

After JCD leader's death

## Shahjalal varsity closed sine die

SYLHET, July 14:— The Shahjalal University was closed indefinitely after a local JCD student leader died early Thursday, hours after he was beaten allegedly by rivals in the campus, reports UNB.

Resident students of the Shahjalal Science and Technology University were also asked to vacate their halls by 8:30am Thursday after Rafiqul Islam Patowari Liton, assistant general secretary of university unit of Jatuyatabadi Chha-

tra Dal, succumbed to his injuries at 3:00am at the Osmany Medical College Hospital.

Following the death, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Moslehuddin Ahmed held an emergency syndicate meeting at his house and ordered immediate suspension of classes and vacation of hostels for indefinite period.

The syndicate also decided to expel JCD campus leaders Jashi-

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mudin and Rubel Ahmed in connection with the murder and also constituted a seven-member committee to investigate the violence and report within seven days.

Campus sources said Liton was picked up by his rivals from the campus when he came out after appearing at his Master's Social Science final year examination at about 5:30pm yesterday (Wednesday) and beat him up with rods and sticks taking into campus building. The attackers were claimed to be his rivals within JCD.

On information, senior level leaders of JCD rushed to the spot, rescued Liton and admitted him to a private Hospital. But after deterioration of his condition, he was shifted to Osmani Medical College Hospital where he died after midnight at 2:30am.

General secretary of JCD university unit Imran Hossain Bhuiyan later said the unfortunate incident was the result of "personal rivalry" and was not in any way linked with JCD. But he assured that necessary action would be taken if any JCD leader and worker were found guilty.

Security had been tightened in the panic-gripped University campus where three platoons of police were deployed to avoid untoward situation.