

Hundreds injured in students-police clash: varsities, colleges asked to shut down sine die: order to vacate halls, hostels

Indefinite curfew in city, 5 other divisional hqs

Rickshawpuller killed in Rajshahi

The government clamped down indefinite curfew on capital Dhaka and five other divisional headquarters with effect from 8 on Wednesday night amid escalating student rioting across the country, reports UNB.

In an urgent order the interim regime also shut down sine die all the universities in the country and colleges in the six divisional cities.

The students of the universities and colleges were asked to vacate their respective dormitories by 8 on Wednesday night to quell the fast-spreading violent student protests across the country.

Earlier, Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed chaired a high-level emergency meeting at his office in the afternoon to review the overall situation, as more and more campuses turned into veritable battlefields on the third day of the violence triggered from Dhaka University campus.

Army Chief general Moeen U Ahmed and Chiefs of different forces and agencies attended the meeting, where the course action was charted.

The measures came as fierce clashes from the campuses spilled over into the cities, leaving scores of people wounded and one person dead at Rajshahi University. Unspecified numbers of cars were

broken, or burnt and shops and institutions damaged in the orgies.

"The government has imposed curfew from 8 tonight until further order in the capital and five other divisional headquarters to control the prevailing law-and-order situation, maintain peace in public life and protect life and property of the people," said an official announcement.

Our DU Correspondent adds:

Violence broke out on the Dhaka University (DU) campus and adjacent areas afresh for the third straight day on Wednesday as angry students clashed with riot police leaving at least 100 students of DU injured, mostly bullet wounded.

The violence also spilled at different educational institutions including Jahangirnagar University, Jagannath University, Rajshahi University, Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University, Chittagong University, Eden Girls' College and Dhaka College.

Police fired 300 teargas shells, 200 rubber bullets at the agitated students who pelted stones at Nilkhet areas, turning the area into a battlefield. At that time students of Dhaka College blasted at least 100 bombs.

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