

Destruction at rly station
CU classes suspended,
family compensated

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CHITTAGONG, May 24:- Academic operations of Chittagong University (CU) barring the ongoing exams and administrative activities have been suspended for three days commencing from today.

Syndicate of the university at an emergency meeting late last night announced the suspension that might be expanded until the restoration of the university's train service.

Railway officials reportedly pledged usual shutting of the university train after required replacements and renovations of the railway traffic control and other infrastructures.

Sholoshahar junction station on Chittagong-Hathazari, Chittagong-Dohazari and Chittagong-Nazirhat railroads suffered total destruction following indiscriminate vandalism and arson by a section of furious university students on Thursday last.

On the other hand, a cheque worth Taka half a million as compensation from the university has been handed over to the mother of the victim through Chairman of Patiya Municipality Alhajj Nurul Islam this afternoon.

Chairman of Accounting and Information System Professor Ranjit Kumar Chowdhury accompanied by Assistant Professor Bidhan Chandra Majumder and dozens of the victim's classmates went to Mamun's village home for handing over the compensation.

The railway probe team led by Commercial Officer in Chittagong MA Shahnewaz could not table the report till the time of dispatching this report at 7:00 p.m. The team was earlier asked to submit the report by Friday.

Investigating Officer of the case and Officer-in-Charge (OC) of the General Railway Police (GRP) Mohammad Shahjahan told reporters that investigation into the case had been started. "We're now recording statements of eyewitnesses. None has been taken into custody till now," he added.

Police picked up eight people on charge of vandalism and shop looting at the station area during the melee. Later, they were taken into custody in two cases recorded by a shop owner - Chand Mian - and the cops and subsequently produced before the court. The court sent them to jail denying their bail prayer.