

JCD leader shot at

DU V-C quits amid wave of violence

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Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed resigned on Saturday against the backdrop of prevailing tense situation on the campus.

Earlier, in a statement on Thursday, he gave a 48-hour ultimatum that he would resign if Shahidullah Hall, Fazlul Haq Hall, Sir A.F. Rahman Hall and Mohsin Hall of the

university were not freed from the outsiders.

The Vice-Chancellor sent his resignation letter to the Chancellor's Secretariat at about 11.45 a.m. by his Private Secretary and it was submitted to Mr. Abdullah Harun Pasha, Secretary of Chancellor and also Secretary of Ministry of Education at 12.15 p.m.

"I had no alternative. The present campus situation is delicate and explosive so bloodshed can take place on the campus any time. At this stage I have no ability to bear the pile of bodies" the emotional Vice-Chancellor told the journalists after sending his resignation letter to the Secretariat of the Chancellor.

He said "During my tenure I tried heart and soul to maintain a congenial atmosphere on the campus and left no stone unturned to remove session jam from the university".

Prof. Emajuddin assumed the office of Vice-Chancellor on November 26, 1993. Earlier, he discharged the duty as Acting V-C from November 16 in 1992.

Meanwhile, three provosts have also stepped down in view of recurrence of violence on the campus between two rival student organisations for the last few days.

The Provosts who resigned are Prof. Md. Abdul Kader of Fazlul Hall. See Page 12 Col. 3



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Haq Hall, Prof. M. Ershadul Bari of Ziaur Rahman Hall and Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah of Jasimuddin Hall.

They submitted their resignation letters to the Vice-Chancellor in the morning.

Earlier, Proctor of the University Prof. Nazrul Islam and Provosts of four other halls—Prof. Md. Abul Kalam Azad of Sir A.F. Rahman Hall, Prof. Md. Jamaluddin Ahmed of Mohsin Hall, Yousuf Haider of Suryasen Hall, Prof. Md. Shafiur Rahman of Shahidullah Hall and all house tutors of Mohsin Hall resigned en masse.

It may be mentioned here that the Provosts and House Tutors who resigned were supporters of pro-BNP white panel.

No one has yet been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the University till writing this story at 10.30 p.m.

As per section 11/2 of 1973 University Ordinance, the Chancellor of the University can give appointment to the person whomsoever he likes.

In another development a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader was shot at by some miscreants on the Dhaka University campus on

dition.

Bashir has completed Master's examinations from Islamic Studies Department of Dhaka University and he is a resident of Room No 513 of Ziaur Rahman Hall.

When the attacker fired gunshots several rounds of gunshots were also fired on the campus from different nearby halls in reply to the fires of the attackers.

Meanwhile, at least thirty vehicles were damaged allegedly by activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Topkhana Road and its adjoining areas on Saturday.

Witnesses said, JCD held a rally in front of the National Press Club at about 11 a.m. in protest against violence and terrorism on Dhaka University campus. After the rally when some JCD workers were trying to damage the arch erected in connection with the National Mourning Day near National Press Club police chased them lobbing tear-gas shells. The JCD workers went on rampage and damaged at least thirty vehicles in presence of police at Topkhana Road and its adjoining areas.

However, none was arrested in this connection.

DUTA condemns

Meanwhile, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in a statement on Saturday condemned the attack and demanded arrest and punishment to the attackers.

DUTA President A.T.M. Zahurul Haq and General Secretary A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddique in their statement urged the concerned authority and the Government to identify the attackers and outsiders and demanded punitive measures including expulsions from the university.

They expressed concern as the campus situation is deteriorating day by day due to the presence of outsiders.

Bashiruddin, Vice President of JCD unit of Zia Hall, Dhaka University received bullet wound on the campus on Saturday morning. —OSERVER

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Bashiruddin, Vice-President of Ziaur Rahman Hall Unit of JCD was attacked by armed men near the lecture theatre of the university at about 6.30 a.m.

Sources said the attackers numbering three came by a motor cycle and started firing at him while he was passing through the area by a rickshaw. He received bullet injuries at his chest. The attackers also stabbed him. The cause of the attack, however, could not be known.

He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical con-

