10 hurt in clash

SSC examinees damage vehicles in Chittagong

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CHITTAGONG, May 16:—About 30 motor vehicles — mostly private buses were damaged by the unruly SSC examinees at Bahadderhat bus stand of Chandgao thana today.

Ten persons including six SSC examinees were hurt in the clash that broke out between some transport workers and the SSC examinees following the latter's attack on the bus stand. Three of them with serious injuries admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The two sides used lethal weapons during the clash. Some frenzied students also tried in vain to set a motor vehicle on fire.

The police intervened resorted to heavy lathi charges and dispersed the people.

More than one thousand SSC examinees from different schools in the city came to streets and staged demonstrations to resent the cancellation of two SSC examination papers — English Second Paper and Bengali First Paper by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Examination, Chittagong due to leakage of question papers. The board already announced a fresh dates for the re-examinations of these papers.

Earlier, the angry SSC examinees went to the Chittagong Board office at Chandgao Residential Area in nine trucks and gheroed the office at 12 noon. Finding no senior official in the Board office as it was a holiday, a section of SSC examinees turned violent attacked and broke windowpanes of the office. The police quickly intervened, baton charged the unruly SSC examinees and finally got the protestors dispersed. From the Board office, the protestors went to Bahadderhat bus stand by the trucks.

The SSC examinees also held demonstrations at different parts of the city today. The agitating SSC examinees also held a protest rally in front of Chittagong Press Club demanding abrogation of re-examinations of two SSC papers.

The police arrested 25 SSC examinees — 22 from Panchlaish thana area and three from Kotwali thana on charge of lawlessness.

A case has been registered with Chandgao thana in this connection.