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hartal in Ctg**

Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, Jan. 14:—A half-day complete hartal was observed in Chittagong city today in protest against recent killing of one Shibir activist and kidnapping of another.

The Islami Chhatra Shibir gave this hartal call. It reversed to half day hartal call from its original full day call.

The pro-AL Chhatra League also separately gave a half-day hartal call in the city for the same day today to protest the alleged violence of Jamaat-Shibir at Anderkilla, Dewanbazar and Chawkbazar areas two days ago.

Three persons were injured, one of them seriously, during picketing of Shibir came under attack of some persons at Anderkilla this morning. The attack was followed with widespread gun shots and blast of crackers. The police intervened and brought the situation under control.

The seriously injured person is identified as Shibir activist Abul Kashem, a student of MES College. He is admitted to a private clinic for treatment.

There were reports of blast of crackers at Dewanbazar area, Shirajdaulla Road, Chawkbazar area and New Market area of the city during the hartal.

The life in the port city came to a halt during the hartal. The vehicles went off the roads. The shops remained closed. The production in the mills and industries hampered. The educational institutions remained closed and the attendance in both public and private offices was extremely thin.

The inter-district bus services from Chittagong were suspended. The cargo handling at Chittagong port was dislocated too.

The Islami Chhatra Shibir after the hartal held a rally at Laldighi

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Maidan. Among the the speakers were Shibir's central President Hamid Hossain Azad, Rezaul Karim and Mohammad Shahjahan. The speakers gave a stern warning to those elements who are out to foil the Shibir-Jamaat politics.

The Shibir also announced a ten-day programme to commemorate the death of its activist Mosharrif Hossain at the hands of the opponents. The programmes include doa dibash, anti-terrorism dibash and mass contact drives.

The Chhatra League also held a rally at New Market area. The rally was addressed among others by Manjur Alam Shahid, Mashiur Rahman, Anup Khastagir, Khorshed Alam, Ayub Ali, Ayub Babul, Shimanta Talukdar and Moynuddin Ahmed. The speakers strongly criticised the fundamentalism of Jamaat-Shibir activists. They urged the people to remain vigilance against the fundamentalist forces of the country.