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Tension grips campus: DUCSU office ransacked

DU suspends classes, exams till Dec 7

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The Dhaka University Syndicate, at an emergency meeting on Thursday, decided to suspend all classes and scheduled examinations till December 7 following the killing of Arif Ahmed, a final year student of the Finance Department Wednesday midnight.

Arif received bullet injuries in front of S.M. Hall when he was attending a meeting of all-party student alliance protesting widespread armed terrorism on the campus. An eyewitness said a group of unidentified gunmen opened at least five rounds of gunshots on the rally.

Arif was taken to the DMCH after he was critically injured by the gunshots and he succumbed to his injuries at 12.00 a.m. His body was sent to Haimchar of Chandpur district by the University authorities on Thursday. The deceased was a brilliant student who topped the merit lists in SSC, HSC and Honours Final Examinations of Dhaka University.

Dhaka University Syndicate expressed its profound grief at the premature death of the extraordinary student Arif and strongly condemned the incident. In a resolution, the Syndicate demanded judicial enquiry into the incident and called upon the government to punish the culprits responsible for the killing. It also urged all political

parties and leaders to come to a consensus on the issue of maintaining congenial atmosphere on the campus. To ensure safety of the students' lives, the Syndicate urged the government to intensify police guards on the Campus.

Different student organisations brought out a series of processions on the campus on Thursday protesting the killing. An all-party students rally was held in front of the Madhu's canteen which was addressed by leaders of 21 student organisations. The leaders alleged that 'identified' gunmen of a particular student organisation killed Arif. However, they did not mention any name.

In course of protests, a group of students stormed the Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) office and ransacked the room of the Vice-President Sultan Mohammed Mansoor Ahmed. Sultan was elected VP of DUCSU nominated by the Awami League backed student organisations. The agitating students set the chair of the DUCSU VP and a portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on fire. Other articles of the room were also damaged.

Some angry students also ransacked some rooms of S.M. Hall belonging to the members of Awami League backed student organisa-

tions. The articles of the room were also set ablaze.

Meanwhile, the pro-Awami League student organisation also brought out a procession and held a rally at the foot of Aparajeya Bangla where its leaders said that the killing of Arif was a homicide case.

S.M. Hall provost resigns

Provost of S.M. Hall Prof. K.M. Mohsin tendered resignation to the Vice-Chancellor protesting the killing. When contacted, Prof. Mohsin said he had failed to maintain security of his students. In the resignation letter, he urged the government to ensure security of the campus residents. When the Vice-Chancellor was asked about the resignation of the S.M. Hall Provost, the Vice-Chancellor denied receiving any resignation letter from the Provost.

A meeting of the 22-student organisations was continuing at the office of the Bangladesh Chhatra Union till the time of writing this report at 10 p.m. A huge contingent of police has been deployed at different points of the University. Many students were found leaving the halls out of fear.

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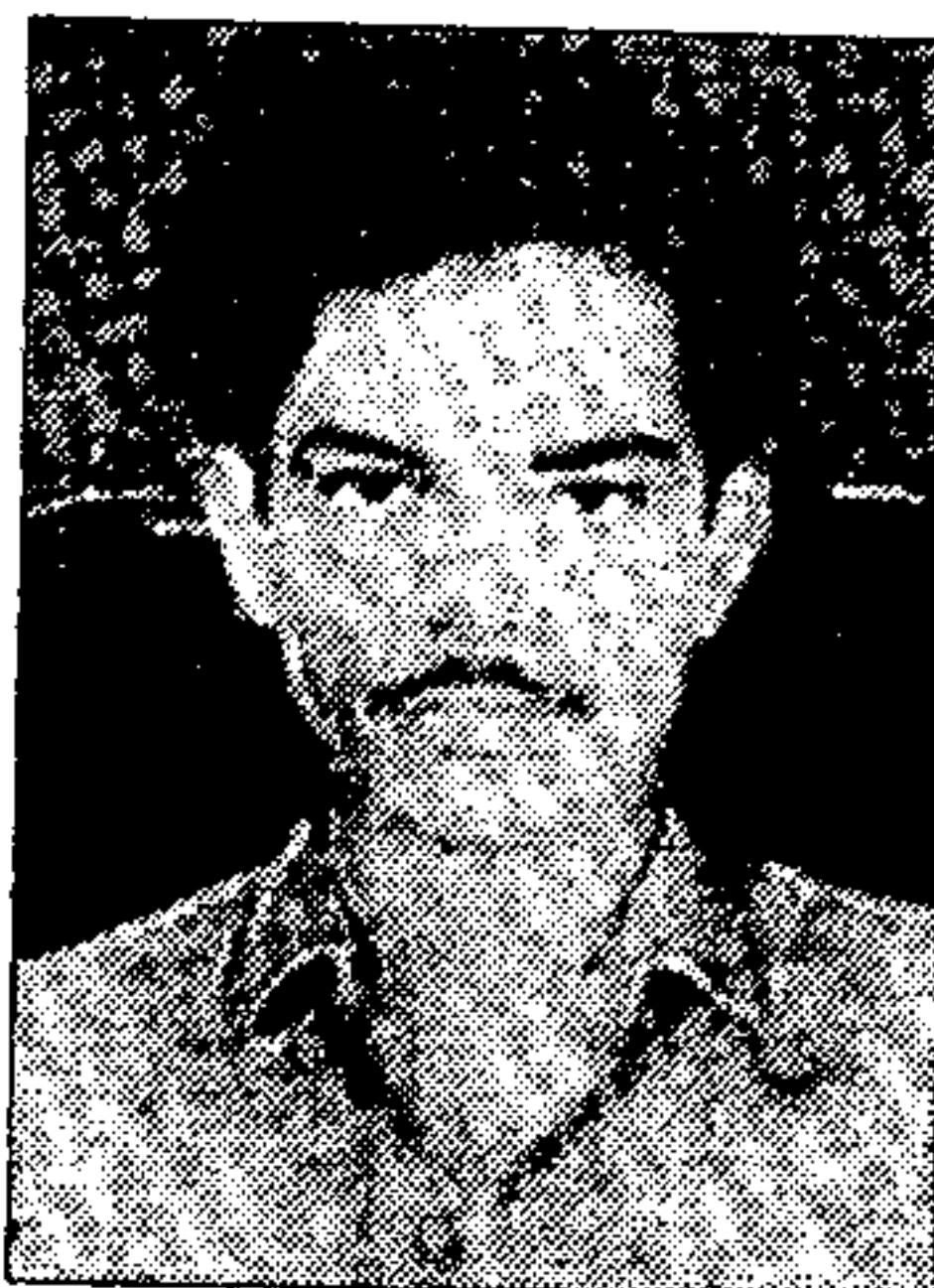
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dent organisations, in separate statements, condemned the killing of Arif on DU Campus.

Killing condemned

Arif Ahmed and Hasanul Huq Inu, Presidium Member and General Secretary of JSD (Inu) in a joint statement on Thursday condemned the killing of Arif Ahmed by unidentified gunmen in S.M. Hall. They demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the killing.

Among others, Central Five-Party Alliances, students Unions of S.M. Hall, Sir A.F. Rahman Hall, Shamsunnahar Hall, Rokeya Hall, Jasimuddin Hall and Bangabandhu



Arif Ahmed.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall, Chhatra League (N-S), Chhatra Biplobi Mancha and Biplobi Chhatra Dhara also condemned the incident and demanded punishment to the miscreants.

Dhaka University Teachers Association, in a separate statements, condemned the killing of Arif and demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits responsible for the killing.

In another joint statement, six student organisations of S.M. Hall condemned the killing of Arif and held the Pro-Awami League organisation responsible for this. They said that the armed members of pro-Awami League student organisation came from the Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall and opened gun shots at a meeting without provocation. Earlier, the armed members attacked the hall in the afternoon and stabbed two students. The student organisations demanded punishment to those responsible for the killing. The student organisations are Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Chhatra League (S-S), Chhatra Moitri, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League (N-S).



A view of the DUCSU office after it was ransacked by a group of angry students on Thursday. —OBSERVER

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