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Govt firm to safeguard life, property

# DU, other city edn institutions closed

The Government Saturday night ordered the closure of all educational institutions in the city, including the Dhaka University, for an indefinite period from today (Sunday), reports UNB.

An official source said the authorities also asked the students of the Dhaka University to vacate their halls by 7 am today (Sunday).

Meanwhile, thousands of students of the Dhaka University Saturday night staged demonstration in front of the Vice-Chancellor's residence protesting the government order.

Strong contingents of police had also been deployed on the campus to step up security.

#### BSS adds:

One Manirul Islam was killed and two others were injured in police firing while they were engaged in destructive activities in Tejgaon industrial area in Dhaka on Saturday according to a Press note issued by the Home Ministry Saturday night;

The Press Note said though there was no programme of the political parties on Saturday, some student organisations called for strike in the educational institutions.

During this strike period extensive damage to a number of government and private vehicles were made in some stray incidents in the metropolitan city. Besides, different govern-

ment and private assets were also damaged.

It said that police on duty lawfully obstructed some unruly students on the road in front of Tejgaon Polytechnique Institute while they were damaging government and private vehicles at about 9 a.m. At this the students became more agitated and set ablaze a jeep and started brickbattering and hurled cocktails on the police from the roofs of different buildings. At one stage at about 11 a.m. the unruly students entered the Sonali Bank and the BRTC Bus Repairing Workshop adjacent the institute. They damaged properties and tried to loot and also set on fire the B.G. Press by entering it.

The Press Note said to make them refrain from these sort of destructive activities police first fired tear gas shells and made lathi charge. Inspite of that they did not stop and tried to make more damage. Finding no other alternative police had to fire some rounds of bullet to save these government institutions from destruction. At this one Manirul Islam Azad and two others were injured. Later, Manirul Islam Azad died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The government sincerely regretted at the death of citizen as a result of violent and destructive activities by some persons, the Press Note added.

The government hoped that all concerned quarters would refrain from unlawful activities of damaging the government and private properties. It was the sacred duty of the government to safeguard state properties and lives and properties of the citizens, it said.

The Press Note further said the government wants to assure the people that it was determined to take appropriate measures to maintain law and order, safeguard the state properties and life and properties of every citizen.