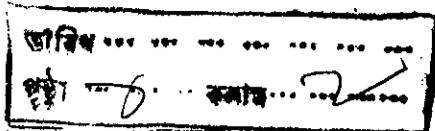


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(1) Victim Chamman Ara Champa (2) Frenzied students attacking vehicles (3) Police action to disperse the angry students (4) Students' demonstration on the street.

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Students damage 20 vehicles

DU female student killed in road mishap

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A female student of Dhaka University was killed in a road-mishap at Plassey crossing in the city on Tuesday noon that sparked off violent protests from the

common students on the campus.

The victim was identified as Chamman Ara Champa (21), daughter of Lutfur Rahman, a college teacher, of village Hatibari

under Paik Gachha upazila in Khulna district.

Champa was a student of honours third year of Philosophy Department and a resident of Shamsunnahar Hall.

Witnesses said Champa was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus of route No. 9 (Dhaka Metro Ja-5332) at Plassey crossing at about 12:30 pm when she was going to Plassey Bazar crossing the road. She died on the spot.

Her classmate Masud Ahmed Rana who was accompanying her also received injuries in the mishap.

As the news spread on the campus, general students got furious, streams to the streets and went on a rampage damaging vehicles passing through the campus. They damaged at least 20 motorised vehicles at Plassey, Nilkhet, TSC, Shahbagh and adjacent BUET areas.

The agitating students also brought out processions and chanted slogans demanding safety and security on the campus streets. They put up barricade at the place of occurrence, in front of SM Hall and Nilkhet areas for about four hours demanding ban on movements of heavy vehicles through the campus.

Police resorted to baton charge on the protesters near BUET Sha-

DU student

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heed Minar. They also lobbed three to four rounds of teargas canisters to disperse the protesters at Nilkhet and New Market areas.

The protesters also gheraoed Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury at TSC crossing when he was returning from the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue after visiting the body of Champa.

A rickshaw-puller Lavlu Mia received bullet injuries when the protesters opened blank-shots at the TSC crossing. He was admitted to DMCH.

Police immediately sealed all the university entrances as the protesters went berserk and swooped on the vehicles passing through the campus.

Champa was the youngest of the three siblings of college teacher Lutfur Rahman. She was resident of the room number 2012 of Shamsunnahar Hall.

When the bus hit Champa, Masud tried to save her, but failed. He is a resident of 327, Kabi Jamrudin Hall.

Champa's friends burst into tears when the body was taken to Shamsunnahar Hall from the DMCH morgue after autopsy. A pall of gloom gripped the hall areas. VC and other senior officials also visited the body of Champa at the Hall.

The Namaj-e-Janaza of Champa was held at the university's Central Mosque after Asr prayers. The DU authorities took steps to send the body of Champa to her village home Hatibari on Tuesday night.

Residents of Shamsunnahar Hall brought out a mourning procession on the campus in the evening to mourn the death of Champa.