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BCL-Shibir clash at CU for second day

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CHITTAGONG, Sept. 18.—At least five students were injured in an armed clash between the supporters of Chhatra League and Islamic Chhatra Shibir in Chittagong University on Wednesday afternoon.

According to eyewitness, the clash occurred when a procession of Chhatra League took attempt to enter the campus. The processionists when reached the Madenpir Shrine point inside campus they faced resistance from the Shibir supporters.

Then the two groups came into clashes. There were chases and counter-chases between the two sides. The warring groups also opened several rounds of gun fires and

hurled crakers at each other. In the consequences, five students were injured. But the identity of the injured persons could not be known.

However, the police immediately intervened and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the unruly students. The police finally brought the situation under control. But the police arrested none.

In the afternoon, a scheduled reconciliation meeting at the behest of the Vice Chancellor Prof Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury could not be held because of absence of concerned leaders of two student parties. In the evening, the Vice Chancellor held a

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meeting with Deans of different faculties, provosts and proctor at his residence to discuss the situation prevailing on the campus.

Meanwhile, the university authority put off all examinations scheduled on Thursday in view of volatile situation on campus.

Earlier report says: There were no classes in the University of Chittagong today as the pro-AL Chhatra League supporters laid seige to the campus.

The ruling party student wing—Chhatra League gave a call for an indefinite strike in Chittagong University to protest the Tuesday's incident of alleged attack on its supporters and unabated terrorism perpetrated by the Shibir activists" on the campus.

Following this strike call, majority of students abstained from coming to the campus. The shuttle trains that carry the students from the city did not ply to the campus today. Even the attendance of teachers was very negligible.

More than one thousand Chhatra League supporters assembled at the main entrance of the university at Madanhat to lay seige to the campus. Barricade was also put up with logs and other objects to prevent the movement of vehicles through the main gate. The protesters in turn guarded the point sitting huddled on the road junction.

Being besieged by the hartal supporters at the entrance, none could get to the campus throughout the day. Neither was anybody allowed to exit through the main gate.

The Chhatra League workers at Madanhat also held protest rallies. The protesters in batches also paraded around the road junction raising full-throated slogan.

On the other hand, around two thousand Shibir activists stayed cling to the campus. The belligerent Shibir men also held rallies on the campus railway station. They also paraded in and around campus in processions.

A police camp has been set up inside the campus. The Chittagong Superintendent of Police Abdur Rauf visited the campus today to supervise the security arrangement.