

DU closed for 3 days

10 including JCD President injured in campus violence

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At least 10 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists including JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny were injured in a fierce clash between the police and JCD activists on Dhaka University campus on Wednesday.

Anny, JCD Central leader Titu and 8 others were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with serious injuries. Dur-

ing an hour-long clash police fired about 100 rounds of tear gas shells and pellets at stone throwing JCD activists.

Meanwhile, according to UNB, Dhaka University has been closed for three days from today (Thursday) following two days of campus violence.

The university syndicate took the decision at an emergency meeting Wednesday evening with Vice Chancellor

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed in the chair.

The University classes will resume on Sunday.

The meeting urged the authorities concerned to release the innocent students arrested from different halls of the university Wednesday.

According to campus sources tension started building up following alleged assault of a BCL (S-P) leader Selim came under attack from JCD activists at about 8 am on the campus.

The Clash between the police and JCD activists erupted when the former fired a tear gas shell at a JCD procession in front of the Central Library at 11.30 am. The JCD procession was in support of Wednesday's strike called by them in Dhaka University.

Eye-witnesses said when JCD President Anny was coming towards the police with an intention to request them to refrain from firing tear gas shells, a tear gas shell hit him in the head. News of Anny's injury spread like a wildfire among the JCD supporters who immediately locked themselves.

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in a fierce clash.

They pelted stones at police who, in retaliation, lobbed at least 100 rounds of tear gas cannisters and fired pellets at JCD activists chased by the police. JCD activists at last returned to their respective dormitories.

At one stage police gheraoed five JCD Dominated halls. Mohsin Hall, Zia Hall, Bangabandhu Hall, Surya Sen Hall and kabi Jasimuddin Hall and raided simultaneously. During the two-hours raid police recovered one cut rifle from Mohsin Hall and another from Jasimuddin Hall's roof. During the raid the angry resident students of Mohsin Hall ransacked and set fire to the hall provost office at 2 pm. Later the fire brigade personnel extinguished the fire at 3 pm.

A tense situation was prevailing on the campus. Additional police force were deployed in and around the University.

JCD

General Secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Habib-Un-Nabi Sahin Shohel at a press conference on Wednesday alleged that at least 22 activists of JCD including its President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny were injured in an armed attack by pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-P) on the Dhaka university campus on the day.

Police on duty on the campus sided with Chhatra League activists during the attack, he alleged.

PROGRAMME

JCD Secretary said they will observe demonstration programme throughout the coun-

try on Saturday and will hold a rally on the Dhaka University campus today (Thursday) protesting the incidents. He said the government is using police for rehabilitating Chhatra League on the Dhaka University campus.

Mr Shohel termed the statement of the Home Minister made in the Jatiya Sangsad regarding Dhaka University situation as false and devoid of truth.

BCL (S-P)

President of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-P) A.K.M. Enamul Huq Shamim on Wednesday said Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, students front of BNP, has resorted to terrorist activities in a planned way to destroy the march towards democracy led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Mr. Shamim was addressing a press conference held at the T.S.C. teachers lounge in the evening.

DUTA

Prof. ATM Zahurul Huq and Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, President and General Secretary respectively of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in a statement to the press expressed concern over the deteriorating law and order situation on the campus.

The DUTA leaders condemned the act of violence at the Provost office of Muhsin Hall and demanded immediate expulsion of the persons responsible for the incident from the university.

JUBA DAL

Meanwhile, Mirza Abbas and Goyeswar Chandra Roy, President and General Secretary respectively of Jatiyatabadi Juba

Dal in a statement to the press on Wednesday condemned violent incident on the DU campus.

Different political parties and organisations expressed deep concern over the situation prevailing on the Dhaka University campus.

A meeting of Left Democratic Front held on Wednesday said that terrorist activities on the campus is on the rise as both the government and main opposition party BNP are not taking effective measures in this regard. Rather they are wasting time by blaming each other in the Jatiya Sangsad, it said.

LDF held the government liable for violence in campus and two deaths the meeting was presided over by Dilip Barua.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) raided several student dormitories of Dhaka University for the second time on Wednesday morning and recovered some arms and ammunition and arrested 29 persons in this connection, said a DMP press release.

Police deployed on the DU campus in a sudden raid following a clash between the activists of two rival student organisations Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at five dormitories and its adjacent areas recovered two cut rifles, one cut gun, 360 rounds of various types of ammunition, three blank-cartridge, four crackers and a pouch used in storing bullets.

A case was registered with Ramna Police in this connection. Police interrogating the arrested persons for information.