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Tension in DU

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Tension mounted on Dhaka University campus as the rival groups of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) staged armed demonstration and made chase and counter-chase on the opening day of the University on Saturday.

The Dhaka University classes resumed on Saturday after a 14-day of Eid vacation and the attendance of the students on the campus was satisfactory.

Witnesses said, 12 youths reportedly members of JCD-Ilias group riding on four motor-cycles entered the campus from the direction of Modern Language Institute area at 1.30 p.m. They allegedly equipped with fire arms went round the Arts Faculty premises and took position near the Campus Shadow (a snack bar). They chased Bipu, a third year student of Public Administration and an active supporter of JCD-Ratan Group, when he was passing through the nearby road of Arts building. They opened one round of gunshot. Bipu took shelter in the office of VC and later left the place under police protection.

The frequent movement of armed youths created panic among the students and some of them ran helter

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skelter hearing the sudden gunshot.

Sources said, fresh conflicts have been mounted between the two groups of JCD in recent time over the leadership of JCD and establishment of control over campus politics. The members of Ilias group who were ousted from the halls adjacent to Arts building on September last and took shelter in Curzon Hall area. They are now planning to regain their control over Surya Sen, Jasimuddin and Ziaur Rahman Halls. The another group led by Ratan and Sayed has stronghold over Mohsin, Surya Sen, Jasimuddin, Zia and Bangabandhu Halls and this group is now controlling the total politics of JCD on the campus.