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BCL-JCD clash in Sher-e-Bangla Medical College

BARISAL, Aug. 16:—At least 30 people were injured, five of them seriously, in a fierce clash between two student groups at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College here on Thursday night, reports UNB.

Police said more than 18 gunshots were heard and several home-made bombs blasted during the clash that erupted between Awami League backed Chhatra League and pro-BNP Chhatra Dal at about 11.30 p.m.

They said some 17 rooms in two student dormitories were either ransacked or set on fire.

Police fired 10 rubber bullets and 10 tear gas shells to disperse the warring groups.

Of the injured, Nasiruddin (25), Kakan (25), Amir (22), Kajal (22) and Mizan (24) were admitted to the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Kajal and Kakan were sent to Dhaka today.

After the clash, a huge contingent of police raided the college hostels, arrested four students and seized a USA-made revolver.

The arrested—Rubel, Musa, Mehedi and Mizanur Rahman—were produced before the court today (Friday). Police filed several cases against them.

The college academic council held an inconclusive meeting today and was scheduled to meet again tomorrow (Saturday), said Principal of the college Prof Abdul Karim Molla.

A tense situation was prevailing on the campus with police force deployed to avert further untoward incident. Authorities had earlier banned all political activities in the college.

Students depend on note books

The student neglect their study spending their times in politics and become dependent on note-books and private coaching which affects their free thinking and creative knowledge. The studious boys and girls make good results in the SSC Examinations. The guardians create pressure on their boys and girls to make good result engaging 5 to 6 teachers of the important subjects.

The govt and non-govt schools are crowded with a huge number of students creating accommodation problem. The problem of class rooms, furniture, scientific apparatus, library facility hinder the education. Most of the rural high schools and colleges depend on govt grants where tuition fees remain arrear for months together.

Schools facing problems

The students with good academic background prefer university job. They do not join teaching profession.

The High Schools and colleges in rural areas have been limping with a host of problems including accommodation of students, shortage of teachers and fund crisis.

The district education officers remain busy with file work in their offices and cannot visit schools. The govt should formulate a policy imposing ban on private coaching and closure of the coaching centres in the country.

Rajbari

Our Rajbari correspondent reports: Over 80 per cent private schools, colleges and madrasahs of the district have no requisite number of English teacher. As a result stu-

Srimangal

Our Srimangal correspondent adds: Normal course of study in Srimangal Government Colleges is hampered due to acute shortage of teachers and institutional arrangements and other facilities.

Out of 31 sanctioned posts of teachers, 13 posts are lying vacant since long. Four posts out of 6 are vacant in Bengali and Economics Department, four posts out of 12 in Political Science, Accounting, English and History and 4 posts out of 8 in Philosophy, Management, Mathematics and Chemistry. No teacher is appointed in the Zoology.

No common room

About 1500 students of Srimangal Govt College are facing problems due to the teacher shortage, the college authority informed me.

Due to shortage of classroom, normal hours of class routine cannot be maintained. The students of the college pass their leisure hours loitering heither and theither for want of common room. The administrative building has not yet been constructed causing inconvenience to students.

The posts of librarian, cashier and accountant are lying vacant. The campus is low and muddy where the students cannot move. The boundary wall of the college is a bare necessary.

Gazipur

Our Gazipur correspondent states: The Rudrapur Government Primary School under Gazipur sadar thana is beset with various problems hampering education of children.

According to reliable sources, about 500 students of the school have been facing problems due to shortage of class rooms, benches and other

Panchagarh

Our Panchagarh correspondent adds:—Despite launching of Food for Education Programme by the government a large number of children in remote villages in the age group of six to ten in five thanas of the district remain engaged in different petty jobs instead of going to schools. As a result drop-out of the students from schools continued to increase in the remote primary schools.

The poverty stricken farmers instead of sending their children to schools prefer to engage them in income oriented work like as labourers, cattle grazing, hotel and or rickshaw-pullers. The children are engaged in different jobs in exchange of poor remuneration.

Most of the farmers can not afford educational expenditure for their children. Many of them dislike education because they are illiterate. The farmers have five to eight children and overburden with heavy living cost, the farmers engage their children in different jobs and earn as much as possible for their poverty stricken family.

During harvesting season a large number of farm labourers to go to different places in search of work where they could get some more wages.

Primary schools in the remote areas of district are facing acute shortage of students.

Faridpur

Our Faridpur Correspondent adds:—A meeting of the guardians and local intelligentsia held at Faridpur High School auditorium with Abdul Ali Shikdar, President of Faridpur Press Club in the chair on August discussed the crisis of admission into HSC classes in the colleges of the district.

The crisis was created with the recent decision taken by Rajendra Varsity College authority not to admit students in any class at HSC level for this session.

Nearly 2000 students have been admitted to the varisty college in previous years.