



## Bablu killed, 3 others hurt in Mohsin Hall bomb blast

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Mahabubul Haq Bablu (28), General Secretary of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and a final year M. A. student of Dhaka University was killed in an explosion in a room on the third floor of Mohsin Hall on Monday afternoon.

Three other youngmen including a central leader of the organisation and two admission-seekers were also injured and admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical conditions.

The powerful explosion took place in room number 426 at about 2.45 p.m. making a deep hole on the floor and blowing away one of the side walls.

Following the explosion all the victims were rushed to hospitals. Bablu succumbed to his injuries at P.G. Hospital at 6.10 p.m.

There others, admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, were identified as Mainuddin (30), a Central leader of Chhatra Dal and a student of M. Com at Dhaka University; Noor Mohammad (30), an admission-seeker and Yusuf (28), another admission-seeker.

Our Dhaka Medical College correspondent quoting duty doctors informed that all the three admitted victims underwent operations. Mainuddin might lose his eye sight while Noor Mohammad and Yusuf

were in critical conditions, according to doctors.

Meanwhile, BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia visited the hospital on Monday evening.

Earlier in a similar explosion at Jagannath Hall one outsider was killed on October 11, 1986. The explosion took place in a room on the ground floor of the east house of Jagannath Hall damaging 15 rooms on three floors.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof M.A. Mannan and senior teachers of the university visited Mohsin Hall following the explosion on Monday.

High officials of Dhaka Metropolitan Police also visited the place of occurrence at about 7

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p.m. Police said the explosion took place when the victims were manufacturing bombs inside the room.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party and different student organisations including Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal in separate statements, however, termed it a



Mahabubul Haq Bablu.

pre-planned act by "those in authority" with a view to suppressing student movement.

An emergency meeting of the Standing Committee of Bangladesh Nationalist Party held under the chairmanship of the party chief Begum Khaleda Zia condemned what it called "the killing of Mahabubul Haq Bablu".

The meeting alleged that a powerful bomb was thrown from the adjacent AF Rahman Hall when Bablu and others were staying in room number 426.

The meeting observed that "the attack on BNP meeting at Adamjee Nagar on March 6 and the bomb attack on Mohsin Hall were the manifestations of the autocratic character of its perpetrators."

The meeting decided to hold "Gaebara Janaza" all over the country today Tuesday. The meeting also decided to observe, weeklong country-wide protest rallies and demonstrations from today (Tuesday) in protest against the "killing". A number of political parties and student organisations also condemned the incident.

Those who issued statements in this regard included Six-Party Alliance, Jatiya Ganatantrik Party, Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Central Students Action Council, Sangrami Chhatra Jote, Bangladesh Biplobi Chhatra Mority, Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir (both factions), Bangladesh Chhatra League (Jalil) and Ganatantrik Chhatra League.

### TWO HURT AT MIRPUR

Meanwhile two persons were injured when a bomb exploded at Lalkuti under Mirpur police station on Monday afternoon. The victims — Kabir Hossain (30) and Khaleque (29) were brought from Mirpur and admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital at about 4.30 p.m. on Monday.

Mirpur police told the Times that they had heard about an incident but were not aware of the details.