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Violence on DU campus

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Gun shots and bomb blasts rocked Dhaka University campus Sunday following man-handling of two activists of a student organisation by the activists belonging to one of its rival organisation at about 1:30 p.m. But none was hurt.

According to eye witnesses, Shawpan Basu, Central Member of pro-Awami Chhatra League (M-L) and a student of Mass Communication and Journalism Department and Atiqur Rahman, a Second Year student of Journalism were allegedly beaten up by a group of unruly activists of pro-Motu Chhatra League (M-L) near campus Shadow, a snacks shop adjoining arts faculty building.

Later, the assaulted BCL activists went to Jagannath Hall, a stronghold of BCL (M-L) and came back to campus shadow area and fired several rounds of gun shots there.

The BCL (M-L) responding to the gun fire, exploded cocktails and fired several rounds of gun shots.

The rival groups chased and counter chased each other during the incident.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University authorities at a meeting on Sunday evening urged the government to take effective measures against the persons involved in terrorists' activities on the campus irrespective of party affiliation.

Presided over by Prof. Ema-juddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the University, the meeting in a resolution called upon the law enforcing agencies to arrest armed hoodlums from educational institutions.

The meeting condemned the violent incident on DU campus on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by

proctor, provosts of different student dormitories and deans of different faculties.

Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA), at a meeting on Sunday expressed grave concern over the act of violence on DU campus.

Presided over by Dr. Saidur Rahman, Vice-President of the DUTA, the meeting urged the government and the university authorities to take effective measures for restoration of congenial atmosphere on the campus by eradicating violence.