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6 injured in DU campus blasts

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At least six people were injured when explosions rocked the Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall of the Dhaka University at about 4-45 p.m. yesterday, according to residents and eyewitnesses.

Of the injured, one person, who described himself as a fruit seller, aged about 25, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with injuries on his arms, face and lower abdomen.

His exact identity was not known immediately.

Some unidentified people, who brought him to the hospital first said his name was Ainul but later corrected it as Alam while recording it on the hospital register without address.

The injured person said his name was Shah Alam.

The identity of the other

injured were also not immediately available.

At 9-45 p.m. Ramna police said they were yet to record any case.

Reporters were prevented from visiting the spot by certain student leaders.

Residents of the hall found several dozens of small tin con-

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tainers scattered around the place after the blasts took place near the stairs.

The scenario suggested that there had been several explosions when the tin containers were being carried.

Earlier on Sunday night, the campus was rocked by explosions.

Despite repeated attempts neither the provost of the Zahurul Huq Hall nor the Vice-Chancellor was available for their comments.

Ramna police, under whose jurisdiction the Dhaka University falls, expressed their ignorance of the incident.

Two policemen were guarding Ainul alias Alam alias Shah Alam at the DMCH at 10 p.m.

Earlier at 8 pm, a police officer visited the hospital and deployed the two constables around the bed of the injured.

The injured person told medical reporters of different newspapers that he is a fruit merchant. While he was passing through the Nilkoht Road some people threw a number of bombs on his person, he said.

Hospital records showed that his name was recorded as Alam and no address was given. The people who brought him to the hospital told DMCH attendants that his name was Ainul. Later they disappeared after registering the 'correct' name as Alam.

The entire episode remained shrouded in mystery as the Ramna police repeatedly expressed their ignorance of the entire matter.

A fidgety assistant commissioner of the Ramna police station told The New Nation that he would not disclose anything beyond that the matter was under investigation.

Neither he would say whether the injured person admitted to the hospital had been taken into police custody or whether his statement had been accepted by police.

In a statement the pro-8-party faction of the Chhatra Sangram Parishad last night criticised the university authorities for what it said contradicting the "intellectuals' statement" depicting a real picture of the Dhaka University. The group charged the Dhaka University authorities for harbouring the elements responsible for unleashing terror against the democratic student organisations opposed to the martial law and preventing them from carrying out their activities for the last five months.