

Quarrel over increased bus fare

Dhaka College students clash with cops: 20 hurt

Police burst teargas and used batons to disperse unruly students of Dhaka College on Tuesday, leaving at least 20 students, teachers and police wounded in the clash, reports UNB.

Witnesses said trouble erupted when police went to clear road blocks in front of the college. Angry students put the barricades following separate incidents involving students, hawkers and transport workers at noon.

"At one stage, unruly students of Dhaka College began hurling bricks at the police who retaliated with teargas and baton charge," says a spot account of the street fights.

Witnesses said riot police stormed into the college campus at about 3pm and charged baton and fired teargas shells on students and teachers in classrooms.

Vice-Principal Dr Anwarul Alam Khan and teachers Dr Alauddin,

Waliullah, Farzana and Shaheed were among the injured.

Police also entered the college hostel dining rooms, used tear gas and beat up the students.

New Market Police Station OC Anisur Rahman told UNB at least five policemen suffered injuries during the clashes.

Tensions on the college campus were prevailing till 4:30pm, when the last report came.

Campus sources said first incident took place at Nilkhet at about 1:30 when there was a brawl between a student and a hawker over the prices of books. After a scuffle,

the hawkers detained the student. Tensions erupted as the news fast spread to the college campus.

In a second incident, two students of the college picked up quarrel with a bus staff over increased fare.

And a third round of brawl occurred when students quarreled with the staff of a Leguna tempo as the vehicle did not make a stop in front of the college.

All these three incidents occurred in a quick sequence and enraged the general students to come out on the street and barricade the road as a mark of protest.