

## Pro-AL, JSD students trade gunshots at DU, 1 killed

By A Staff Reporter

A student of Dhaka University was killed and at least ten others were injured in a series of clashes between the activists of pro-Awami Chhatra League (M-I) and pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League (B-Q) on Dhaka University campus on Thursday.

One Kamrul Islam Bulbul a masters final examinee of Library Science department of the university was killed by a tear gas shell in front of the Central Library premises at about 12 noon.

According to witnesses, activists of pro-Awami Chhatra League (M-I) and pro-JSD Chhatra League (B-Q) engaged in a clash over alleged shooting on a procession of BCL (M-I) on Thursday morning by the activists of BCL (B-Q) near the

Lecture Theatre of the university.

Police deployed on the campus fired several rounds of tear gas cannisters and rubber bullets to disperse the clashing groups of students on the campus.

Kamrul Islam Bulbul was killed when a tear gas shell pierced through his respiratory track when he was coming back from the Central Library.

Later, Bulbul was rushed to nearby Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries soon after the admission.

Five students of the university including a female one were injured. They were identified as: Rafiqul Islam, Mihir Kanji Ghosal, Rezaul Islam, and Moshai Kalim Ullah. Rezaul Islam was admitted to DMCH

with bullet wounds.

Activists of the two rival groups exchanged at least 100 rounds of gun shots and exploded a huge numbers of cocktails during the hour long gunfight.

Teachers, students and employees of the university ran helter skelter for safety during the clash.

Tension prevailing at the campus following the incident. Additional police were deployed at the different points of the university.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University syndicate at an emergency meeting on Thursday with Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed Vice-Chancellor of the University in

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the chair demanded immediate arrest and trial of the persons responsible for August 29 incidents and 30 incidents and Thursday's killing on the campus.

The meeting decided to suspend all classes of the university from September 3 to 5 in view of the prevailing situation on the campus.

All scheduled examinations will be held as per schedule and the office work will continue during the period of class suspension.

A five-member probe body has been formed to investigate into the incident and to identify those responsible for incidents on August 30 and September 1 and recommend proper measures to be taken against them.

The members of the probe body are: Prof. Mofnul Haq of University Grant Commission (UGC), Barrister Anwar Hossain of Bangladesh Supreme Court Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain of Bio-Chemistry Department, of DU, Dr. Moslehuddin Ahmed of Public Administration Department of DU and Dr. Nazrul Islam, Proctor of the University. The meeting called upon all concerned to extend their full cooperation, for

restoration of congenial atmosphere on the campus.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) in a statement to the press on Thursday expressed grave concern over the deterioration of law and order situation on the campus.

DUTA condemned the killing of a student of the university and demanded proper action against the persons responsible.

DUTA demanded a judicial probe into the Thursday's incident.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Library Science Department in a press statement on Thursday condemned the killing of Kamrul Islam Bulbul, a student of the department.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in a statement to the press on Thursday strongly condemned the violent incident on Dhaka University campus in which one student was killed and several others were injured.

The JCD leaders blamed pro-Awami Chhatra League and their hired outsiders responsible for the unrest on the DU campus.

They demanded immediate arrest and trial of the persons responsible for the violent incident.

JCD leaders expressed deep

shock over the death of Kamrul Islam Bulbul and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Meanwhile, pro-Awami Chhatra League at a hurriedly called press conference at Dhaka University Journalist Association (DUJA) office of Thursday afternoon blamed pro-JSD Chhatra League (B-Q) for the killing.

BCL (M-I) called a general strike in Dhaka University tomorrow (Saturday) in protest against the killing of its activists.

BCL (M-I) leaders alleged that pro-JSD Chhatra League fired on a procession of BCL (M-I) on Thursday morning without any provocation.