

30 colleges jointly attack Kabi Nazrul-Suhrawardy colleges, 35 hurt

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Online Desk : At least 35 people were injured when students of 30 colleges in and around Dhaka jointly attacked Kabi Nazrul Govt College and Govt Shaheed Suhrawardy College, protesting the attack on students of Dr Mahbubur Rahman Mollah College (DMRC) in the capital. Earlier, at around 1PM on Sunday, some students equipped with sticks held demonstration and vandalised the main gate of the Dhaka National Medical College Hospital (DNMCH) in Old Dhaka protesting the death of 18-year-old student Abhijit Halder from DMRC died while undergoing treatment there. The students alleged Abhijit died due to the ‘wrong treatment’.

According to the sources, a student named Abhijit Halder was brought to the emergency department of the DNMCH on November 16. After examinations, he was diagnosed with dengue fever and admitted to the medicine department, where he received the necessary treatment. As his condition deteriorated and he was transferred to the intensive care unit (ICU) after obtaining permission from his guardian and consulting with specialists. Abhijit died on November 18. Hospital sources said that the hospital authorities completed the necessary procedures for the handover of the body to Abhijit’s relatives and suspended the whole billing following his death. Students of DMRC held protest programmes from Wednesday (November 20) protesting the death alleging ‘wrong treatment’. At one point on Thursday (November 21), students of Kabi Nazrul College and Govt Shaheed Suhrawardy College under the banner of Chhatra Dal attacked the protestors.

Protesting the incident, around 5,000 students from 30 colleges, including DMRC College, Notre Dame College, City College, Dhaka College, Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College, Narayanganj Government College, Khilgaon Government College attacked Suhrawardy College and Kabi Nazrul colleges and vandalized office room, cars parked on the college premises. More than 35 people, including a journalist, were injured in the attack so far. The police and the army rushed to the spot, however, were unable to bring the situation under control.