

## BCL activist shot dead in Chittagong

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CHITTAGONG, Mar 24: An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was shot dead and three others including the ex-general secretary of students union of Chittagong City College received bullet wounds in two separate incidents of violence in the city today, police said.

The injured were admitted into Chittagong medical college hospital and among them the condition of ex-general secretary of city college Aminul Islam Swapon was stated to be critical.

Md Feroz, 22, joint secretary of BCL Pahartoli Unit, was

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dragged by his rivals at around 3 pm from a shop near Pahartoli Railway School and shot dead inside a by-lane, police said. His body was recovered by police from the spot.

BCL blamed the activists of pro-BNP Chhatra Dal for the killing, which they denied.

BCL supporters later took to the street and staged demonstration. They also clashed with the supporters of JCD, police and witnesses said.

Earlier, in another incident of violence at railway office near Tiger Pass ex-GS of city college Aminul Islam Swapon, his younger brother Mazharul Islam and an unidentified man received bullet wounds in a clash over dropping of tender at 10 am today, police informed.

Police said two rival groups of BCL went to drop tender at the Railway's Divisional Engineer and at one stage the rival group fired on Swapon.

The attack triggered agitation in the city. BCL supporters of City College brought out processions and held protest rallies at noon, police said.

Again in the evening the BCL supporters of City College protesting attack on Swapon staged demonstration in front of New Market Crossing. Some agitators blasted cocktails and chased and damaged some passing vehicles there, witnesses said. Traffic movement came to a halt while shops in the market pulled down shutters in fear.

Meanwhile, some other BCL supporters in Lalkhan Bazar area and WASA Crossing went on rampage protesting the killing of Feroz at Pahartoli, police said. The agitators damaged vehicles and pelted bricks at police this evening. They also blasted cocktails during demonstration, witnesses said.