

Gunshots rock DU campus again

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Dhaka University campus was again rocked by several rounds of gunshots on Thursday evening.

According to the witnesses, 20 to 25 rounds of gunfire were exchanged between the two rival student groups reportedly activists of BCL and JCD.

The incident originated when

some youths numbering five to six opened fire from the direction of Vice-Chancellor's house at 4.45 p.m. Immediately after the incident, the other group also opened counter-fire from the direction of Mohsin Hall and Surya Sen Hall areas. Later, one group took shelter in Zahurul Haq

Hall while its counterpart in Mohsin Hall and continued exchanging gunshots.

On receipt of information, a large police contingent rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Police lobbed at least 9 rounds of teargas shells.

None, however, was hurt in the incident.

Later, police conducted raid in Zahurul Haq Hall but could not arrest any one or recover any arms or ammunition, police sources said.

JCD brought out a procession on the campus in the evening in protest against the violence and demanded arrest of the trouble-mongers.

JCD held BCL armed activists responsible for the gunfire.

Police sealed off different entry points of the University and took position between Zahurul-Haq and Mohsin Halls.

GSC

Meanwhile the General Student Council (GSC) submitted a memorandum to Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, President of the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) on Thursday demanding immediate resumption of classes.

The memorandum said united efforts by teachers, students and guardians were necessary for solution to the problem of violence and this should be done keeping classes open.

The GSC also called upon the DUTA leaders to withdraw its ongoing strikes programme to alleviate the sufferings of students.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front of Dhaka University unit President

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Naimuddin and General Secretary Mustak Alam Tolve in a statement on Thursday demanded resumption of classes of Dhaka University.

Referring to the statement of 25 teachers of Dhaka University, the student leaders said it has proved that terrorism could not be eliminated by keeping the classes closed.

They urged the teachers to join the classes immediately for the sake of the student.

DUTA will hold a Press conference at Dhaka University Club at 4 p.m. today (Friday) to discuss the prevailing situation on the campus as well as its work abstention programme.