

Gunfight rocks DU again

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Tension mounted on Dhaka University campus on Tuesday following an armed clash between the two rival student groups at the Arts Building premises.

The student groups reportedly members of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) and JSD (Inu) backed Chhatra League (B-K) equipped with fire arms chased each other and exchanged over eighty rounds of gunshots over Monday's conflict in which a leader of Chhatra League (B-K) was assaulted.

Rezaul Haq Reza, a top ranking leader of Chhatra League (B-K), was beaten with cut-rifle butt reportedly by activists of Chhatra League (M-I) following exchange of hot words over a glass of drinking water at TSC on Monday night.

According to witnesses, Chhatra League (B-K) activists equipped with fire arms brought out a procession at the Arts Building premises at about 11.30 a.m. and chanted provocative slogans against Awami League and Chhatra League (M-I) leadership. They held a rally at the foot of Aparajeo Bangla in protest against the attack on their leader Rezaul.

The rally was addressed by Ruhul Kuddus Babu, Rokanuzzaman Rokan and Obaidur Rahman Chunu. Activists of Awami League backed Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a counter procession after returning to campus from ACSS's rally near Bangla Motor at about 12.30 p.m. They held a rally at the foot of Aparajeo Bangla which was addressed, among others, by KHM Lizu and Ajoy Kar Khokan. When the rally was in progress one round of gunshot was heard from the direction of Lecture Theatre building that led to an armed clash between the two groups. The armed youths of Chhatra League (B-K) took position near, Jashimuddin and Surya Sen hall's area, the stronghold of ruling party backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) during the clash.

A squad of plain-police entered the campus from the direction of University Central Mosque and fired rubber bullets towards Madhu's canteen.

Police posted near VC's residence lobbed at least ten rounds of tear gas shells and chased the members of

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Chhatra League (M-I) from the campus area.

Panic-stricken students specially the female students ran helter skelter for safety during the clash that lasted about one and a half hours.

VC's statement

Meanwhile, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University in a statement on Tuesday expressed concern over the violent incident at the Arts Building premises and urged the law enforcing agencies to take legal action against those responsible for the violence.

In the statement Prof. Emajuddin Ahamed also urged all concerned to take necessary steps to stop the recurrence of such violent incident.

He said that leaders of student organisation at a meeting on August 8 took some resolutions to bring back normalcy on the campus. The initiatives of student organisations was appreciated by all quarters, he said. But on August 29 some leaders of a student organisation were beaten by another group over a trifling incident and following this incident several rounds of gunshots were fired by trouble-makers on Tuesday at Arts Building, he said.

DUTA for action against terrorists

UNB adds: Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) demanded immediate arrest and punishment of those involved on Tuesday's violence on the University campus.

The association alleged that violence were frequently taking place on the campus as the authorities failed to take proper action against the armed terrorists, said a DUTA Press release.