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DU students clash with DMCH employees

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Clashes between the employees of Dhaka Medical College Hospital and the students of Dhaka University inside the hospital premises on Tuesday morning forced the closure of all the out door departments of the hospital depriving hundreds of patients seeking treatment in outdoor. There was, however, no dislocation of treatment of the patients admitted at different wards of the hospital.

Three students of Dhaka University

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ty sustained injuries as hospital employees assaulted them. The injured students were Togor (24) of Surya Sen Hall, Tipu (25) of Mohsin Hall and Humayun (22).

The three Dhaka University students went to the hospital outdoor to seek treatment at about 10 in the morning when one of them, Humayun, was allegedly pickpocketed there. The students caught the unidentified pickpocket and beat him causing injuries.

The hospital employees came to the rescue of the pickpocket and stood in defence of the alleged pickpocket. This led to a clash between the DU students and the hospital employees. The overwhelming hospital employees soon overpowered the three DU students and confined them inside the hospital. The hospital employees beat the students mercilessly during the confinement.

As soon as the news of the confinement and assault of the DU students reached the campus, more than 200 students from the University rushed to the Medical College Hospital to rescue their fellow students from the hands of the hospital employees. The Dhaka University students clashed with the hospital employees and finally freed the confined students.

Finding the situation going out of control, the hospital authority took the help of police. A contingent of police force from Ramna thana came at about 3 p.m. Police separated the warring students and hospital employees and brought the situation under control.

Peace was restored in the hospital at the intervention of the hospital authority, the Proctor of Dhaka University and the student leaders.

The joint meeting of the hospital authority, the Dhaka University Proctor and the student leaders settled the dispute. A three-member probe body was also formed at the meeting to investigate into the causes of the incident.