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32 arrested, arms recovered from JN College Police sergeant killed in JCD factions' gunbattle

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An hour-long gunfight between two rival factions of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in Jagannath University College premises on Saturday noon led to the killing of Police Inspector Hasanul Farhad.

In the cross fire between the two rival JCD factions about 11 persons, mostly pedestrians, received bullet injury. Of them three were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

According to eye-witnesses, two rival groups of Jagannath University College unit of JCD, led by Sagir and Kajal, fought the gunbattle to establish supremacy of one faction over the other on the campus. The two armed groups exploded bombs and exchanged gunshots creating panic in and around the campus.

Police rushed to the college and tried to disperse the two warring groups. Suddenly a bullet hit the left chest of Police Inspector Farhad when he was trying to chase the armed JCD factions. He was taken to National Hospital opposite to the District Judge Court building in a

critical condition. He was then taken to the Combined Military Hospital but on his way he succumbed to his bullet injury.

Police arrested 32 persons from the spot. Police also seized two cut-rifles, two pistols and some ammunition from their possession.

The arrested persons were first taken to police control room at Shahbagh and later shifted to Kotwali police station for interrogation. They are likely to be produced before the court today (Sunday).

Sub-Inspector Hasanul Farhad hails from village Bidirpur of Godagari police station under Rajshahi district. He left behind his wife and a son.

Meanwhile, different student organisations issued separate statements condemning the killing.

Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury and Iqbalur Rahim Iqbal, President and General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) in a joint statement condemned the killing of a police officer on the Jagannath University College campus.



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They also expressed concern over deterioration of academic atmosphere on Jagannath University College campus due to internal conflict between the rival factions of the ruling party backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

They demanded resignation of the Home Minister for failing to save police from the hands of JCD gunmen. They also demanded immedi-

ate arrest and trial of the terrorists responsible for the killing.

Nasiruddin and Akkas Mohammad Shahin, President and General Secretary respectively of Jagannath University College unit of Samajtantrik Chhatra front in a joint statement condemned the killing and demanded immediate arrest and trial of the killers.