

JCD leader succumbs to injury

Ctg university closed sine die

CHITTAGONG, Nov. 6.—The authorities today (Sunday) closed Chittagong University sine die apprehending eruption of violence following the death of a student leader, reports UNB.

Nurul Huda Musa, a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader of Chittagong University, who was kidnapped and tortured allegedly by Islami Chhatra Shibir activists, died at the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka at 6.30 am today (Sunday).

The closure decision was taken in an emergency meeting of the university Syndicate in the evening as tension mounted on the campus with the news of Musa's death reaching the varsity. Vice-Chancellor Prof. RI Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

Residents have been asked to vacate their respective halls by 8 am tomorrow (Monday).

The Syndicate requested the law

enforcing agencies to take action against those responsible for the killing of Musa.

In its two-hour meeting that started at 4.30 pm, the Syndicate condoled the death of the student and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Organising Secretary of the Chittagong University unit of JCD, Musa was kidnapped from the University gate on October 27 and severely beaten up allegedly by Shibir elements.

The JCD leader was admitted to a clinic at Chittagong but was shifted the same day to Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka with critical condition.

Earlier, as the situation became tense with the news of Musa's death reaching the University campus this (Sunday) morning, the 3rd year (honours) examinations of all depart-

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ments were postponed for the second time.

University Registrar, Abdur Rashid told UNB that a number of students had already left their dormitories in the afternoon with tension gripping the campus.

A teacher on condition of anonymity informed that the Shibirites had requested the authorities to provide security to a number of their activists.

Police have been deployed on the CU campus and in all other educational institutions as well as some flashspots in the port city to avert any untoward incident.

Police said they were looking for nine Shibir activists sued by JCD and the All Party Student Unity (APSU), a combine of student groups that exclude Chhatra Shibir, at Hathajari thana alleging their involvement in the incident.

Police, however, declined to disclose the names of the accused.

The university authorities had earlier postponed the examination on October 29 due to indefinite strike enforced in the campus by JCD protesting violence by Chhatra Shibir.

They went into an indefinite strike on the campus since October 26 after the Shibirites pushed JCD out of the residential halls of the university.

JCD, the student wing of ruling BNP, brought out a procession on the campus this (Sunday) morning and later demonstrated in front of the Vice-Chancellor's residence demanding punishment to the miscreants responsible for the death of Musa.

JCD and the APSU also staged separate demonstration in the city throughout the day. Chhatra Dal will organise a protest rally at Dost Building square at 4 pm tomorrow (Monday).

City and university units of Chhatra Shibir in a joint statement also condoled the death of Musa and expressed concern over the situation at the university.

The statement termed the killing of Musa as the outcome of innerconflict of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

The first Janaza for Musa was held at the Dhaka University central mosque after Johr prayers. It was attended by university teachers and BNP and JCD leaders.

The body of Musa reached the city at 6 p.m. Naamaj-e-janaza will be held twice tomorrow (Monday)—once on the University campus at 9 a.m. and then at Laldighi maidan at 11 a.m.

He will be buried at his village Goptakhola in Shitakunda thana of the district.