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Blasts mar Dhaka Varsity Day

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The Dhaka University Day on Friday was marred by bomb explosions, demonstration of firearms and a couple of other violent incident in which three persons were injured.

Some student groups and outsiders chanted slogans since early Friday morning. This embarrassed the guests invited by the university authorities.

Trouble started when a young man took several snapshots of a female university student at TSC at around 2.30 p.m. The female student raised objections for taking her photos without permission. Then her friends physically assaulted the young man. He received multiple injuries and was treated at DMCH.

Later at around 4 p.m. sympathisers of Shamim captured the dias, erected near the Arts Faculty building, where a cultural programme was in progress. Two bombs were blasted amidst display of firearms and hockeysticks. Two persons Saiful and Jakir, received injuries in the head. They were taken to hospital.

Panic stricken students, teachers and guests started running to all directions. However, none was injured in bomb

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explosions. The supporters of the young man were chased away by the supporters of the girl. It took about half an hour to resume the cultural function. The day formally began with the combined parade of the BNCC, rovers and rangers at the green lawn at 8.30 a.m.

Former Foreign Minister Prof. Muhammad Shamsul Huq inaugurated the day as the chief guest while Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan presided. Conducted by the Proctor Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, the function was also addressed by Pro. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ema-Juddin Ahmed.

Prof. M. Shamsul Huq, observed that the recent unrest in

the university campuses was the reflection of conflict of interests.

The day's programmes included cultural functions by various cultural units including Dhaka Bishwabiddalaya Sangritic Dal, exhibition of handicrafts and paintings, photographs, rare manuscripts, donation of blood and selling articles by vendors.

The Mass Communication and Journalism Department organised an exhibition of old and current newspapers, magazines and journals, rare photographs and posters. The Dhaka University Journalists Association organised a display of important facts about the history of the university, photographs showing students' activities on the campus.

Presiding over the opening function, Prof Abdul Mannan called upon the politicians, the professionals and the student leaders to cooperate with the Dhaka University authorities in maintaining violence-free atmosphere on the campus.

He mentioned different measures taken by the Dhaka University to curb violence on the campus and said teachers, students and employees of the university were determined to foil any conspiracy to resort violence.