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Series of clashes between students, local people in Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Nov 5.—A student of Bangladesh Institute of Technology was killed and 50 people were injured in a series of clashes between the students and local people here on Sunday night, says UNB.

As tension mounting BIT was closed sine die today. The decision of closer was taken at an emergency meeting.

The dead was identified as Golam Mostafa (25), a fourth year student of Mechanical Department, hailed from Hajiganj of Chandpur district.

After closing the Institute the students were packed out of the campus in buses in the afternoon.

On arrival in Dhaka city, about 200 students went on sit-in demonstration in front of the National Press

Club against the closer of the Institute.

Police and witnesses said the trouble erupted when some students beat up transport workers at the BIT gate over bus fare. Three students were travelling by a bus from Chandana Chowrasta to Institute.

Later, the transport workers, aided by local people, attacked the students and confined two of them in a local market.

As the news spread to the campus, the students rushed to the spot and rescued their fellows. In the process then engaged in clashes with the local people and transport workers that left about 50 injured.

During the clash 4-5 shops were ransacked and one torched. The locals also

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Student killed

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Residence of BIT and the residence of its Director Dr. Nasir Ahmed.

Four students, Mostafa, Salam, Rezaur and Simon injured critically during the clash were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the attending doctors declared Mostafa dead. Other injured were given first aid at local clinics.

The BIT students claimed that Mostafa was shot dead by local people but local people said he died of asphyxiation.

As tension heightened on the campus and the adjacent area, additional police were deployed to areas around the college. Some police officers were also injured.

Meanwhile, local people brought out a large procession and held a demonstration in front of the National Press.

Speakers at the demonstration demanded compensation for the deaths and