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'Stop the suicidal fight'

Different political parties and student organisations have expressed grave concern at the armed clash that took place in the Dhaka University campus yesterday claiming lives of at least two students and demanded judicial enquiry into the incident, reports BSS.

In separate statements, they urged the law-enforcing agencies to bring to book the persons responsible for the armed clash.

4 arrested from halls

Police arrested four persons from Dhaka University residential halls after conducting a raid on Sunday evening, police sources said, reports UNB.

Police, BDR and Ansar conducted a joint raid in 10 residential halls of the university imposing curfew in the campus area after a bloody armed clash last afternoon where at least two persons were killed.

The arrested persons are: Mazharul Kabir, Salauddin, Lincoln and Rajan.

Police, however, did not give any other details of the raid or recovery of arms.

They also urged the Prime Minister and Leader of the House Begum Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Hasina to put in their efforts to stop the "suicidal gun fight" between the rival student groups, to save the nation from terrorism.

They also urged the quarters concerned not to use the students as their political pawns.

The Joint Secretary General of the BNP, Mr Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, in a statement expressed his deep indignation at the killing of Chhatra Dal leaders Mirza Galib and Liton and said: "We have no language to condemn such barbaric incident."

He said, due to the terrorism resorted by the identified quarters' many educational institutions all over the country, including Dhaka University, remained closed.

He prayed for the peace of the departed souls and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved families.

The Five-party alliance in a meeting held yesterday night with Comrade Birbal Biswas in the chair expressed deep concern at the repeated armed clashes between the rival student organisations of the BNP and the Awami League.

Messrs : Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan, Rashed Khan Menon MP, Nirmal Sen, Hasanul Huq Inu, Kazi Arif Ahmed, Nayem Jahangir, AFM Mahbubul Huq, attended the meeting.

The Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh, Mr Abbas Ali Khan and Secretary General Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami, MP, in a joint statement said the entire nation was stunned at the continued terrorist activities in the country's educational institutions.

They pointed out that the responsibility of the ruling party

and the main opposition party was very important in nourishing the democratic system. The gun fight between the student wings of these two parties was unfortunate for the nation, they said.

Others who condemned the incident were : Bangladesh National Awami Party (Bhashani), Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolan, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Bangladeshi Islami Chhatra Majlis and Swadheen Sangbad Patra Pathak Samity.