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One killed in Shibir-BCL clash

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JHENIDAH, Oct 31:—One student was killed and twenty others were injured when police opened fire to disperse two rival groups of students who locked in armed clashes on the campus of Islamic University today (Saturday).

The dead was identified as Mohsin, a first year student of Islamic History of the university.

The university Syndicate declared the university closed till November 9 and asked the students to vacate the residential halls by 8 p.m. today (Saturday).

Of the injured, Emdadul Haq of Hadith, Saiful Islam of Arabic Literature, Mamunur Rashid and Nazimuddin of Dawa Department received severe bullet wounds and were sent to Dhaka in critical state. Ashan Kabir and Chaimul Islam were admitted to Jhenidah hospital with bullet wounds.

Sources said, Islamic Chhatra Shibir brought out a procession on the campus at about 11 a.m in support of its tomorrow's (Sunday's) student strike in the university. Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) also brought out a counter-procession that led to a chase and counter-chase between them.

At this stage, some gunshots were fired from a microbus that sparked off an armed clashes between BCL and Chhatra Shibir workers. Both the groups exchanged over 300 rounds of gunshots during the four-hour long clash from 11 a.m. Police who were on duty in and around the

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campus chased the warring students and opened fire. During the police firing, Mohsin received bullet and died. Police also lobbed 50 rounds of teargas shells to bring the situation under control. Fifteen policemen were also injured during the incident. Police constable Bharat Kumar sustained bullet wounds.