

JCD factions clash in DU: 4 injured

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Mr. Akhtaruzzaman Khokan (25), Vice-President of Shahidullah Hall Students Union and Mr. Masudur Rahman (24), Joint Convener, Jatiyotabadi Chhatra Dal, Dhaka University unit, received bullet injuries near Kuwait Maitry Hall of Dhaka College on Sunday. Another student, Iqbal Hossain (30) of Mohsin Hall was stabbed in front of the hall. The incidents made the situation on the campus tense on the day.

Eye witness accounts said when Khokan and Masud were entering the Kuwait Maitry Hall at about 4:30 p.m. riding motorbike, a group of unknown miscreants opened fire on them from behind and fled. Khokan received bullet injury in the abdomen while another bullet hit Masud in the back. They were immediately taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and admitted there. The condition of Khokan was stated to be serious as stated by our DMCH Correspondent. The motorcycle which the student leaders were riding was also burnt to ashes.

Another group of students attacked Iqbal Hossain (30) at about 6:30 p.m. near Mohsin Hall on Sunday and stabbed him with a sharp knife. He was admitted to DMCH and his condition was stated to be serious. Our DMCH Correspondent, quot-

ing eyewitness accounts, said the attacks might be the outcome of serious infightings between the two factions of JCD. One group belonged to Avi and the other is led by Elias and the internal fightings between these rival groups were intermittent during the recent past. Informed sources said the injured student leaders belonged to Avi group of the JCD. Meanwhile, many others believed that the bloody incidents had links with Dhaka College elections which were held on the day.

Our Dhaka University Correspondent reported that despite the bloody clash in the Dhaka College hall, the elections to the office-bearers of Dhaka College Students Union were held with no other untoward incidents. The results could not be known till writing of this report at 9:45 p.m. on Sunday.

A big bomb blast occurred in front of the petrol-pump at Nilkhet opposite the Police camp at around 10:45 p.m.

Also around the same time about 10 rounds of gunfire was heard coming from the vicinity of F. Rahman and Mohsin Halls of Dhaka University. A DU student of Mohsin Hall, Iqbal 30, was stabbed in the stomach in front of Mohsin Hall at around 8 p.m. He was admitted to the DMCH and remains in a critical condition.

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