

Bid to defuse tension

BUET closed sine die

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Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) has been closed sine die on Sunday following the killing of a student leader on the campus on Saturday.

The University authorities in an emergency meeting of the Provosts of different halls decided to close down the BUET to defuse the tension mounted following Saturday's killing. Held at the office of the Vice-Chancellor on Sunday noon the meeting was presided over by the acting Vice-Chancellor Prof Dipak Kanti Das.

The students have been asked to leave their halls on the day. Resident students left their respective halls by Sunday evening.

The killing of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) BUET unit General Secretary and a final year student of Civil Engineering Department Ahmedullah led to a violent demonstration by students on Saturday in which a number of cars belonging to BUET teachers were damaged and the office of the Provost of Ahsanullah Hall was set on fire.

The BUET campus was calm on Sunday. Police were posted at different points on the campus. The movement of transports inside the

campus was stopped on the second consecutive day on Sunday.

Arrest of killers demanded

Meanwhile, different political and student organisations on Sunday protested the killing of Ahmedullah and demanded punishment to those responsible for the incident.

Central Committee members of Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote Badruddin Omar and Shah Atiul Islam in a joint statement on Sunday condemned the killing of BUET student Ahmedullah

and demanded arrest and trial of the killers.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) brought out a procession on Dhaka University campus and held a rally in front of Madhu's Canteen demanding arrest and trial of killers of Ahmedullah.

SCF will observe mourning day today (Monday) protesting the killing of its BUET unit leader.

SCF President Belal Chowdhury and General Secretary Nurul Islam in a joint statement on Sunday ex-

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pressed resentment over closing down of the BUET and demanded immediate reopening of the university.

SCF leaders urged the BUET authorities to take immediate measures to arrest the killers of Ahmedullah.

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) held a rally on Dhaka University campus protesting the killing BUET student Ahmedullah.

GCO leaders criticised the Government for what they said failing to protect the lives of people and demanded trial of the killers.