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Violence claimed 10 lives on CU campus in 10 yrs

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 28: With the recent deaths of two Islami Chhatra Shibir leaders on the Chittagong University (CU) campus, 10 students have been killed in campus violence in as many years. All of the killings were the result of clashes between the student organisations.

The two latest Shibir victims are Abdur Rahim, a third year honours student of Bengali department and Mahmudul Hasan, a fourth year honours student of Finance department. They were killed in a gunfight between Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Chhatra Shibir on December 19 that also left at least eleven students hit by bullets.

In May this year a BCL and a Shibir leader were killed in separate incidents.

Md Saiful Islam, vice-president of BCL Shah Amanat Hall unit, died from bullet wounds at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on May 24 after he shot himself accidentally in his hall room four days ago. Saiful was a masters student of Statistics department.

And the Shibir leader was killed in a clash between BCL and Shibir activists on May 15. The victim, Jubair Hossain, was a masters student of Economics department.

The previous year saw three

killings on the campus. The victims are Ayub Ali, an admission seeker, Kazi Mushfiqur Saleheen, and Sanjay Talapatra, an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU). All three killings were blamed on Shibir. Sanjay Talapatra, a second year student of Fine Arts department, was killed when Shibir activists attacked him in the university shuttle train at the Jhautala station on August 22. The incident was a sequel to a clash between BCL and Shibir.

Kazi Mushfiqur Saleheen was shot dead when armed Shibir activists launched an attack on the teachers' bus on May 18. And Ayub Ali was gunned down allegedly by Shibir terrorists on May 6 when they stormed into three dormitories of the university that were captured by BCL.

In 1997, a gunfight between BCL and Shibir activists left a student killed. The victim was Aminul Islam Bakul, a BCL activist. The gunfight took place near the university railway station on September 3.

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader became the victim of campus violence in 1994. Nurul Huda Musa was seriously injured when Shibir activists attacked him with sharp weapons in October. He succumbed to his injuries at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (then IPGMR) in Dhaka on November 6.

Faruq Zaman, an honours student, was killed and more than 100 others were injured when Shibir attacked a procession on December 22, 1990. All Party Student Alliance (APSA) brought out the procession to celebrate its victory in the election of Chittagong University Central Students Union.

In 1989, a student of Statistics department lost his life in a clash between APSA and Shibir. The clash took place on April 28 and the victim was identified as Aminul Islam.