

16 hurt in bomb blasts on DU campus

At least 16 students, including four females, were injured when four bombs exploded simultaneously at different places on the Dhaka University campus Monday, reports BD News.

A series of bombs were also exploded at different places in the city, including Russell Square and Topkhana, after the dusk. At Russell Square four bombs were blasted at about 9:30 pm. However, there were no immediate reports of casualties.

Police recovered three live hand-made bombs wrapped in separate packets of chips from the DU campus. The law enforcers put the bombs inside a water bucket.

The injured students were identified as Tuhina of Urdu and Parsi Department, Zahirul Islam, Alamgir Hossain, Deepa of Sociol-

ogy, Lubna Rashid of Philosophy, Saiful (Islam), Rimu of Public Administration, Ruby, Jewel, Shah Newaz, Masud, Mostafiz, Pavel and Amit of Mathematics Department of Dhaka University, and Shahin Mian of Jagannath College and Razu of Dhaka College.

The injured were immediately sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"The injured are out of danger," hospital sources said.

Afsaruzzaman, an eye account and employee of a private organisation told the BDNEWS that the series of bomb explosions occurred at around 7:40pm.

The first bomb went off at Hakim Chattar beside the DU Central Library while three others at the

Swaparjito Swadhinata one after another," he added. During the incident, hundreds of people, mostly students, were enjoying a debating programme on 'ensuring rights to love in the Constitution' marking the Valentine's Day organised by DU Debating Society.

Panic-stricken students ran for cover creating a chaotic situation in the area.

Security has further been tightened after the incident. The RAB, armed police and riot police rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area. JCD, the student wing of the ruling BNP, instantly brought out a procession on the campus and blamed Awami League and Chhatra League for the bomb blasts.