

Shibir men clash with BCL activists at Sust

Vandalise 12 vehicles, windowpanes of buildings over arson on motorcycle of university unit Shibir president; 10 injured

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Some 10 activists of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) unit BCL and Shibir sustained minor injuries during a clash yesterday following vandalism allegedly by the latter's men after their president's motorcycle was torched.

Police fired some 40 rubber bullets in the air to disperse the warring factions half-an-hour later.

Witnesses, including a Sust administrative officer, bus staff and shopkeepers,

preferring anonymity, claimed that around 30-40 Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists carried out the arson before the East Building around 3:00pm.

In no time, around 40 Islami Chhatra Shibir men carried out the vandalism before the administrative building, they said.

Assistant Proctor Niloy Chandra Sarker told The Daily Star that 12 vehicles, including buses and motorcycles, were damaged while some windowpanes of the administrative and three academic buildings were broken.

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During this time, activists of the two student organisations hurled brick bats at each other while some 10 firecracker explosions were heard, they added.

Refuting allegations against the pro-ruling Awami League organisation, BCL Vice-President Anjon Rai claimed that they

had been attacked by the Shibir men.

In turn, the pro-Jamaat-e-Islami body, in a press release, claimed that they were the victims and that BCL men had torched its President Hossain Ahmed's motorcycle.

Jalalabad Police Station Officer-in-Charge (investigation) Md Manirul Islam said a case would be filed.