

Cop killed as JCD, BCL clash in Sylhet

SYLHET, Dec 30 (UNB): A constable was killed in bullet when a contingent of police tried to ward off two fighting groups of students at Murari Chand College (MC College) in the city today.

Witnesses said Mohammad Shahidullah received the bullet soon after he picked up a cut rifle from the ground which was left behind by one of the student activists chased by police. He succumbed to the injury on way to hospital.

Police, however, claimed Shahidullah was fired upon by the armed student activists.

BNP backed JCD and Awami League backed Chhatra League in Sylhet who are at daggers drawn since long were clashing at MC

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College compound today. A police contingent was posted there to control the situation.

Death of the constable enraged all the sepoys in the town who were heard accusing senior police officers for giving "indulgence" to student activists.

A police constable who refused to give his name told UNB correspondent at the hospital that they wanted to mop up the feuding armed student activists before the situation deteriorated but were restrained by their senior officers.

Witnesses said about 400 constables from the police line crammed into the hospital for taking over the body of Shahidullah. They became unruly and heard accusing the officers for the death of their colleague.

The body was brought to the police line. None of the police officers were available till late tonight to comment on the situation.

Tension was prevailing in the town.

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