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Gunshots traded in 2 DU halls, students in tension

After a nine-day lull, the Dhaka University campus rocked again as two belligerent factions of pro-Awami League Chhatra League traded gunshots this morning, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the trouble started when the Gopalganj group of Chhatra League from their Salimullah Hall stronghold allegedly opened fire at about 7 am towards the Zahirul Huq Hall, the bastion of rival Montu faction.

Sharp came the response from Zahirul Huq Hall side, and in the ensuing exchange of fire both sides used cut rifles, stenguns and other automatic weapons, the residents said.

At least 50 rounds of gunshots were traded in about 30 minutes, virtually turning the two dormitories into shooting ranges.

Witnesses said gunmen were seen firing from different safe places, including rooftops.

None, however was reported hurt.

Police were not seen around the trouble spots. Police, deployed earlier at Salimullah Hall premises were suddenly withdrawn from duty on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, residents and

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examinees of the two halls are living in tension since the trouble began in the two halls on May 27.

Honours and Master degree examinees of the two halls said they could not concentrate on their studies because of frequent violence.

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