

Ilyas, 5 others held

JCD factions clash

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A sporadic exchange of gunfire on the campus on Tuesday morning between the two feuding groups of JCD brought about a reign of terror with many students seen hastily leaving the campus. The police, soon after the gunshots had died down, raided Kabi Jasimuddin Hall, Sheikh Mujib Hall and arrested at least six persons including JCD leader Ilyas Ahmed.

Our DU correspondent reports: The police raids started at 2.30 p.m. and ended at 6 p.m. with a meagre haul of a rifle and some rounds of ammunition. Campus sources said the armed activists of Ilyas group attacked rival Ovee group at Surja Sen Hall and nearly 150 rounds of fire were exchanged between them turning the campus into a battle-field. One person, presumably a shopowner, was injured in the cross-firing. Many rounds of gunshots were also exchanged on Monday night.

The police raid came in the wake of fresh armed violence on Tuesday morning between the two groups of rival JCD factions. The police Press release said a contingent of police carried out a surprise swoop in the halls and arrested Ilyas, his associates Boni and Sayeed. The police, however, said details of the operation were still being awaited. Besides the three JCD activists, three other outsiders were also held.

UNB says: Mirza Masud Jewel, a 3rd year student and resident of Surja Sen Hall who narrowly escaped the

crossfire, said a group of 10 to 12 armed youngmen from Jasimuddin Hall suddenly attacked and fired indiscriminately. Jasimuddin Hall is a stronghold of JCD Ilyas group.

Golam Mortuza, VP of the Surja Sen Hall Students' Union, told UNB that students of the hall virtually became "hostages" following the armed attack by expelled students and some outsiders.

He said the students who were feeling totally insecure demanded

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immediate steps from the authorities and law enforcing agencies to arrest the expelled students and outsiders who had been staying at Jasimuddin Hall since long.

DU Syndicate

Meanwhile, Dhaka University Syndicate on Tuesday called upon the law-enforcing agencies to be impartial in seizing arms and ammunition found anywhere on the campus and stop infiltration of outsiders.

The Syndicate, after reviewing the overall situation prevailing on the campus, also called for increasing police patrol on the campus for maintaining proper academic atmosphere and ensuring security.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Maniruzzaman Mia, who presided over the Syndicate meeting held at the University apprised the members of the police raid on Kabi Jasimuddin Hall on Tuesday evening.

The Vice-Chancellor also gave a resume of the law and order situation of the campus from September 17 till now.

DUCSU

BSS adds:—Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders on Tuesday condemned the killing of a JCD leader and the stabbing of another in Chittagong on Sunday.

Shah Moazzem Hossain Mithu, a JCD leader and former GS of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute Students Union, was killed in the Chittagong Medical College Hospital premises.

The DUCSU held a rally in front of Aparajeya Bangla on Tuesday morning condemning the killing.

It was addressed by DUCSU GS Khairul Khabir Khokan, AGS Nazimuddin Alam, JCD Joint Covener Fazlul Huq Milon, and DUCSU member Rafiqul Islam Jaglu.

Speakers at the protest rally accused the Awami League-backed Chhatra Leaguers of killing JCD and Jubadal workers and leaders, one after another.

They also protested the assault on Monirul Haque, VP of the Students Union of the Institute, Fazlul Haque Tara, GS of Sherpur College Students Union and Lal, a student of the college.

The leaders also condemned the attack on Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed on Dhaka College campus.