



20 injured in ICS-BCL gunfight on campus

CU closed sine die

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CHITTAGONG, Aug 13:—The Chittagong University (CU) is closed sine die following a series of clashes that erupted between Islami Chhaira Shibir (ICS) and Bangladesh Chhaira League (BCL) today on the university campus.

The Vice-Chancellor of CU Professor Fazlec Hossain declared this in his own administrative power according to the University Act, said a Press release.

The authority also advised the male students to vacate their respective halls by 3 pm today while the female students of the university will leave their halls by 9 am tomorrow.

According to university sources, at least 20 students of both the rival groups have been injured in this clash. Of them 12 are the activists of BCL and other 8 are supporters of ICS.

The critically injured BCL men are Ferdous of Mathematics, Faruk of Math and Oyan of Economics. They were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH). On the other hand, injured ICS activists are Mozammel, Osman and Alauddin.

Our sources also informed that when the supporters of BCL, student wing of the Awami League, were crossing the Kata Pahar area of the university at 11.30 am with a big procession they were halted by police personnel. While they started to return to the station of the university in ICS activists chased them with lethal weapons.

After seeing the ICS men with arms the BCL

groups at the time opened fires on each other. At this moment the Commerce Faculty of the University became a war zone. The two rival groups exchanged at least 70 rounds of gun-shots.

Police personnel came and resorted to baton charge on them and drove away the two groups from there.

After baton charge of the police the ICS supporters took shelter in different parts of the university while some BCL activists passing that areas they fell prey to ICS cadres attack. The ICS men attacked on the BCL men with lethal weapons and injured seriously the BCL activists.

After that, the ICS men ousted the BCL supporters from Shahid Abdur Rab Hall at gun point.

When contacted some students of the university alleged that the police personnel of the university stood as onlookers during the clash between ICS and BCL.

Meanwhile, at a Press conference, ICS led All Party Student Unity (APSU) blamed the VC and Proctor of the university for their direct involvement in this attack by BCL supporters on the ICS men. They said that the VC of the university planned this 'drama' with the help of the CU Proctor to divert our movement in support of the 10-point demand to another way.

The written statement of the Press conference was read by ICS leader Majibur Rahman Manjur. APSU threatened to call strike in Greater Chittagong if their three-point-demand were not met immediately. The

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the present VC of the university, arrest of those BCL men who are involved in this attack on ICS men and re-open the university immediately and rehabilitate the legal allotted students in their respective halls of the university. They will also hold a protest rally at Laldighi Maidan in this regard.

The ICS President of CU Unit told the Bangladesh Observer, the VC of the university pro-planned this that he would close the university. On the normal day the VC of CU came to his office at 9 am but why he did not come to his office today. We will continue our indefinite programme on the campus.

A tense situation has now been prevailing on the campus. Police and BDR personnel have been deployed on the campus to avoid any unwanted situation.