

Killings on campus a regular feature

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The Dhaka University (DU) is still witnessing incidents of killings of its own students as well as

outsiders on the campus.

Since the independence of the country 72 killing incidents took place on the DU campus. Only two of total incidents were tried.

Of the total killed, 24 were outsiders and the rest were the students of the university. Establishing supremacy on the campus, factional clashes and internal feud of the student organisations, snatching and distribution of money were the key factors behind those deadly incidents.

The last incident occurred on Friday Ehtemsham-Al-Ziad alias Mrinal, a second year MBBS student of Bangladesh Medical College (BMC) was beaten to death allegedly by a group of students of Salimullah Muslim (SM) Hall of the university.

In most of the incidents cases were filed. The university authorities and police also investigated the incidents. But no investigation reports was ever submitted. As a result, no trial was held and no culprit punished. The killers never

had to go on hiding are now roaming freely on the campus, sources said.

About the last incident on the campus, police said a group of students of SM Hall beaten up Ehtemsham on the Hall premises accusing him of stealing a cell phone on Friday at about 6.00am. Later, on information, Shahbagh Thana police rushed to the spot and rescued him in a critical condition and sent him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for treatment. Later, he was shifted to the BMC where died at 3.00pm the same day.

On Saturday morning, Md. Mosharrif Hossain, father of Ehtemsham filed a case (No-67) with Shahbagh police station accusing 20-25 students, including a security guard. The accused students are Himel, Rassel, Sazzad, Masum, Rana, Sazedul Bahar and Kamrul Ahsan (the security guard of the SM Hall).

In 2004, JCD leader Mahbubul Haque Khokon was killed follow-

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ing an internal feud of JCD at Sargent Zahurul Haq Hall. The persons involved in the killing fled soon after the incident. But now, they are allegedly maintaining relation with the law enforcing agencies, sources said.

Notorious terrorist of the city Natta Rubal alias Sazzad was killed in front of F Rahman Hall of the university in 2003. Some terrorists boarded on taxicab fired at him on the Hall premises and left him spot-dead.

Snatcher Kutta Liton was reportedly killed by his accomplices at Sargent Zahurul Haq Hall pond premises on March 27, 2001. On August 18 on the same year, the miscreants killed Firoz Ahmed, Vice-president of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Ziaur Rahman Hall unit in his own room. After the incident, BCL and JCD filed separate cases accusing each other. But police failed to arrest anyone in this connection.

Nikunjo Bihari Debnath, joint-secretary of LGRD ministry was killed by snatchers on the campus on January 1, 2000. On October 25 the same year, professional snatcher Choto Kaishsha was killed on the campus over distributing of money snatched by them from different places.

Parthapratim Acharya, a stu-

dent of Mass Communication and Journalism Department was killed in crossfire when firing took place between the BCL and JCD over occupying Ziaur Rahman Hall on April 1998. A number of student leaders including Shaheed Uddin Chowdhury Ane were arrested in connection with the killing. But they were soon released.

In 1995, Joydeep Datta Chowdhury was killed on the campus over an internal feud of BCL. In the same year, two bodies of outsiders were found on the premises of Fine Arts Institute and TSC area. In 1991, Bulbul, a masters student was killed of tear gas by the police during a clash between the BCL (S-P) and BCL (K-C). On the same day, JCD leader Zinnah and Pavel were killed over an internal feud of JCD.

The 'much-talked' seven murders occurred at Mahsin Hall of the university on April 4, 1974. After verdict of 'seven murder' cases, a number of accused were awarded imprisonment in 1978. The highest killing number of incidents took place on the campus in 1992. In the year, a total of seven persons, including BCL Organising Secretary Maniruz-zaman Badal, were killed. Fourteen persons were acquitted in this connection.