

JCD activist held with bag of cocktail

# Intra-party clash in RU student Council meet: 50 injured

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RAJSHAHI, May 19:—At least 50 leaders and activists including two newsmen were injured in an intra-party clash between two factions of Jatiyabadi Chhaura Dal, student wing of BNP, at a student council of Rajshahi University campus on Thursday. During the clash, a motorbike, a tea stall, windshields of a number university transport buses and university Press Club office windowpane were ransacked.

Police arrested a JCD activist with a bagful cocktail during clash

who revealed the names of top-ranking leaders for creating violence in the council. An explosive case has been filed with Motiher police. Contingents of police and armed battalion police deployed on the campus.

Besides the newsmen of the university strongly protested against torture on the newsmen during professional works by a Motiher police SI Meraj. Demanding security of the newsmen on the campus, compensation of injured journalists and punitive

measures against police who charged baton on newsmen, a group of university journalists submitted a memorandum to the vice-chancellor at his residence on Thursday afternoon.

At least 20 JCD men were hospitalised including Ripon, Galib, Sirus, Sumu, Masud, Babu, Miran, Sumon, Akram, Agun, Shahin, Pintu, Malck, Selim and two newsmen Anis and Jillur.

The other injured persons were identified as Mamun, Babu, Bappti, Deep, Nipun, Shahin and

Mizan of Rafiq group and Salam, Pintu, Amirul, Maleq, Mamun, Sayeed, Raja and Agun of Aslam Reza group were injured. Rajshahi city education affairs secretary Tofazzal Hosain Babu also beat up by the agitated activists injured severely when he tried to settle the matter.

Sources on the campus and Motiher police said, at around 11.00 am hundreds of leaders and activists of both groups of JCD gathered at the Kazi Nazrul Islam

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Auditorium of the campus to attend council.

On the eve of party council after eight months the activists, loyal to Rafiqul Islam, former organizing secretary of Rajshahi University, from all the dormitories assembled at the auditorium premises and chanted slogans in favour of Rafiq.

On the other hand, activists of opponent Aslam, Reza, former committee's general secretary also gathered together at the same place where a number of central committee JCD leaders attended as guests.

The Rafiq group alleged that, as Aslam group occupied the auditorium seats with hundreds of non-students and outside party activists, the genuine party men have failed to get seat at the auditorium.

They drew attention of the guest leaders to free the auditorium from non-student and to allow only cardholder activists there. As their appeal was not granted, Rafiq along with his hundreds of supporters left the auditorium and chanted slogans against Aslam group.

Latif Hall) who instigated him to make violence in the campus, police said.

Earlier, university proctor Shamsul Alam Sarker identified 15 outsiders inside the auditorium and made them get out from the place. He later informed additional police forces on the campus.

Sources said, when the proctor Shamsul Alam Sarker and student adviser Jahid Hassan Milky reached the spot to settle the matter, the cadres of Aslam group assaulted them.

The two groups then locked in an altercation and chased each other group. They pelted bricks and beat up each other with branches of the trees there. On the continued battle, police interfered and started to charge baton on the activists of the groups, newsmen and passersby. The agitated activists ransacked the university press club and a tea stall—belongs to Ruhul Amin of the campus was vandalized when the owner of the shop and passerby Raju was injured. During police action, at least 20 were injured when bus stand and auditorium premises made a battlefield that lasted for an hour, witnessed said.

During the clash, Motiher Officer-in-Charge Akram Hossain arrested one Serajul Islam, 19, son of an employee of the university Nurul Islam, with a bag full of cocktails. When newsmen asked the OC what was inside the bag, the OC made humour and said 'it was mango'.

Later, on police interrogation, Serajul revealed the names of JCD leaders loyal to Rafiq group included Shahin, Shipon Miran and Rumel (leaders of Nabab Abdul