliances had given a call for half-a-day hartal. Again on July 12 a 38-hour hartal call was given. Besides causing adverse impact on the economic activities of the state, repeated hartal calls disrupt normal life of the people who fall victim to untold sufferings.

Consequently, today's hartal call failed to get the spontaneous support of the people.

On the first day of today's hartal unruly mob indulged in anti-social and destructive activities in various parts of the country including Dhaka metropolis and peace and discipline were disturbed."

"As a result of these undesirable happenings some public property was destroyed. Five BRTC buses, nine vehicles of Agrani Bank and one vehicle of Rajdhani Unnayan Kortripokhya were damaged. Two government offices, including Education Information Statistical Bureau located at Azimpur, were ransacked and set on fire. Five vehicles belonging to the offices were also burnt down.

Four persons were injured following clashes between pro-hartal and anti-hartal supporters at Motijheel Commercial Area. They are under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hos-

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pital. Police fired tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Twenty-two police personnel including one Ansar sustained injuries when an unruly mob threw brickbats at them. Police arrested a total of 85 persons in the interest of peace and discipline.

Train communication was disrupted as the miscreants removed fishplates at a place called Hyderabad between Tongi and Dhirasram. Train service resumed after the line was repaired around 9:30 a.m.

Police force removed barricade, put up by unruly mobs on the railway line at Bhairab junction. The unruly mob also tried to obstruct train communication at different parts of the country."

In spite of provocative activities and misleading efforts by the anti-social elements, the rate of attendance of employees in government, semi-government and autonomous body offices was satisfactory.

The trains departed in time from Dhaka and other places in the country. In all nine international flights including five outgoing and four incoming operated at the Zia International Airport. Besides, nine flights were operated on the domestic routes.

At Sadarghat terminal, in all 35 (thirtyfive) launches arrived at and departed from Sadarghat terminal. A good number of buses, mini-buses, trucks and rickshaws operated in the Dhaka metropolis.

The government wants to make it clear that to ensure security of the peace-loving people and law-abiding citizens, the government is determined to take all measures and under no circumstances it will tolerate any activity against law and discipline.

The government sincerely hope that all concerned quarters would refrain from activities against law and order.