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Police-student clash in city: One killed, 100 hurt

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Shamsuddin Khan Mithu ((19), a first year Commerce student of City College, was killed and about 100 others were injured following clashes between police and students of Dhaka City College on Monday.

Two other students of the College were reportedly missing. The missing students have been identified as Khasru and Jehangir. It may be recalled here that Monday's clashes were a sequel to Sunday's incident.

With the spread of the news of the death of Mithu, agitated students went on rampage on Green Road and other adjoining areas. About 100 different categories of vehicles came under attack of the violent students.

Meanwhile, Dhaka City College has been closed sine die on the day in view of the prevailing situation arising out of clashes which continued for two days, according to an official announcement.

Of the 18, injured persons were sent to Dhaka Medical College hospital for treatment. Of the injured, six had bullet injuries. 16 were released after first aid while two admitted to DMCH.

Meanwhile, the body of Mithu was taken to DUCSU building.

The movement of vehicular traffic in and around Science Laboratory area was disrupted for several hours during clashes. The trouble reportedly originated when police entered the College premises around 10:30 a.m. when the Principal of the College was addressing the students. The police suddenly went into action using automatic weapons and lobbing tear gas shells, according to one eye-witness.

All-Party Student Unity (APSU) in a statement strongly resented the police action inside the college premises and demanded impartial enquiry into the incident. APSU demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for the incident and compensation for the victims.

APSU called upon the student com-

munity to behave responsibly despite provocation by any quarter. APSU also urged them to abide by that code of conduct framed by APSU.

Signed by Khairul Kabir Khokan, General Secretary of DUCSU, the APSU statement described the City College incident a unfortunate.



Shamsuddin Mithu, a student of City College was killed in police firing in the college compound on Monday.

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Mr. Hafizuddin, Principal of Dhaka City College, in a statement was critical of the role of police. Mithu was killed in police firing, he alleged. he demanded judicial enquiry into the matter.

Meanwhile, the Government has formed a one-member enquiry commission with Mr. M. Hamidul Huq, District and Sessions Judge, Comilla.

The decision was taken in the light of discussion with APSU leaders who had discussions with the Home Secretary at the Secretariat on Monday. APSU was led by Khairul Kabir Khokan and Ashim Kumar Ukil.