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DU student dashed by train, killed

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A student of Dhaka University was killed in a road accident at Bishwa-Road rail-crossing near Baridhara-Khilket area on Thursday morning.

He was identified as Yousuf Ali Sheikh, a third year student of Arabic Department. According to eyewitnesses, a speeding train dashed Yousuf Ali when he was trying to catch the University-bound bus crossing the rail track at Bishwa-Road rail crossing at 9:30 a.m.

The students present there immediately shifted him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and later to Dhaka University Medical Centre. But doctors were not available in both places. As a result he succumbed to his injury at 11 a.m.

The death news of Yousuf created sharp reaction among the students present on the campus and the agitated students went to the DMCH in a procession. The students chanted slogans against doctors of DMCH emergency department and at one stage some students went on rampage damaging the window panes and ransacking rooms.

On receipt of information, police rushed to the spot and chased the unruly students. Five students received mild injury during the brick-batting with police. The students then returned to the campus and held a protest rally in front of Madhu's canteen. While addressing the rally, Abdullah Sharif, a student of Arabic Department, alleged that Yousuf died because of the absence of doctors in DMCH emergency department and University Medical Centre and demanded immediate removal of the doctors on duty from both the places. He called for strike in Dhaka University on January 30 in protest against alleged negligence of the doctors.

The Namza-e-Janaza of Yousuf was held at 2 p.m. at the Central Mosque of Dhaka University which was attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed, teachers and students.

The body of Yousuf was sent to his village home at Gazipur. Ohiduzzaman Chad, former DUCSU Transport Secretary, in a statement on Thursday condoled the death of Yousuf and expressed sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.

He blamed the mismanagement of transports of the University for the tragic incident and urged the authorities to solve the transports problem.