

Two killed at CU in BCL-Shibir gunfight

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 19: Two students were killed and eleven others injured today in a gunfight between activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) at Chittagong University.

The dead were identified as Abdur Rahim, a third year honours student of Bengali and Mahmudul Hasan, a fourth year honours student of Finance. Both of them were reported to be leaders of Islami Chhatra Shibir.

Of the injured, Abdus Shukur, Rustum Mian and Forkan Ali were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

The clash erupted at around 11 am when Forkan, a BCL ac-

tivist, was beaten up at the Suhrawardy Hall reportedly by Shibir activists. Police later arrested three Shibir leaders — Dinarul Alam, Zahed Hossain and S M Liwakat — from the hall.

Following the incident, Chhatra League leaders and activists of Shah Amanat and Shahjalal halls went to the Suhrawardy Hall and clashed with the Shibir activists.

Abdur Rahim was killed on the spot during the gun battle while Mahmudul Hasan, who sustained bullet wounds, died on way to the hospital.

The university opens on January 15 after the vacation of Ramadan and holy Eid-ul-Fitr.

Meanwhile, the authorities
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have asked students of all the dormitories except those belonging to female ones to vacate the halls by 10 am tomorrow. The decision was taken this evening in a meeting of the VC, the Pro-VC, deans, provosts, and proctor of the university.

All examinations of the university were also postponed till January 14.

UNB adds: Heavy contingents of police have been deployed on the troubled campus. Islami Chhatra Shibir held an impromptu rally at Laldighi maidan in the port city to protest the killings. They would hold *gayebana janaza* at 1.30 pm tomorrow.

Shibir leaders alleged that BCL gunmen with the backing of Hathazari Thana OC led the attack on their activists in front of the Suhrawardy Hall.

Issuing an ultimatum, they demanded arrest of the killers within 24 hours and resignation of the university authorities.