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Shibir activists attack 3 CU halls: 15 hurt

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CHITTAGONG, May 8:—At least 15 students were injured, three of them seriously when some unruly armed students launched attack on their opponents in three residential halls of Chittagong University late Saturday night.

According to eyewitnesses, the students allegedly belonging to Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) went on the rampage following death of a Shibir leader at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on Saturday evening.

Islami Chhatra Shibir leader S.M. Kawsar, Assistant General Secretary of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute unit of ICS earlier sustained injuries at the alleged attack by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists at Chawk Bazar area about a week ago.

The Shibir supporters retaliated by attacking the JCD workers on the Chittagong University campus. A scheduled JCD, Chittagong University unit conference was also thwarted by the Shibir followers. The

conference was to be attended by the Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Mr. Abdullah Al Noman, and JCD central leaders.

In the midnight the Shibir activists also opened over 20 rounds of blank fire on the campus.

A tense situation has been prevailing on the Chittagong University campus.

Three critically injured students Humayun Kabir, Qumrul Islam and Khairul Ali were admitted to a private clinic.

A case has been lodged with Hathajari police in this connection. No arrest has been so far.

UNB adds, Islamic Chhatra Shibir Sunday: called a half-day general strike in the district on Wednesday to protest the killing of its leader, SM Kawsar.

His namaj-e-janaza was held on Sunday at Laldighi Maidan at 3 pm and he was buried at his Boalkhali

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village home in Sayedpur thana.

Chhatra Shibir blamed JCD for the killing and demanded immediate arrest of those responsible for the incident.

Meanwhile, JCD Chittagong University unit could not hold its scheduled council Sunday as Shibir enforced a day-long strike in the university to press its same demand.

Campus sources said BNP Secretary General Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder and DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP could not attend the function due to the strike.

Both the organisations brought out processions on the campus chanting slogans against each other.