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Students, police clash

DU campus tense

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Dhaka University campus remained tense on Saturday as the armed youths opened fire on the procession brought out by Gonatantic Chhatra Oikya (GCO) to mourn the death of its leader Moin Hossain Raju near lecture theatre of Arts Building.

The armed youths opened fire from the direction of Surja Sen and Jasimuddin halls, when the mourning procession of GCO was passing through the road of Arts Building and Lecture Theatre at 10.30 a.m. The gunmen also chased the processionists. Police fired several rounds of teargas shells to bring the situation under control.

Immediately after the incident, the processionists of GCO assembled at the TSC and went to the National Press Club where they held a brief protest rally.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Nazmul Haq Prodhan of Chhatra League (N-S), Ruhin Hossain Prince of Chhatra Union, Rokanuzzaman Rokan and Sarwar.

They blamed Government and its student front for killing of Raju and campus violence and said Govern-

ment was hatching conspiracy to foil the student movement against them and Jammat leader Golam Azam.

The GCO, from the rally, announced countrywide student strike on March 18 in protest against the killing of Raju and terrorism by the establishment.

They will observe Mourning Day today (Sunday) and Demonstration Day on Monday demanding arrest and trial of the killers of Raju.

The rally over, GCO brought out a procession towards Motijheel. But police halted the procession near CPB office at Purana Paltan and resorted to lathi charge. At least 20 persons including 15 members of GCO received injury during the incident. Police arrested four processionists from the spot. They were identified as Shamsu, Rafiuddin, Jalal Sardar and Azad.

Police also misbehaved with the CPB leaders who were coming to save the processionists.

Earlier, the Namaz-e-Janaza of Moin Hossain Raju was held at the central mosque of Dhaka University. Vice-Chancellor Moniruzzaman

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Miah, Pro-Vice Chancellor Wakil Ahmed, senior teachers and officials of the university were present at the janaza.

Meanwhile, police conducted raid in four residential halls namely Zahurul-Haq, Surja Sen, Mohsin and Jagannath halls and recovered four arms and 78 rounds of ammunition in the early hours of Saturday.

Police also arrested DUCSU member Shahin Shah Khondakar Sohel and Parvez, a JCD leader.

During the raid police recovered one cut rifle and two pistols from Surja Sen and Mohsin halls.

Police also filed two cases with Ramna Thana in this connection.