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Dhaka Varsity closed sine die

BCL leader killed in gun battle

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Shahidul Islam Chunnu (25) Vice-President of Zahurul Huque Hall Students Union and a central leader of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League was shot dead and two others were injured in a gun battle between Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student

the students were asked to leave the residential halls by 5 p.m. on the day. The painc stricken students left the campus after the clash. The body of Chunnu was sent to his home town Gopalganj by the Dhaka University authorities after the namaj-e-janaza held at the Cen-

the possession of the venue at 10 a.m. on the day.

The Chhatra League (H-A) activists were first chased away from the Madhu's Canteen by the JCD activists at about 10 a.m. the JCD then brought out a procession at the Arts Faculty area at 10.25 a.m. when the procession reached the western side of Arts Faculty building a series of gun shots were heard. The activists of the JCD and Chhatra League clashed with automatic weapons. The police officers on duty there told this correspondent that the rival groups used SMG, Stengun, cut rifles and other weapons. Over five hundred rounds of gun shots and frequent bomb blasts rocked the campus.

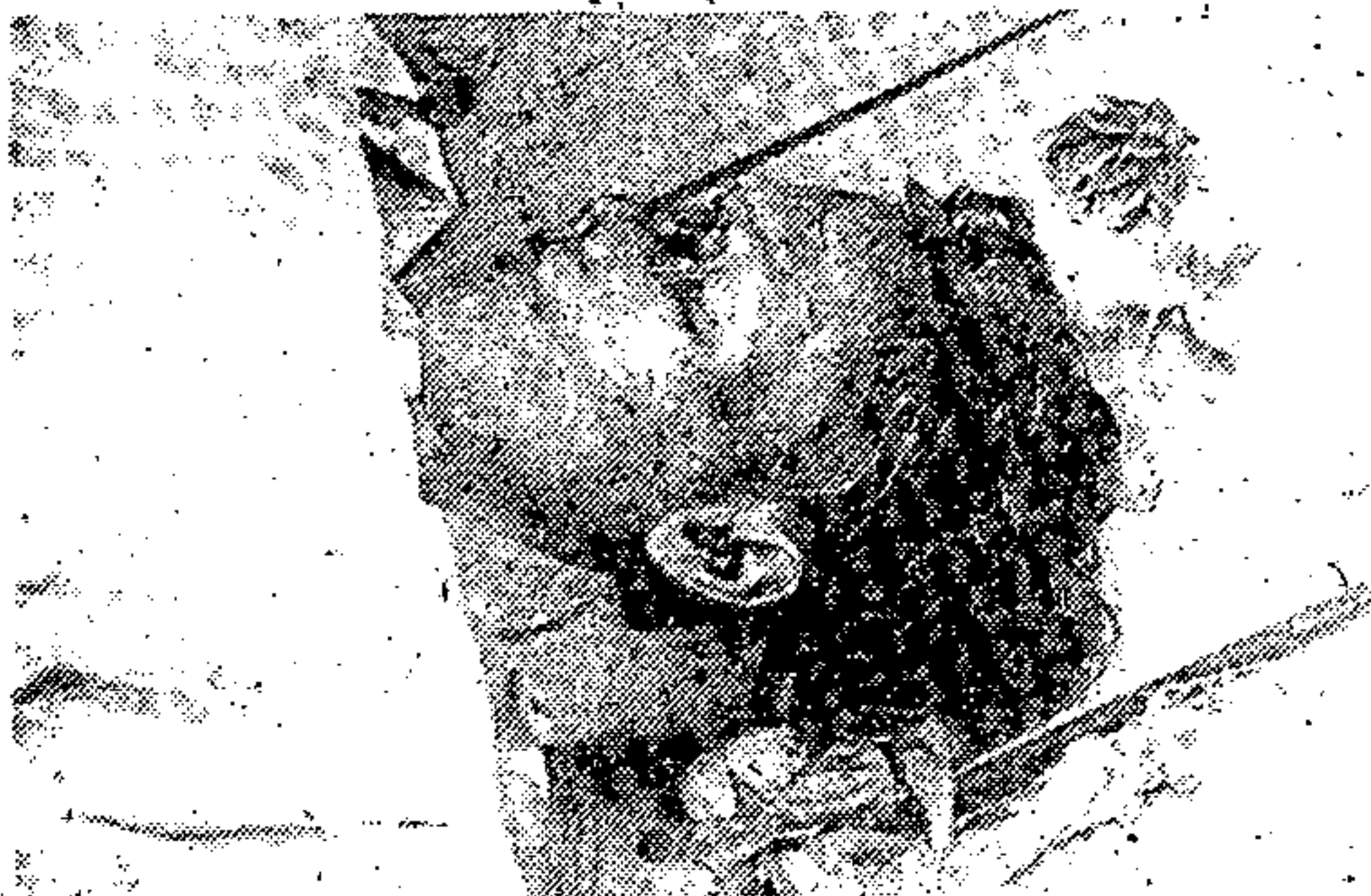
The gun battle continued for about one and a half hours. A huge contingent of police which was deployed earlier intervened after about half an hour. The police opened several rounds of gun shots and resorted to tear gas shells to disperse the unruly mob.

Chunnu was killed on the spot when rifle bullet hit him on the head from behind near the Zahurul Huque Hall. Eye witnesses said Chunnu running towards his hall for cover at 11 a.m. during a chase.

Mrs Anwara Begum (32) who came to the campus to lift her child from the University Laboratory School received bullet injury and was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Abdus Salam, a second year student of the Department of Islamic Studies was injured when a bullet hit him at the waist. Salam was appearing at his subsidiary examinations at the third floor of the Arts Faculty

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The body of Shahidul Islam Chunnu, Vice-President of Zahurul Huq Hall Students' Union lying at the hall premises. —OBSERVER

front of the BNP on Sunday on the campus.

Chhatra League H-A) alleged that Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was responsible for the killing which was denied by the JCD.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University was injured following brickbats at Zahurul Huque Hall premises. He went there to see the body of Chunnu his car was also damaged.

The Vice-Chancellor was admitted to the hospital.

The Dhaka University was closed sine die following the violence and

traal Mosque of the university. Earlier the post mortem of Chunnu was performed at the DMCH. The janaza was attended by Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan, Qamruzziman, Baksal leader Abdur Razzak, CPB leader Shamsuddoha student leaders teachers and students of the university.

The clash originated from announcement of holding meeting by both BCL and JCD at battola of Dhaka University at the same time. A tense situation was prevailing on the campus since last Friday as rival groups were taking preparations for