

## 16 Tahrir activists arrested

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Dhaka, Aug 13 (bdnews24.com) — Police have clashed with activists of banned group Hizb ut-Tahrir, and taken into custody 16 of them during a demonstration in downtown Dhaka.

Meanwhile, elite force Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) have arrested two suspected members of the Islamist group and seized Tk 2.6 million from their possession.

Police charged them with batons while two police officials suffered head injuries in the brief violence that took place in the city's Muktangan on Saturday around 12pm.

The clash broke out when the activists brought out a procession demanding Khelafat system, establishment of the rules of the holy Quran and removal of the government.

The injured policemen are Motijheel zone petrol police sub-inspector Sajjad Hossain and sub-inspector of Paltan police station Jashim Uddin.

The security men halted their procession when they tried to march ahead chanting anti-government slogans.

Paltan Police Station officer-in-charge Shahidul Haque told bdnews24.com that two cases would be filed against the 14 arrestees — one on the charge of preventing the police from discharging their duties and the other under Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009.

Ramna zone assistant police commissioner Shibli Noman told bdnews24.com that they arrested another two from Bijoy Nagar area in the city.

RAB 3 commander Lt Col Rafiqul Islam told bdnews24.com that they arrested two suspected Hizb ut-Tahrir men from Paltan area and seized Tk 2.6 million from their possession.

The government banned the radical outfit in 2009.

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