

Early morning shootout on DU campus

Two JCD activists killed

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Two students of Dhaka University were killed and another was injured critically on early Friday morning following armed clashes between two rival factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). This was the second violent incident within a span of five days since August 30 when a former student was killed following an hour-long shootout between the two feuding JCD factions on the campus.

Ashraful Alam Mamun, Joint Convener of JCD unit of Ziaur Rahman Hall and a Third Year student of Geography and Mahmud Hossain, a JCD leader of Surya Sen Hall unit who was a Second Year student of Islamic History became the victims of Friday's incident. Another student Junaid of M.A. First Part of International Relations also belonging JCD was admitted to the Rehabilitation

Institute and Hospital for the Disabled at Sher-e-Banglanagar with bullet injury. Mamun was shot dead in Room No. 265 of Surya Sen Hall and Mahmud Hossain was found dead with two bullet holes in the chest near the boundary wall between Ziaur Rahman and Bangabandhu Halls.

According to the resident students of Surya Sen Hall, the armed cadre

allegedly belonging to Ilias Ali, General Secretary of JCD entered the Surya Sen Hall in the small hours of Friday to start their operation against their rival faction backed by Syed Sohrab, General Secretary of JCD unit of Mohsin Hall who forcibly occupied the Surya Sen Hall evicting the activists of Ilias group. The armed supporters of Ilias group confined the activists of Sohrab group in a room after capturing the Surya Sen Hall. Then they went to Room No. 265 where Mamun and Junaid were sleeping. They broke open the door and fired on them. Mamun died on the spot and Junaid with a bullet injury jumped through the window and escaped to adjacent Mohsin Hall. The attackers dragged the body of Mamun outside the room and stuffed it inside the reserved water tank at the ground floor.

After receiving the news of their operation by Ilias group the armed activists of Sohrab group from Mohsin Hall launched a counter attack and both the groups were engaged in firing. The shootout continued for more than two hours. The two groups exchanged over 500 rounds of gunshots creating a total panic in and around the campus. The residents of Elephant Road area across the two halls got up in panic.

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However, the police contingent posted on the campus went on action at around 7 a.m. after few hours of the incident. They fired two rounds of teargas shells inside Surya Sen Hall. After seeing the police at the hall gate, attackers along with their supporters came out of Surya Sen Hall in a procession brandishing their arms and marched towards Ziaur Rahman Hall. Eye witnesses said, the processionists carried arms openly but the police remained silent spectators. When the processionists entered the nearby Zia Hall, they chased them. The armed activists jumped over the boundary wall of Zia Hall and escaped. Then the police found the body of Mahmud Hossain lying in a pool of blood near the boundary wall of Zia Hall. Police suspect that the attackers killed Mahmud before leaving the campus. Later on the students of Surya Sen Hall recovered the body of Mamun from the reserved water tank and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

After the retreat of Ilias group, the activists of Sohrab group brought out a procession on the campus in the morning demanding punishment to the killer.

Immediately after the incident police raided Jashimuddin Hall and Bangabandhu Hall, adjacent to Surya Sen Hall across the P.G. Hospital. But they could not recover any arms.

A heart rending scene was created when the mother and sisters of Mamun rushed to Surya Sen Hall after receiving the news of his killing. They started wailing over body of Mamun. He was the son of Abdus Shakur Miah a resident of Mohammadpur Bijli Mahalla, Block-D, House No. 37/18 Joint Staff Quarters. The body of Mamun was handed over to his family in the afternoon. The other victim Mahmud Hossain hailed from Barisal and he was the second son of Altaf Hossain, an employee of Khulna Newsprint Mills. His body was sent to his family in Khulna.

The Namaz-e-Janaza of Mamun and Mahmud was held at the central mosque of Dhaka University.

Police were patrolling the campus till the time of writing this report at 11 p.m. on Friday. Tension has been

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