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5 hurt in RU JCD-Moitree clash

Rajshahi, Aug. 15.—At least five students were injured in a clashes between activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Chhatra Moitree in four residential halls of Rajshahi University Friday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the rival groups fired about 50 rounds of gunshots, exploded cocktails after the clash ensued over the possession of a seat at Suhrawardy Hall about 11.30 p.m.

The university authorities at an emergency meeting today extended a 15-day ban on political activities on the campus, imposed on August 1, for another 15 days.

Abu Bakr Siddiqui (22), a second year student of the department of English, sustained bullet injury in the cross-fire and Raghu, a final year student of Geography, was stabbed by rivals in the Suhrawardy Hall.

They were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH). The conditions of Siddiqui was stated to be critical.

Chhatra Moitree claimed its two workers were assaulted by the activists of JCD in the hall premises.

Earlier, the two groups chased each other after activists of Chhatra Moitree allegedly threw out the bed of a JCD supporter at 11 p.m. Leaders of the feuding groups tried in vain to settle the issue at a meeting.

The agitating JCD activists later chased out the Moitree supporters from the hall.

Tension was prevailing on the campus following the incident.

Many residential students left the halls for fear of further untoward incidents.

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