



Shootout at Zia hall, rooms set ablaze

Three rooms of the Dhaka University's Ziaur-Rahman Hall were ransacked and set on fire Tuesday midnight following exchange of gunfire between two rival student groups, reports UNB.

Campus sources said, the rooms belong to the activists of Chhatra League (N-S) and were damaged and different articles are set ablaze reportedly by the supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at about 1-30 a.m. Tuesday night.

A Chhatra League (N-S) worker Badal Sarker was also physically assaulted by the JCD activists during the incident, sources said.

The damaged rooms are: 405, 406 and 422.

At least 15 rounds of gunshots were exchanged Tuesday night between JCD and Chhatra League activists in the hall premises as a Chhatra League procession was attacked by the rivals.

Meanwhile, Chhatra League and JCD held separate rallies on the campus on Wednesday protesting the incidents.

Chhatra League rally, held at Aparajaya Bangla, was addressed by its General Secretary Shafi Ahmed while JCD rally in front of DUCSU office was addressed by its leaders Gautam Kumar Mitra and Rafiqul Islam.

The nine left-oriented student combine, however, held a rally in the campus protesting against the Syndicate decision of giving punishment to the attackers on a female student procession last year.

Presided over by Chhatra League (N-S) President Nazmul Huq Pradhan, the rally was addressed by combine leaders Abdus Sattar Khan and Shujauddin Zafar.

DUCSU leaders condemn

Our Staff Correspondent adds: Amanullah Aman and Kahirul Kabir Khokan, Vice-President and General Secretary respectively of Dhaka University Central Students Union strongly condemned the shoot out at Ziaur Rahman Hall on Tuesday.

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Terming it as a provocation, they said it was done at the moment when normal academic atmosphere was gradually coming on the campus.

They called upon the students of the university to show restraint in the face of any provocation and help maintain peaceful atmosphere on the campus.