

## Rival groups clash

# One student killed on DU campus

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Mazharul Huq Aslam, a First Year student of New Model Degree College in the city was killed and Mohiuddin Manik a Second Year Degree student of Tolaram College Narayanganj and President Narayanganj unit of Chhatra Union was critically injured in a clash between rival groups of students on the Dhaka University campus on Sunday morning.

It is alleged that the pro-Awami League student organisation Chhatra League (Sultan-Rahman) entered the campus at 11.30 a.m. with at least 200 supporters equipped with lethal weapons including fire arms and explosives. This was their first demonstration on the campus since the announcement

of Awami League's participation in the ensuing election. They brought out a procession from Sgt. Zahurul Huq Hall and paraded the Arts Faculty area. They heralded their presence on the campus by opening gun shots and exploding bombs. Later the processionists moved towards Surya Sen Hall from where they were evicted earlier by the rival group of students. They tried to force their way into Surya Sen Hall on Sunday.

But in the face of stiff resistance from supporters of pro-BNP student organisation Jatiya Chhatra Dal and pro-JSD Chhatra League (Shirin Mushtaq) the supporters of Chhatra League (Sultan-Rahman) failed in their mission. They were chased towards Sgt. Zahurul Huq Hall stronghold of Chhatra League (Sultan).

The election symbol of Awami League "bdar" in front of Zahurul Huq Hall gate was set on fire. At this stage the supporters of Chhatra League (Sultan-Mansur) chased the Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League (Shirin) towards the Arts Faculty. The supporters of pro-Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) student organisation Chhatra Union brought out a procession beginning from University Library area and proceeded towards Arts Faculty to express their support to pro-Awami League Chhatra League.

At this stage supporters of Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League (Shirin) jointly with Samajtantrik Chhatra Front and Chhatra League (Chinu) came face to face with supporters of Chhatra Union near Lecture Theatre area. This led to confrontation between rival groups leading to the death of Mazharul Huq As-

lam son of Mr. Muzammel an employee of BADC.

Supporters of Chhatra Union were also allegedly equipped with lethal weapons. Fire arms and bombs were freely used in the clashes.

### Injured victim snatched away

The body of the victim who was in a critical condition was taken over by supporters of Chhatra Dal and taken towards P.G. Hospital was later snatched away by the supporters of Chhatra Union. He was declared dead at the hospital.

The supporters of Chhatra Dal Chhatra League (Shirin) Chhatra League (Chinu) Samajtantrik Chhatra Front and other students organisations jointly brought out a procession protesting the use of fire-arms by supporters of pro-election groups. They chanted slogans resenting use of fire-arms on the campus.

Students and teachers started running helter-skelter following frequent gun shots and series of bomb blasts. The campus was closed down after 12 p.m.

Dr. M.A. Mannan, Acting Vice-Chancellor visited the victim at the hospital. He convened a meeting of senior teachers including Deans and Provosts of different residential halls. An emergency meeting of the Syndicate began in the evening which was in progress.

A tense situation is prevailing on the campus.

### Pro-JSD (S-I) CL blamed

Our Staff Correspondent adds Bangladesh Chhatra Union at a Press conference accused Chhatra League, Pro-JSD (Shahjahan). (See Page 8 Col. 1)

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Inu) and Chhatra Dal for the attacks upon procession brought out by Chhatra Union on the campus. It has given a call to strike in all educational institutions in the city today (Monday) in protest against the incident. The programmes also include observance of mourning day tomorrow (Tuesday) and demonstration on Wednesday next. The organisation urged the University authority and members of law-enforcing agencies to take action against those responsible for this incident.

Anwarul Huq, President of Chhatra Union defending the decision of 15-party alliance on polls issue described the forces responsible for the attacks as auxiliary forces of the Government. He said that the Government was opposed to election and those who attacked supporters of Chhatra Union were also anti-election elements he alleged. He gave a call to crush these elements aiming at removal of Martial Law in the country.

Anwarul Huq said that Chhatra League pro-JSD and Chhatra Dal have developed an unholy alliance and were against the pro-election parties. He termed the attack upon Chhatra Union supporters as an attack upon Chhatra Sangram Parishad (ISCAC) and the 15-party alliance. Asked as to how a college student was on the campus, he said that Aslam had been there to participate in the demonstration of his organisation. The namaz-e-ianaza of the deceased will be held at 10 a.m. in front of Baitul Mukarram today (Monday). The body was at CPB office.

### Incidents sequel to DU closure conspiracy

JSD (Shahjahan-Inu) in a statement expressed its shock and resentment over the incident. Mr. Shahjahan Siraj and Mr. Hasanul Huq Inu, President and General Secretary respectively of the party said that such incidents would only strengthen the present Government. They expressed sympathy with the members of the bereaved family.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (Shirin) accusing pro-Awami League Chhatra League and pro-CPB Chhatra Union said that they tried to create a reign of terror through use of gun and bombs. Mazharul Huq Aslam was killed in gun shots used by them. Shirin and Mushtaq, President and General Secretary respectively of the organisation called upon general students for united stand against such acts of terrorism.

Chhatra Oikya Forum in a separate statement accused Chhatra League and Chhatra Union for the campus violence and termed it as a conspiracy of the Government to close down the University.

Jatiya Chhatra Samaj said that the armed musclemen of the rival political parties were responsible for the incidents on the campus on Sunday. If the "so-called Student Brigade could have cleanse the campus of weapons how such incidents could occur", it said. Condemning the incident it called upon teachers and students to unitedly resist acts of terrorism.

Sangrami Chhatra Jote in a separate statement said that the incidents of Sunday was a sequel to the conspiracy hatched by pro-Awami League Chhatra League and pro-CPB Chhatra Union aiming at closing down the University. The Jote strongly resented the violence of a government planned blueprint to close down the University. It called upon the teachers and students to unitedly resist any move to close the University.

Ganotantrik Party also condemned the incident.

### Killing condemned

Jatiya Samik League in a statement condemning the incident called for resistance against those opposed to election. Shah Abu Zafar and Mr. Fazlul Huq Mantu, President and General Secretary respectively of pro-BAKSAL Samik League also demanded arrest of those responsible for the incident.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) condemning the incident termed it as a blueprint of the Government to close down the University. Mr. Khalequzzaman, convener of the party stressing the need for consolidation of unity of students hoped that the general students would resist the conspiracy to close the university.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front planning two student organisations supporting the political parties who have betrayed with five-point demand created the reign of terror on the campus on Sunday.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in a statement said

that anti-democratic forces within and outside the Government were trying to foil the elections. The incident on the campus on Sunday was aimed at creating a ground to that end, it said.

CPB said that the 15-party Alliance had foiled the Government resign-of holding polls keeping the Opposition parties outside the election race. It expressed sympathy with the members of the bereaved family. BAKSAL, NAP and city unit of CPB also condemned the incident.

Bangladesh Islamic Chhatra Shirin condemned the killing of a student on DU campus on Sunday. They said it's a secret plot of government to close down the university.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police on Sunday said that they contacted the University authorities if police intervention was needed following the clashes on the campus. Since there was no response from the authority seeking police help the police remained alert outside the campus.

### DU authorities' version

The Dhaka University authorities on Sunday night issued the following Press release on the incident that took place in the campus on Sunday morning, reports BSS.

For the last few days through conducting examinations and holding regular classes the academic life of Dhaka University was running normally. The admission tests for new academic year also began last week. Today (Sunday) the 30th March 1986 the normal activities of the university were on in the morning and the authorities were not aware of the programmes of any student group on the campus. But in the morning around 11 o'clock suddenly a group of young outsiders equipped with deadly weapons and hurling bombs came from the western side and entered the Arts Faculty through the mall of administrative building and Arts Faculty without raising any slogan.

Afterwards sounds of uninterupted bomb blasts were heard in the campus. As a result a paralytic situation was created throughout the campus and the security of students and teachers was threatened. After sometime the same group of youths tried to enter Surya Sen Hall in an aggressive mood again sounds of bomb blasts and firing were heard. Some time later the same group of students got scattered when they failed to enter Surya Sen Hall. At one stage two seriously injured students were seen lying in front of the northern gate of Arts Faculty. They were taken to hospital by the students. One of the injured students died at the P.G. Hospital.

It was known that neither the killed nor the injured youth were students of Dhaka University. No untoward incident took place in the campus in the afternoon.

### Police version

BSS adds: A Dhaka Metropolitan Police Press release issued on Sunday night: on Sunday different student organisations as usual brought out processions raising slogans in support of their respective programmes and indulged in bomb-incidents.

At one stage supporters of one student organisation unleashed attack on the other. On receiving the news the police immediately contacted the University Authorities and wanted to know if police intervention was necessary. Since there was no demand from the university side for intervention the police continued to maintain vigilance outside the campus area. Processions, slogans, counter slogans and bombing incidents take place on the campus area every day and the police normally prefer not to intervene unless otherwise permitted by the University authorities.

Following the clashes it was known that a number of students of rival groups were injured. Meanwhile police authority failed to contact the university authorities in spite of repeated efforts. Later it was known from the hospital that from among the injured students Mazharul Huq alias Aslam, a first year student of New Model Degree College died while being taken to P.G. hospital for treatment after being shot at. Mohiuddin Manik, President of Narayanganj District Chhatra Union, who was also injured in the incident was admitted into Dhaka Medical College Hospital with grievous injuries and is under treatment there.

In this connection a murder and rioting case has been lodged with Ramna police.