

Dhaka University campus tense

JCD Secy killed, 3 hurt in bomb blast

By Our Varsity Correspondent

Mr. Mahbubul Haq Bablu (24) General Secretary of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and a final year student of the Department of Philosophy, Dhaka University, was killed on Monday by a bomb blast in the Room No. 426 of Haji Mohsin Hall. The bomb exploded at 2.45 p.m.

Mainuddin (22) and Yousuf (20) and Noor Mohammad were also critically injured in the explosion in the same room. Both of them are not the students of Dhaka University but they were living in the Hall with the Chhatra Dal members. Three rooms (425, 426, 427) were badly damaged in the incident.

Bablu was taken to the P.G. Hospital while Mainuddin and Yousuf were taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Bablu received head injury and died at the hospital at 6.20 p.m. Prof. Rashiduddin a neurosurgeon conducted an emergency operation on Bablu, Mainuddin's left hand was amputated from the wrist. Yousuf received serious burn injury in his face and body. All these three victims were present in the room during the explosion.

The huge explosion on the third floor rocked the building and the resident students were panic-stricken.

Many students were found running for safety. The explosion caused a big hole on the floor and the room below was clearly visible through the gap. None was, however, injured on the downstairs.

A big contingent of riot police went to the Mohsin Hall at 6.40 p.m. but they did not enter the hall premises. The Vice-Chancellor Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Provost frequently visited the hall and hospitals after the incident. The university authorities did not allow the police to enter the Hall.

Many resident students were found leaving the hall out of fear. A tense situation is prevailing on the campus following the incident.

BNP Chairman Begum Khaleda Zia Central leader Mr. K.M. Haidur Rahman General Secretary



Begum Khaleda Zia, chief of BNP beside the body of Bablu, the JCD leader at P.G. Hospital on Monday. —OBSERVER

of JSD Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu and CSAC leaders visited the hospital after the death of Bablu.

President of the JCD, Mr. Asaduzzaman Ripon accused that a high explosive bomb was hurled from the A.F. Rahman Hall, a strong base of pro-Govt. student organisation JCS. He said it was a preplanned action to kill Bablu a pillar of the Chhatra Dal to weaken the party.

Bablu was married and his wife Mrs. Naju visited him ten minutes before the incident. Bablu was a resident student of Room No. 458 on the third floor. His wife is a resident student of the Shamsunnahar Hall. Bablu's younger brother, Mr. Sanaul Haq Niru, is another stalwart of the organisation.

The Vice-Chancellor and the

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Hall Provost when asked by the news men about the cause of the blast refrained from making any comment.

BSS adds :—The body of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Mahbubul Haq Bablu will be kept overnight at the P.G. Hospital under the supervision of the Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor and the students.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Emazuddin Ahmed and Provost of Mohsin Hall, Dr. S.M.A. Faiz, were also present.

After discussing with the police and relatives, the University authorities came to this decision and the Vice-Chancellor addressed the students within the P.G. Hospital premises. He said Tuesday morning Bablu's body would be taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for post-mortem and his Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at 3 p.m. today (Tuesday) at the Dhaka University Battala.

Student leader Niru also addressed the students and alleged that the bomb was hurled from the F.M. Rahman Hall.

The young student leader who was supposed to appear at his Master's Degree examinations this month, received serious injuries to his head, which according to a doctor caused his death. His parents were supposed to reach Dhaka by Monday mid-night.

The student leaders later left the P.G. Hospital premises in a procession.

Convener of the Jatiyatabadi Jubo Ainjiby Samity Azizul Islam Khan Bacchu condemned the act and demanded exemplary punishment to the killers.

Death condoled

Our Varsity Correspondent adds :—The Central Students Action Committee (CSAC) in a statement expressed grave condolence over the killing of Bablu and said it was done by the Government to stifle the democratic movement.

The CSAC urged the students to make a success of the hartal call given by the CSAC and Sangrami Chhatra Jote.

Others who condoled the death include leaders of 5-party alliance, ix-party alliance, Jatiya Gonotarik Party, The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Association, Ganotantrik Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir and both factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League.