

DU classes, exams put off till Dec

By Our DU Correspondent

All classes and examinations of the Dhaka University have been suspended till December 7 following a series of bloody clashes and killing of a student, Arif Ahmed.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the Dhaka University syndicate on Thursday night with the Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan in chair.

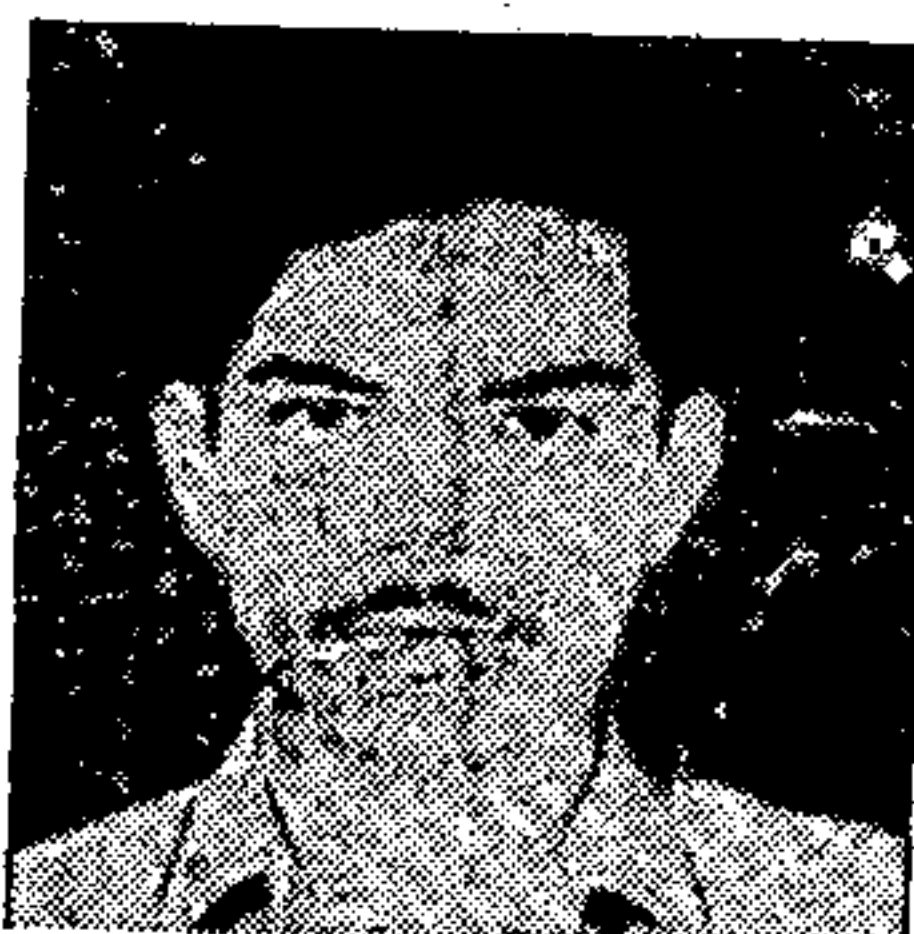
The meeting condoled the death of Arif Ahmed, an M. Com. final year student of Finance Department and a resident of SM Hall who was shot at Wednesday night at the hall premises by a group of armed raiders.

The syndicate demanded judicial inquiry into the murder and urged the government to ensure security of the students, teachers and officers on the campus. According to the syndicate decision, the offices would function as usual and the dormitories would remain open. The three high schools located on the campus will however remain closed.

Following the two-day long gun battle and killing of a student, more than half of the residential students left their dormitories apprehending more clashes on the campus.

The body of Arif Ahmed (25), was taken to the house of his uncle at Maghbazar from Dhaka Medical College Hospital

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Arif Ahmed (25) who was shot dead at S M Hall on Wednesday night.

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(DMCH) at around 9:45 am on Thursday.

The hospital authority handed over the body to his brother-in-law, Major Tajul Islam. It was not known whether the body would be taken to his village home at Daud Kandi, Comilla or to Chittagong, where his parent now live.

The bereaved fellow students were black badged on Thursday to mourn like death.

When the news of Arif's killing spread some agitated students ransacked six rooms belonging to the leaders and workers of Chhatra League (H-A) at SM Hall on Wednesday night and set valuables on fire outside the rooms.

The agitated students also ransacked the office of the Vice-President of DU Central Students Union (DUCSU) and set fire on the portrait of late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and chair of the DUCSU VP outside the office.

PROTEST RALLY

The 21-party students' unity council held a rally on the campus on Thursday protesting the killing of Arif Ahmed.

Held in front of the Ar's Faculty building, the rally was addressed by the student leaders Asaduzzaman Ripon, Nasir-uddoza and Shafi Ahmed with Zahiruddin Swapan in the chair.

Criticising the role of the university authorities in preventing armed hooliganism on the campus, the student leaders called upon the general students to remain always alert against the "organised conspiracy" to close down the university again.

Criticising the failure of the Vice-Chancellor, the JCD Presi-

dent Asaduzzaman Ripon in his address held the VC responsible for the killing of Arif. He condemned the VC Prof. Abdul Mannan for patronising violence and terrorism on the campus.

The DUCSU Vice-President Sultan Mohammad Monsur Ahmed on Thursday condemned the killing of Arif Ahmed and ransacking of the room of the DUCSU VP.

Addressing a news conference held at the National Press Club, the DUCSU VP demanded a judicial inquiry into the incidents and punishment of the persons responsible.

KILLING CONDEMNED

Meanwhile, different political parties and students' organisations at separate statements to the newspapers on Thursday condemned the killing of Arif and expressed sympathy to the bereaved members of his family.

They also demanded trial and exemplary punishment of the killers, those who issued statements were included the D.U. Teachers' Association (DUTA) five party alliance, Bangladesh United Communist League, National Democratic Party, Bangladesh Chhatra League, (H-A), Chhatra League (N-S), Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, the F. Rahman Hall Students Union, Kabi Jashim Uddin Hall Students Union, Jaiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (Kamal-Basher) and Biplobi Chhatra Dhara.

Our Correspondent from Rajshahi adds: The supporters of pro-AL and pro-JSD Chhatra League chased and counter-chased each other at Laif Hall Amir Ali Hall and Shah Mukdum Hall of Rajshahi University on Thursday evening.