



Police, students clash at BAU Teachers among 100 injured

MYMENSINGH, Jan 15:—At least 100 students and some teachers of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) were injured, mostly with rubber bullet, during a fierce clash with police on the campus today (Tuesday), reports UNB.

Agitated students irrespective of party affiliation came down the campus to voice against the cabinet decision to rename the university as Mymensingh Agriculture University.

A number of teachers including the Proctor and Advisor of student affairs fell victim to the police bullet when trying to restrain angry students.

Campus sources said the trouble started at 8am after the angry students went on rampage on the campus attacking buildings, dormitories and breaking window glasses.

They also set fire on the rail line running inside the campus and lifted two fish plates at 11am leading to suspension of movement of trains between Dhaka and northern region.

As the situation turned volatile police lobbed tear gas shells and fired rubber bullets to disperse the angry students engaged in uprooting the rail tracks and vandalism.

Police said they first lobbed

teargas when the students advanced to the VC's office and attacked the rail line and fired rubber bullets when they came under attack with brickbats.

Some teachers tried in vain to restrain the unruly students and in the melee three teachers suffered wounds by rubber bullet, police said.

Proctor Dr Nazrul Islam, Advisor to Student Affairs Dr Anwarul Islam and Prof of Crops and Botany Department Dr Abdul Hakim injured by bullet were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Of the injured students, 33 were undergoing treatment in the same hospital.

Meanwhile, convenor in-charge

of Dean Council Prof Lutfur Rahman read out the statement of VC Mustafizur Rahman to the striking students informing that he had talks with the Prime Minister and others. The Prime Minister assured him of cancellation of the cabinet decision, said the statement of VC.

But the agitating students and teachers stuck to their decision that the cancellation should be announced through the electronic media.

A six-member BAU team led by Convenor of Dean Council M Motiur Rahman went to Dhaka for meeting with the Education Minister.

Meanwhile, all associations including BAU Teachers' Association

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tion and student fronts of all political parties expressed solidarity with the movement for cancellation of the cabinet decision.

The trains including inter-city Teesta and Padma Express remained stranded till filing the report.

Soon after reports of cabinet decision Monday students turned violent and agitated on the campus till midnight. They damaged vehicles and removed fish plates of rail line at 2 am.

Railway Police however restored the line enabling passage to Dhaka-bound Ekata Express, Jamuna Express and a commuter train from Jamalpur till the early morning.

Witnesses said angry students squatted on the railway track demanding immediate cancellation of the cabinet decision.

The weekly cabinet meeting on Monday approved a proposal to rename the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) as Mymensingh Agricultural University.