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Rival student groups fight running battles : School children stranded for hours : VC's office ransacked

Dhaka Varsity closed sine die

Star Report

Dhaka University was declared closed sine die Tuesday following running gunbattles among rival student groups on campus.

The authorities were forced to announce the closure a day before the scheduled holding of a procession decided unanimously by the Dhaka University Educational Atmosphere Council (DUEAC) to initiate peace on campus.

The university authorities directed students to vacate residential halls by 8 am today (Wednesday).

The syndicate decided to close the University on a recommendation of the Provost's committee to avoid a further deterioration of the situation.

Five students and a passer-by were injured during the gunfights and admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. They all had bullet wounds.

The incidents leading to the closure began when a procession of the Chhatra League (S-A) reached the Vice-Chancellor's office at around 12-30 pm and ransacked it.

Some gunshots were heard at that time from the premises of the VC's office.

Then shots were returned from the nearby Suryasen Hall.

The battles continued for about four hours and more than 1000 rounds were fired.

The panic-stricken students, teachers, passers-by and residents ran to safety.

Children were trapped in the Udayan School and the University Laboratory School for hours.

leged that the police retreated to safe places and witnessed the gunbattles without resorting to any action.

Students with guns paraded the campus in processions.

At least 100 armed students entered the Rokeya Hall and Shamsunnahar Hall.

Residents of the both Shamsunnahar and Rokeya halls ran out to safety when the armed students entered the halls.

The armed infiltrators began fighting with another group that was outside the halls using automatic weapons and homemade bombs, a female resident student said.

Eyewitnesses said that the armed students who entered the female halls raised slogans against the JCD and its female leaders in both the halls.

Tension on the Dhaka University campus began following the announcement of the DUCSU elections which the university authorities where forced to postpone to maintain peace.

According to witnesses, the clashes ensued when the activists of the JCD passed some provocative comments at a procession of the BCL (S-A) passing near a rally of the JCD in the DUCSU building premises at about 12.30 pm.

The BCL (S-A) processionists agitated by the comments passed counter-comments and rushed to the Vice-Chancellor's office chanting slogans for a gherao.

Immediately after the incident the JCD rally ended and JCD supporters crowded

the DUCSU building premises anticipating a clash.

The BCL (S-A) procession reached the Vice-Chancellor's office and started ransacking it.

The BCL activists damaged the tables, chairs, telephone sets, windowpanes and valuable papers of the office.

They also fired two gunshots after the ransacking.

JCD activists at the Suryasen Hall fearing an attack by the BCL activists, started firing and soon after gunbattles spread throughout the campus.

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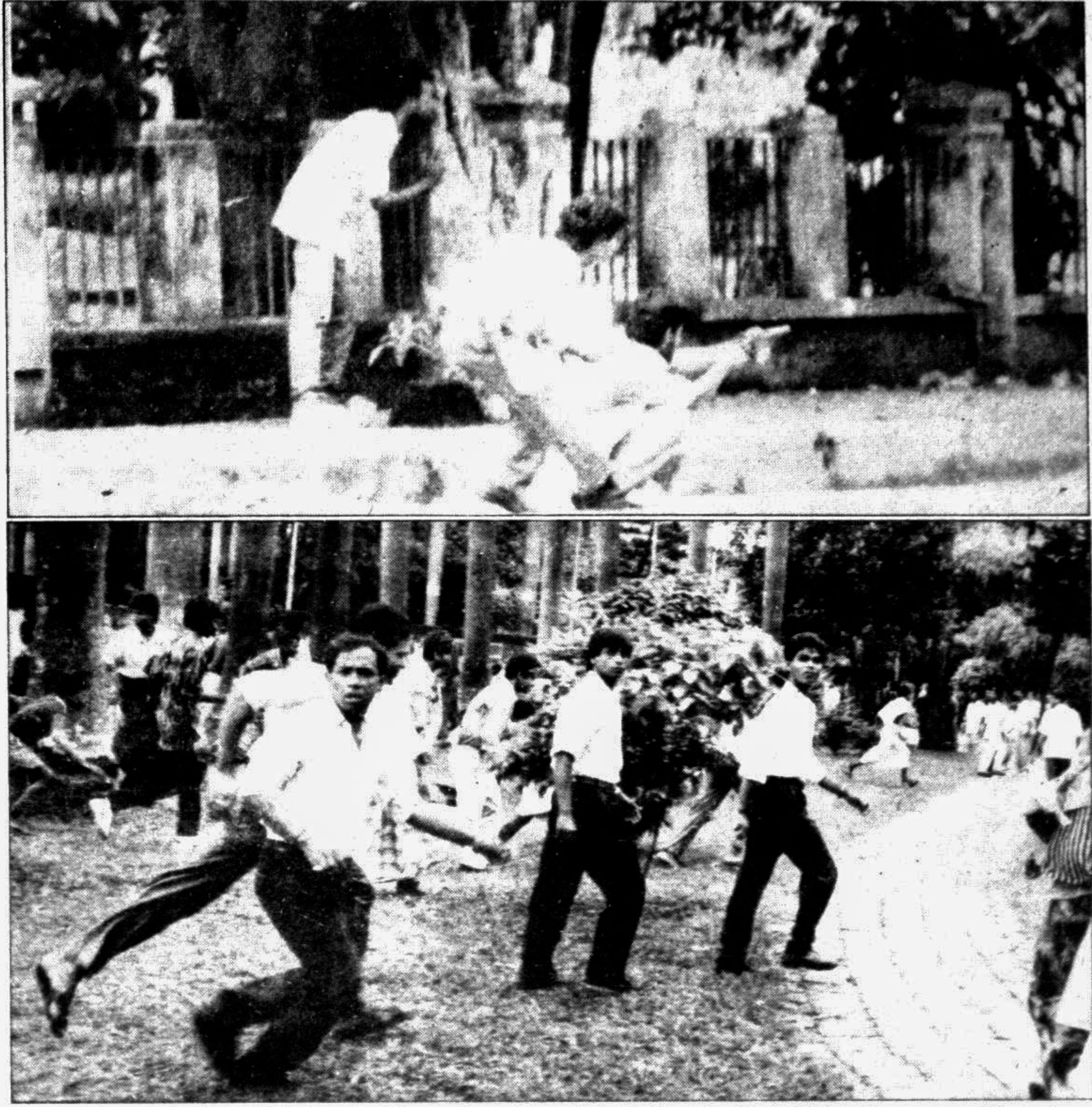
JCD, BCL (S-A) accuse each other

By Staff Correspondent

Both Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League at separate press conferences pleaded innocence and blamed Tuesday's terrorism on each other. They also held the authorities responsible for allowing the situation hang on.

JCD leaders at a press conference at National Press Club alleged that the university authorities postponed the DUCSU polls yielding to pressure from BCL, who gave sanctuary to Dr Milon's killers, Sajal, Masud and Jewel. These terrorists shot gunfire on Tuesday's peaceful procession of JCD. They also alleged that the role of law enforcing agencies was not

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FIGHTING WAY TO DOOMS: Armed students (above) fire at their rivals on the Dhaka University campus while panic-stricken students and passers-by (below) dash through the adjoining Subwardya Udyan to safety on Tuesday. - Star photo

Bush, Gorbachev sign accord to reduce nuclear arsenals today

Summit marks a new beginning



US President George Bush (L) smiles as he shakes hands with his Soviet counterpart Mikhail Gorbachev at the start of their first round talks at the Kremlin St Katherine's Hall on Tuesday. - AFP photo

Star Report

MOSCOW, July 30 : US President George Bush opened a superpower summit with Mikhail Gorbachev on Tuesday by proclaiming "an end to a long era as adversaries" and awarding the Soviet Union the long-sought economic prize of most-favoured-nation trade status, reports agencies.

Bush said the lowering of tensions between the two nations have "made it possible for our two nations to normalise economic relations". He promised to send to the United States Congress a US-Soviet trade agreement that will give Moscow many of the trade benefits enjoyed by America's closest allies.

The two leaders on Wednesday will sign the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, the first accord of the nuclear age to actually reduce nuclear arsenals. Bush called it "another step away from the

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AL seeks to delay passage of amendments

Move to get two bills passed simultaneously

Star Report

The Business Advisory Committee of Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) will meet this morning to work out ways to get the Constitution 11th and 12th amendment bills passed simultaneously.

The House started discussion Tuesday on the 11th Amendment Bill seeking to send back Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to the Supreme Court bench and ratify all actions taken by him as Acting President.

Earlier on the day, Awami League reportedly pressed for extension of time to facilitate more discussions. But the parliament functionaries told the committee that the bills were required to be passed within next four days to avoid crisis.

After passage of the two bills the House shall have to send the bill for a referendum. Because the President will call

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Decision on BCCI shortly

Star Economic Report

The government is likely to announce within a day or two its decision about the operations of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) in Bangladesh.

This was indicated on Tuesday by Finance Minister Saifur Rahman at a meeting of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia with the leaders of trade and industry at her secretariat office.

Sources in trade and industry circles told The Daily Star that various options for resumption of banking operations by the BCCI clients were under "active consideration" of the government. Indications given to the trade and industry by the government suggested that a "satisfactory" solution to the BCCI tangle would be found soon, the sources said.

The operations of BCCI

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PM assures healthy growth of business in private sector

Star Economic Report

A healthy growth of business. The development of the country depends largely on the conditions of business, she observed.

The Prime Minister had a long one and half hours discussion with the leading members of trade and industry including the key functionaries of the chamber bodies and trade and industrial associations at her secretariat office. About 80 representatives of the private sector attended the meeting.

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JP's plea to meet Ershad to decide on amendment bills

By Staff Correspondent

Acting Chairman of Jatiya Party Barrister Moudud Ahmed has demanded of the government to allow them to discuss with the jailed party chief Ershad and three other MPs to take final decision about the party's stand on the Eleventh and Twelfth Constitution Amendment Bills.

In a hurriedly called press conference yesterday at the JP's Parliamentary Party office at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, Barrister Moudud Ahmed said that the party's stand on the

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Shahabuddin's actions eulogised

JS divided over his return to the bench

By Staff Correspondent

The services of Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed were eulogised as discussion on the Constitution (Eleventh Amendment) Bill started in the Parliament on Tuesday.

The bill seeks to amend the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution to validate the appointment of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as Vice-President and all his actions as

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JCD-BCL (N-S) joint panel sweeps DMCCSU election

By DMCH Correspondent

The joint panel of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the JSD-backed Chhatra League (N-S) swept the Dhaka Medical College Central Students Union (DMCCSU) polls held on Tuesday.

Sarfur Islam Khan Boby and Ahmed Zahid Hossain Shohel were elected Vice-President and General Secretary respectively.

The Academic Council of the DMC declared the college

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Flood washes away over 700 in India

NEW DELHI, July 30: About 700 people were feared drowned when a rain-swollen river burst its embankment and submerged a village in western India on Tuesday, police said, reports AFP.

In eastern India, at least 32 laborers working inside a tunnel of a half-built dam were washed away by surging flood water on Sunday, a news agency reported Tuesday.

Police said the Wardha River broke through a dike and flooded the Mohad village in the western state of Maharashtra.

The exact casualty figure was not known because communications were severed by the deluge and incessant rains during the past week, a police official said in Nagpur, about 90 kilometers (55 miles) from Mohad. He said senior police and civil officials had reached the area with rescue teams.

"We cannot say how bad the loss to life and property is until our officers return or until communications are fully restored," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sketchy wireless reports indicated "the casualties are high," he said.

More than 500 people were missing and feared dead in the village of about 1,500 people,

United News of India said a tunnel in the Indravati Dam project was flooded by the overflowing Indravati River in Orissa state, killing at least 32 workers. The region is 1,225 kilometers (760 miles) south-east of New Delhi.

United News said at least seven more people were killed in the state in heavy rains and floods since Sunday.

In the south, six people were feared drowned in the

BKSAL decides to merge with AL

BKSAL leaders Tuesday officially conveyed the party's decision of merger with Awami League.

The decision was conveyed to Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Parliament office.

Awami League sources told UNB that Hasina welcomed the BKSAL decision and asked all

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