

Bangladesh Unrest: Police Tackle Job Quota Protests

Police deployed Tear Gas and Batons to disperse clashes between a student group supporting the ruling Awami League and students protesting the Quota System for government jobs at Jahangir Nagar University near Dhaka, Bangladesh. The confrontation, which resulted in numerous injuries, followed similar violence on 15 July when thousands of anti-quota protesters clashed with members of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League.

The unrest erupted early on 16 July as protesters demanded the abolition of a quota reserving 30% of Government Jobs for families of veterans from Bangladesh's 1971 War Of Independence. Demonstrators accused the BCL of initiating attacks on their peaceful protests.

Protesters are expected to continue their nationwide marches on campuses, denouncing the BCL's actions and advocating for a merit Based System. On 18 July, police and government supporters clashed with Students Activists trying to Shutdown Transportation across Bangladesh, multiple media reports suggest 19 people died in the violence. The new casualties would bring the overall toll to 25 dead since 15 July. Meanwhile, Bangladesh was experiencing a near total Shutdown Of Internet services.

These protests are likely to face crackdowns from authorities, raising the risk of violence and confrontations. Such actions pose Safety Hazards to bystanders and may disrupt transportation by blocking roads and train routes, causing delays. While protests may diminish by late July, a Supreme Court decision to uphold the High Court's temporary halt on the quota system could trigger a resurgence in early August.