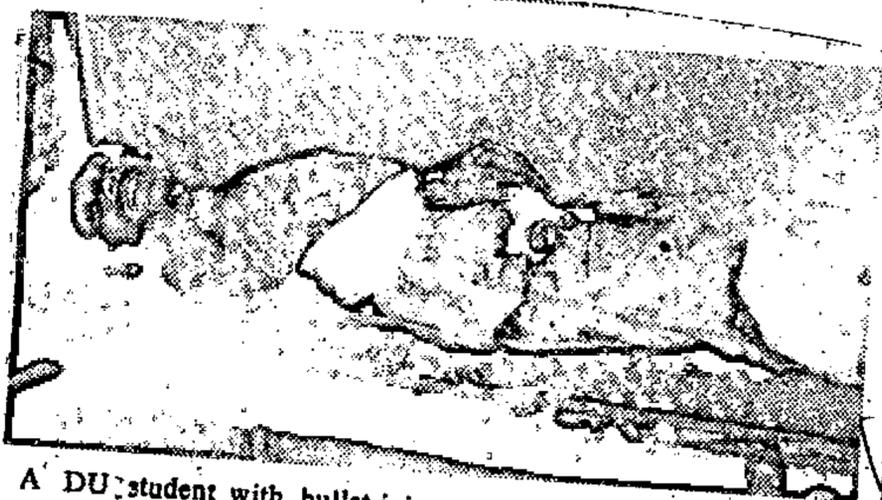


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A DU student with bullet injury at DMCH yesterday. —New Nation photo

DU hall VP

DU hall VP, 2 others shot, arrested

Staff Reporter

Unidentified gunmen chased and shot Momtazul Haq Rafiq, Vice-president of Zia Hall Union of the Dhaka University yesterday evening in front of F. H. Hall and also wounded two other students.

Rafiq, who is also a leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), however, managed to escape with his life but failed to escape the police, who later took him into custody from pangu Hospital where had been admitted for treatment of leg injury.

Police also detained at least five people, who were described as outsiders and suspected to be supporters of

Rafiq's rival JCD leader, Golam Faruq Ovi, now under detention.

Ovi was arrested in a pre-dawn swoop in the campus on September 20 after his supporters had fought two rounds of gunbattle with people led by Rafiq and his partner, Elias Ali.

Ali, also a JCD leader had been arrested after police plain-clothes agents in a lightning raid at the courtyard of Madhu's canteen on last Monday whisked him away at gun-point in an unmarked van.

Police said, Rafiq was sought in connection with two murders

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in the campus and attack on the girl students after the DUCSU elections early this year.

Witnesses said, a group of six to seven people appeared from the western side of F H Hall under cover of darkness, blazing their guns, apparently aimed at getting Rafiq standing at the hall gate.

But Rafiq slipped away and took shelter at the guards room at the hall's main entrance bolting the door from inside. One of the bullets struck Haider, a third-year physics student who was standing there.

The gunmen had earlier also chased and beat Mizanur Rahman, a first-year student of Mathematics, at Shahidullah Hall when they failed to find Rafiq there. They also ransacked a few rooms in their frantic bid to find Rafiq.

Both Haider and Mizan were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. They have been put under police custody.

Police said, Rafiq was shot by supporters of Ovi who had managed to pump a bullet down a hole on the heavy door of the guard's room they drilled with the help of axe.

When police, guarding the outer gate of F.H. Hall as part of their routine deployment, rushed in they found some people running helter-skelter and managed to arrest four said to have been involved in the attack. They are all outsiders. But police declined to provide their identity only saying that they were Ovi's supporters.

Witnesses said, the police arrived at the scene at least 15 to 20 minutes after the shooting. By that time the gunmen had slipped away.

Students who were agitated complained that police could have taken care of the gunmen instead of giving them a free hand if they had arrived after hearing the first round of fire.

They said, at least 30 to 35 rounds of ammunition were used by the gunmen.

How they could enter and slip away with police guarding both the halls, a student who witnessed the operation, posed the question.

Police also searched a few rooms of Shahidullah Hall and F.H. Hall, but declined to say whether any arms were recovered.

Police presence has been beefed up in the area after the shooting spree.