

12 teachers among 100 injured

# Ctg varsity closed as students clash

Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, Dec. 22:—The Chittagong University was closed for an indefinite period today following violent clashes between rival group of students that left at least 100 injured including 12 teachers.

The decision of closure was taken at an emergency meeting of the syndicate this afternoon. The university authorities have asked students to vacate residential halls by 8 this evening. The female students will have to leave the halls by 10 a.m. tomorrow.

At least 100 persons including 12 university teachers and eight girl students were injured in pitched battles that broke out between two rival groups of Students in Chittagong University today.

According to eye witness, the two warring groups freely used lethal weapons and exchanged gun fires during the fierce clashes and pitched battles that lasted about one and half hours. The trouble, originated over a call for general strike on the campus today. While pro-Shibir Sangrami Chhatra Oikko and Sammilito Chhatra Oikko Parishid with the backing of some fourth class employees called for strike in support of their demand for resignation of Vice-Chancellor, the CUCSU and the All Party Students Union with the support of a

faction of teachers tried to defy the strike call.

In the morning several hundred students and teachers gathered at the Chittagong University gate I which was closed from inside by Strike supporters. The gate was finally opened with the swelling up of the number of students and teachers. The students and teachers marched towards the Arts Faculty in a procession. In front of the procession were about one dozen girl students the trouble started when the procession reached the Arts Faculty which was under occupation of strike supporters. The two groups started brick batting each other and engaged in pitched battles with sticks and knives all over the Arts Faculty. Fire arms and crackers were also used witnesses and police said. The CUCSU and APSU supporters retreated the police who were stationed outside the campus finally came but reportedly did not take any action.

The all Party Students Unity and the Islami Chhatra Shibir blamed each other for this untoward incidents on the campus. Of the injured persons Sharifur Rahman student of physics department is in critical state.

## Injured teachers

The 12 injured university teachers are former Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ali Imdad Khan, Professor Abdul Mannan of Management Department, Sekandar Hossain of Islamic History Department, Abul Hossain of Social Science Department, Muhibul Ajj of Bengali Department Mr. Harunor Rashid of Accountancy Department Dr. Delwar Hossain of Bengali Department Momtazuddin.

Shafiq Haider Chowdhury, Hamida Baru, Shirin Haque and Fazilatunnessa. The eight injured girl students are Shahana, Sumita Sen, Selina Begum, Sheli, Indrani Mutsuddi, Rokshana Shamim Akhtar, Bilkis Barua and Kapi Barua.

Twenty students with serious in-

juries were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Some other injured students were admitted to private clinics.

## Shibir blamed

BSS adds: A section of Chittagong University teachers said that Islami Chhatra Shibir activists were responsible for creating terrorism on the university campus today.

Addressing a hurriedly called press conference at the Press Club here this evening, Mr. Abdul Mannan, a representative of the protesting section, alleged that Islami Chhatra Shibir activists at the instigation of some teachers went on rampage while a procession of teachers and students was going around the campus.

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He demanded immediate arrest of the Shibir activists in order to restore calm on the campus.

He also demanded a judicial inquiry, into today's incident and take necessary steps to punish the culprits.

## Jamaat accusation

Meanwhile, Chittagong city south and north district Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer have accused a section of teachers, students and outsiders for the incidents that occurred on the

Chittagong University Campus today.

In a joint statement, they said, while teachers and students of the university were agitating for resignation of the Vice-Chancellor of the university, a vested group resorted to terrorism on the campus with a view to diverting the situation to other channel.

They demanded a judicial inquiry into Vice-Chancellor's activities, in order to establish the truth.

In a separate statement, leaders of Chittagong District branch of Bangladesh Communist Party expressed anger at Chittagong University incident today.

They accused Jamaat-Shibir coterie of creating terrorism on the university campus and demanded recovery of arms.

## Protest meet

Meanwhile, All-Party Students Unity and the three mainstream political Alliances have called a joint protest meet at Dost Building square tomorrow (Sunday). They will announce future programmes there, reports said.