

Hunt for members of rival faction by JCD gunmen

One shot dead, five injured

Staff Reporter

A student of Dhaka University was shot dead and at least five others were injured in a pre-dawn attack by an armed group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the members of its rival faction at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall on Thursday morning.

Arif Hossain Khan, a student of third year of Bengali Department and an activist of JCD was killed and Biplob, a student of Institute of Fine Arts, Shamsul of Management, Liton, an honours student, Shafiq and Sujjan, two non-student outsiders were injured during the gunfight.

According to eyewitnesses, a group of JCD activists of Jasimuddin Hall, equipped with firearms, entered Mujibur Rahman Hall by scaling the

wall from outside at 5-30 a.m. and forced some members of the rival faction to disclose the whereabouts of arms and ammunition.

Being informed that arms and ammunition were with Arif, they stormed Arif's room and shot at him from a close range. Arif got bullet injuries in his chest, neck and waist. Shamsul, who was also in the room was hit in his left arm.

The armed cadets of JCD also went to different rooms of the dormitory in search of the members of their rival faction. They stabbed and shot members of their opponent group. Two of them were confined in a room.

About half an hour after the incident, some inmates of the hall brought injured Arif at the hall gate. The hall employees

sent Arif to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), where the doctors on duty declared him dead. The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Following the killing police raided three dormitories—Mujibur Rahman Hall, Ziaur Rahman Hall and Jasimuddin Hall—three strongholds of JCD at about 7:00 a.m.

In four-hour-long raid police could only recover a live bomb and some ammunition from Bangabandhu Hall and rescued two injured students who were confined in a room.

Police also picked up eight outsiders from Bangabandhu and Jasimuddin halls.

The body of the deceased Arif Hossain was sent to his

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Police cordoned off Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall of Dhaka University on Thursday morning after JCD activist Arif Hossain was shot dead. Inset: Body of Arif. —Times

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village home in Chuadanga district.

Tension is prevailing on the campus following the incident and additional police were deployed to avoid further trouble.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) brought

out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of DUCSU Bhaban on Thursday afternoon.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Enamul Huq Shamim, President of BCL, Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, General Secretary, BCL leader Bahadur Bepari and Sajjad Hossain.

Leaders blamed JCD for the killing and demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the killing.

JCD Surya Sen Hall unit brought out a procession condemning the incident.

It may be mentioned here that the rival factions of JCD clashed twice on the campus last month in which at least 10 persons were injured over establishing supremacy.

Leaders of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) at an emergency meeting on Thursday condemned the killing of Arif by JCD activists.

The meeting in a resolution demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the persons responsible for the incident.

DUTA leaders expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

DUTA urged the authorities concerned to ensure safety and security of the teachers and the students on the campus.

The DUTA will hold another emergency meeting on Saturday to discuss situation prevailing on the campus.

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