

30 injured

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supporters' took attempt to enforce the strike thwarting the entrance of Chhatra League supporters. The university's main entrance (gate No 1) was besieged by the Shibir men. The trouble started immediately after the Shuttle train carrying the students reached campus railway station at around 10 am. Some Shibir supporters also tried in vain to hold the departure of the train at Chittagong University. But the police quickly intervened and made the campus bound shuttle train to ply uninterrupted.

On arrival in the university by the train, the Chhatra League supporters attempted to force their way into the campus breaking the barricade of the Shibir men at main gate. Then the two sides locked in clashes. There were gunshots from both sides. Facing strong resistance, the Shibir activists finally retreated and took refuge in two dormitories — Shah Jalal Hall and Shah Amanat Hall. Chasing the Shibir activists, the Chhatra League supporters also stormed into these two dormitories. The two warring groups in addition to exchange of gunfire freely used lethal weapons during the clash. The clash soon also spread to other dormitories namely Shaheed Suhrawardy Hall, Alaul Hall, Shahid Abdur Rab Hall and AF Rahman Hall as the supporters belonging to respective sides locked in clashes which continued till 2.30 pm (four hours). However, the shoot-out between the two sides continued for about one hour.

Of the injured persons, two with serious bullet injuries were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and six others admitted to a private clinic. One police constable Abu Yusuf with bullet injuries was also admitted to the police hospital. The seriously injured students are Malek Mollah, Kaji Mohammad Wahedullah, Ahsanuddin, Harunur Rashid, Nasir, Saiful, Anowar and Saidur Rahman.

Other injured students are identified as Shamir Adhikari, Lutfar Anam, Shakil, Abdul Awal, Obaidul Bari, Khan Sayed, Abdul Malek, Morshed Habib, Abu Sayed, Masud, Mohammad Iqbal and Ripon. Most of the injured students were released from the hospital after first aid. APB adds: At about 3 pm, police reinforcements from the city rushed to the campus and brought the situation under control, lobbing teargas shells and charging batons. Campus sources said the Chhatra Leaguers took control of the residential halls while the Shibirites stayed outside the campus after the gunfight was over.

Later, senior police officials, including SP Mohammad Abdur Rauf, rushed to the spot, raided all the six male students' dormitories of the university and arrested a number of students. Some firearms were also seized during the drive, police said. When contacted, CU Proctor Dr Khan Tauhid Osman said, police raided the residential halls in presence of the house tutors to free those from the clutches of "terrorists". The outsiders must be booked by tonight.

The CU Syndicate in an emergency meeting, with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan in the chair, suspended all the classes till May 2. All scheduled examinations upto May 6 were also postponed. Meanwhile, Shibir activists brought out a procession in Chittagong College area and damaged a dozen vehicles. Later, police intervened and cooled the unrest.

30 injured as BCL, Shibir clash in CU

Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, Apr 28:—At least 50 students were injured, nine of them seriously in an armed clash between the supporters of AL backed Chhatra League and Jamaat backed Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The Syndicate of Chittagong University in an emergency meeting this evening suspended the classes of students till May 2 and postponed the on-going examinations till May 6 following the bloody clashes. But the examination schedule after May 6 will remain unchanged, according to a university Press release. The Syndicate meeting was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan.

There was a total pandemonium

on the campus throughout the day today with the two rival groups locked in a series of clashes. The rattle of gunshots rocked the campus.

Two cottages and a shop beside Shah Amanat Hall were set ablaze by the unruly students. As many as 20 rooms in two dormitories—Shahid Suhrawardy Hall and Shahid Abdur Rab Hall were ransacked and damaged by the frenzied students.

The clash originated from a call of strike in the university given by the Islami Chhatra Shibir for today (Tuesday) demanding punishment to those responsible for the "attack on Shibir activists" two days ago. The clash broke out when the Shibir

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