

Police van set on fire 4 DU students, 3 cops injured in clash

Four students of Dhaka University and three police were injured in a clash after the beating of policemen near the emergency department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital over a trifling matter on Monday afternoon, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the four students were arrested on charge of assaulting the three policemen and then admitted to the DMCH with severe injuries.

Later, they were set free from police custody as their arrest and injury triggered massive student protests.

"The angry students set fire to a police van in front of Shahidullah Hall of the university and burnt chairs and benches of teashops in the area," says a spot account of the latest campus unrest in a recent serial.

People passing through the areas panicked during the one-and-a-half-hour-long chase and counter-chase.

Due to the violence, the healthcare services at DMCH were also disrupted. The visitors to the hospital were seen moving here and there desperately to find safe and secure shelter.

Witnesses said a DU student of Shahidullah dormitory locked into an altercation with a tea vendor as he was refused change for Tk 100 to pay a bill of Tk 9 at about 4:15pm.

At one stage of the altercation, the angry student called his some other colleagues over mobile phone, rushed in and started beating the tea vendor indiscriminately, police and witnesses said.

Seeing the heavy beatings, three policemen of DMCH camp, including its in-charge, in civil dress rushed to the spot to rescue the tea-seller as well as solve the

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matter. But the students got angry at this intervention and beat them too, the sources said.

Finding no way for survival, the injured policemen started running towards their DMCH camp, all the way pursued by the four students.

Later, policemen locked the collapsible gate of the hospital and picked up the four DU students—Hamidur Rahman, Ijaz, Manun and Saki. The students were also admitted under police custody at DMCH after giving heavy beatings.

Later, the students demanded immediate release of the detained students, and secured it with their might.

The injured policemen were also admitted to the DMCH. On information, firefighters came in and doused the flames on the police van.