

Dhaka varsity student killed in gunbattle

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Moin Hossain Razu (23), a student of Dhaka University, was killed and several others were injured in an armed clash between the two rival student organisation at TSC of Dhaka University on Friday evening.

Moin Hossain, a central leader of Chhatra Union, received bullet injury in his head when an armed group opened fire from the direction of Modern Language Institution on a protest procession of Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikkyo GCO).

The clash originated as an armed group reportedly activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) chased a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) near Dhaka University Snacks (DUS) at TSC at around 5:30 P.m. Receiving the information the BCL workers brought out a procession from Jagannath Hall and were proceeding towards DUS where the JCD workers earlier had taken position. At this stage, both organisations started firing.

After heavy gunfire, JCD activists retreated towards Dhaka University Library while BCL activists towards Jagannath Hall.

Shortly after the firing stopped, Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikkyo brought out a procession protesting the violence. When the procession was passing through the DUS fire was opened on it from the direction of Modern Language Institute. Moin Hossain Razu who was in the procession received bullet injury in his head. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he was declared dead.

During the clash over hundred rounds of gunshots were exchanged.

Police earlier posted at TSC and near Shamsunnahar Hall lobbed

teargas shells and opened fire to defuse the shootout. Police allegedly remained silent when armed JCD activists took position near DUS.

Students who gathered at TSC ran heler skelter.

Till writing of this report, gunshots were heard from the direction of different residential halls, campus sources said.

Police were patrolling on the campus and all roads leading to Dhaka University were closed to traffic.

DMCH to see him.

CPB President Shahifuddin Ahmed Manik and General Secretary Nurul Islam Nahid expressed their deep shock at Raju's death. In a statement, they demanded appropriate measure against the killers.

GCO accuses JCD of killing Mion

UNB adds:—Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikkyo accused "armed activists" of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of killing a



Moin Hossain Raju.

Tense situation was prevailing on the campus and some students were seen leaving halls in apprehension of further escalation of clashes.

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. M. Maniruzzaman Mia rushed to DMCH to see the body of Raju.

CPB General Secretary Nurul Islam Nahid and presidium Member Dr. Wazedul Islam also went to

student leader on the Dhaka University Campus on Friday.

In a hurriedly called Press conference at the national Press Club in the evening leaders of the left leaning student alliance alleged JCD activists with police backing opened fire on a procession the GCO brought out protesting campus terrorism in the evening.

A bullet stuck Moin Hossain Razu

who died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Nasirudduzza, President of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and leader of GCO, said Friday campus incident was a "planned conspiracy" by the government to foil students' movement against the anti-liberation elements including Prof. Golam Azam.

He however put blame equally on both Chhatra League (A-A) and JCD for the recent campus unrest. The situation worsened with JCD harbouring the killers of Badal as BCL gave shelter to the killers of Dr. Milon.

Nasirudduzza said the JCD armed activists who were locked in a gunbattle with BCL guman suddenly fired on the GCO procession near TSC crossing.

Police, who were just behind the JCD men, also lobbed tear gas shells on the protesters, he alleged.

The namaz-e-janaza for Moin will be held at the university mosque today (Saturday) at 10 a.m.

GCO will bring out a mourning procession after the Janaza and announce its next course of protest against the killing and campus violence.

The Press conference was also attended by Belal Chowdhury, Shafi Ahmed and Nur Ahmed Bakul.

DUCSU, JCD demand arrest of killers

BSS adds:—Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU), and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Central Committee and Dhaka University unit on Friday night demanded arrest of the killers of Raju, who was shot dead on the university campus on Friday.

The DUCSU and JCD in separate statements, alleged that two feuding factions of a student organisation had let loose a reign of terror on the campus resulting in the killing of Raju.

They observed that the congenial academic atmosphere of the University was being rocked due to the intra-party clash of a particular student organisation and general students became their hostage.