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Syndicate's call to expel terrorists DU campus remains peaceful, curfew lifted

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The Dhaka University campus remained almost peaceful Monday amidst tension following Sunday's bloody gunbattle which resulted in death of two students and a street urchin and injury of 20 others.

The death toll rose to three as the unidentified street urchin (8) wounded in Sunday's gunfight on the campus, succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early hours of Monday.

Condition of 11 others were reportedly improving in DMCH, PG and Pangu hospitals.

Meanwhile, the curfew, clamped in an around the campus

from 4:30 pm Sunday was lifted from 12 noon Monday. But police and BDR guard was still in force till writing of this report Monday night.

The bodies of Sunday's victims—Mirza Galibur Rahman and Shafiqul Islam Liton were sent for their village homes at Begumganj and Laxmipur of Noakhali by helicopters following Namaz-e-Janaza at Dhaka University Central Mosque after Zohr prayer Monday.

Earlier, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and cabinet ministers visited the DMCH to pay last respect to the departed souls of Galib and Liton.

SYNDICATE

The Dhaka University Syndicate at an emergency meeting Monday decided to postpone all the scheduled examinations and classes up to October 31.

Presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. M Maniruzzaman Miah, the Syndicate said that classes and examinations will be resumed on November 2, according to the schedule.

The Syndicate condemned the attack on DUCSU building and expressed sympathy for the bereaved family members of the victims and prayed for quick

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recovery of the wounded persons.

The Syndicate urged the feuding student organisations to expel the unruly arms mongers from their respective organisations and called upon all concerned including the student bodies to revive academic peace and tranquillity on the campus.

The Syndicate observed with concern that the tension among the student organisations had not still been eased and normalcy could not be revived at the student dormitories.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a mourning procession on the campus Monday morning and held a condolence meeting in front of the National Press Club in the afternoon.

The DUCSU and JCD leaders Nazim Uddin Alam, Fazlul Huq Milon, Ali Akkas Nadim and Ilias

Ali addressed the condolence meeting.

The JCD leaders said that the killers of Dr Milon were the killers of Galib and Liton.

The JCD decided to begin hunger strike unto death if the alleged killers of Dr Milon, Galib and Liton were not brought to book by 24 hours since Monday evening.

They held the Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina responsible for direct patronisation of the killers of Dr. Milon, Galib and Liton.

The DUCSU leaders denied of having any internal conflict in JCD. A good number of residential students left their respective dormitories apprehending further untoward incidents following Sunday's bloody gun battle.

JCD will hold a rally

demanding arrest and trial of the persons responsible for Galib and Liton's killing in front of Dhaka University Arts Faculty building today (Tuesday).

JCD also will observe mourning day in all educational institutions of the country on October 30.

To mark the day, black flag will be hoisted atop all educational institutions, black badges will be worn and mourning processions will be brought out throughout the country.

Meanwhile, the JCD leaders and activists demanded of the Prime Minister Begum Zia to remove the Home Minister immediately. The JCD activists cordoned the car of Begum Zia near DMC morgue where she went to see the bodies of Galib and Liton.

A group of unruly JCD activists assaulted the DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, MP for his alleged failure as a DUCSU leader. Amanullah Aman immediately left the Medical College campus following the incident.

Another JCD leader Ali Akkas Nadim while entering the campus by a rickshaw bypassing the curfew at about 11:45 was assaulted by police on duty near Central Shaheed Minar.

Police raided three student dormitories—S. M. Hall, Jagannath Hall and Jahurul Huq Hall Monday morning, but failed to recover any arms or arrest anybody in connection with Sunday's incidents.

Meanwhile, sounds of two rounds of gun shots were heard from the Jagannath Hall compound at about 2 pm Monday.