

25 hurt as cops club AL procession

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At least 25 leaders and activists of the main opposition Awami League (AL), including former lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder, were injured as police charged batons on a party procession at Mirpur in the capital yesterday.

Riot police intercepted the procession, brought out to mark the 'Victory Month' (December 16 is the Victory Day) near the Mirpur-10 roundabout at about 4:00pm.

Participants in the procession then pelted brickbats at police and shouted anti-government slogans. Police dispersed them charging batons.

The injured were treated at local clinics.

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil, city AL President Mohammad Hanif, General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya and party central leaders AKM Jahangir and Shamsul Haq also joined the procession led by Kamal Majumder.

Ward-level leaders and activists of Mirpur, Pallabi and Kafirul units of the AL, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Awami Jubo League, Awami Judo League, and

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Environment department officials check pollution levels of vehicles on Manik Mia Avenue yesterday as part of a pilot programme to cut gas emission.

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Mechanics to get pollution control training

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The government will launch a Tk 2 crore training programme for automobile workshops aimed at checking vehicular emission in Dhaka more effectively.

The programme should begin in

about three months as part of Dhaka Urban Transport Project (DUTP) and will be conducted by Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

Sources in the Dhaka Transport Coordination Board (DTCB) said necessary equipment such as gas

analysers, smoke meters and engine tuners are currently being purchased for the training. Such equipment are believed to help quick and efficient identification of the reasons for harmful emission.

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