

Violent clash between rival students  
100 including 7 teachers injured

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CHITTAGONG, Dec 22 (UNB): The Chittagong University was closed for an indefinite period today following violent clashes between rival group of students that left about 100 injured including seven teachers.

The decision of closure was taken at an emergency meeting of the Syndicate this afternoon. The university authorities have asked students to vacate residential halls by 8 this evening.

Of the injured, 21 were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors said condition of eight was critical.

Witnesses said the clash began at 11 am when supporters of the All Party Students Unity (APSU)

tried to attend classes ignoring a strike called by Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The strike, backed by Chittagong University Teachers Association (CUTA), was called to press resignation of Vice Chancellor Prof. Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin.

Police said students and some teachers fought with brickbats, used firearms and blasted crackers

during hit and run clashes which continued till 1 pm.

Commerce Faculty Dean Prof Ali Emdad Khan, Dr. Harunur Rashid, Prof Aftab Ahmed, Prof A.N.M. Wahidur Rahman, Badrul Amin Bhuiyan and Dr. Abul Mansur were among the teachers injured in the clash.

Later in the afternoon APSU and CUCSU at a joint press conference at the Press Club accused Shibir and some teachers for the untoward incident in the campus.

Shibir activists also brought out a procession in the city and shouted slogans against APSU and the Vice Chancellor.

Campus sources said that in the evening, Shibir workers gheraoed the residence of the VC and demanded withdrawal of the closure order.

Shibir and a group of teachers say the Vice Chancellor supported former President Ershad who stepped down from power in the wake of mass movement, and demand his resignation.

#### TEACHER'S PROTEST

BSS adds: A Section of Chittagong University teacher's said that Islami Chhatra Shibir activists were responsible for creating terrorism on the university campus today.

Addressing a hurriedly called press conference at the Press Club here this evening, Mr Abdul Mannan, a representative of the

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protesting section, alleged that Islami Chhatra Shibir activists at the instigation of some teachers went on rampage while a procession of teachers and students was going around the campus.

He demanded immediate arrest of the Shibir activists in order to restore calm on the campus.

#### BCL LEADERS

Meanwhile, Chittagong Government College and Mohsin College units of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) (H-A) today called upon the concerned authorities to create a congenial academic atmosphere in the two institutions.

Addressing a press conference at the Press Club here this noon BCL President of Chittagong College unit Mr Nazimuddin Khan and General Secretary of Mohsin College unit Mr Mahbubur Rahman (Babu) said that a student organisation had disrupted the normal academic atmosphere of the institutions and that common students are afraid of attending classes on account of their alleged terrorism.

The BCL leaders called for recovering the unauthorised arms from the possession of the terrorists, arresting the accused implicated in the cases filed by the college unit of BCL and holding elections of the college students unions which are overdue.

#### FIVE PARTY ALLIANCE

The Central Steering Committee Meeting of the Five-Party Alliance, the United Communist League and Oikya Prokria today expressed deep concern over the civil design of a communal and anti-democratic quarter who became active to disrupt the academic atmosphere at Chittagong University, an alliance press re-

lease said.

The meeting, held at BSD Office with the Alliance leader Khalequzzaman in the chair, condemned the attack on teachers and students by an identified quarter in which many persons including teachers were injured.

#### JAMAAT

Chittagong city South and North District Jamaat-e-Islami Amecrs have accused a section of teachers, students and outsiders for the incidents that occurred on the Chittagong University campus today.

In a joint statement, they said, while teachers and students of the university were agitating for resignation of the Vice-Chancellor of the university, a vested group resorted to terrorism on the campus with a view to diverting the situation to other channel.

They demanded a judicial into Vice Chancellor's activities, in order to establish the truth.

In a separate statement, leaders of Chittagong district branch of Bangladesh or Communist Party expressed anger at Chittagong University incident today.