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One killed, many injured BCL-ICS gunfight on CU campus

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CHITTAGONG, May 15:—A student was shot dead and at least 40 others were injured nine of them seriously in a series of armed clashes that ensued between the supporters of the Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir at Chittagong University today. The victim was identified as Md. Jubaid Hosain, M.A Final Year student of Economics Department.

Of the injured students, nine with serious injuries were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital. The three seri-

ously injured students belonging to the pro-AL Chhatra League are Abu Islam Mohammad Kaisar, Abul Kalam Azad and Abdullah Al Mamun. The rest six other seriously injured students are Mohammad Sarwar Jahan, Mohammad Hassan, Syed Muhammad, Jahirul Islam, Tajul Islam and Abul Hashem of the Islami Chhatra Shibir.

While some injured students were admitted to private clinics, the others were released from the hospital after first aid.

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According to university sources, the clash brewed up from the assault incident of a Shibir leader Abul Hashem, Second Year honours student of the Statistics Department allegedly by two Chhatra League activists—Azmal and Parash in front of the university college on the campus at around 1.30 p.m. The two Chhatra League activists riding a motor cycle while passing by that side found the Shibir man alone, the police claimed.

In retaliation, some Shibir activists raided Shah Jalal Hall and attacked and inflicted stab injuries on Chhatra League leader Abdullah Al Mamun in Room Number 104. At the time, a rumour was spread like wildfire that the President of the Shah Jalal Unit Chhatra League Abul Kalam Azad was kidnapped by the Shibir activists.

"There were as many as 35 rounds of gun shots fired by the two warring sides," said a police official who was on duty on the campus during the clashes.

"There could not be many casualties in the incidents as the university was on weekend holiday today," said an Assistant Prector of the university.