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4 injured as rival student groups clash at NMD College

By Our DU Correspondent

At least four persons including two police personnel were injured in a fierce gunbattle between two rival groups of students at New Model Degree College in the city at about 12 noon Monday.

Among the injured Feroj and Babul second year students of the college, MA Awwal, Officer-in-Charge (OC), Dhanmondi police station and one police constable.

Witnesses said, the clash ensued when a group of outsider allegedly belonging to pro-Al Chhatra League (M-I) entered into the college compound.

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brandishing arms to the students to impose their supremacy in the college. They also fired several rounds of gunshots and blasted cocktails.

In the meantime activists and supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) chased the outsider, armed hooligans with the help of other students.

Panicky students and pedestrians ran helter skelter for safety during the incident.

Police went to the spot immediately and lobbed several rounds of tear gas canisters to control over the situation.

Meanwhile, Chhatra League (M-I) at a Press conference Monday blamed JCD for the violence at New Model Degree College.

Organised at the National Press Club, the Press conference was addressed among others by Masud Adnan Siddiqi, General Secretary of the College Students Union, Abu Hossain, AGS and Kazi Arif.

Speakers at the news conference said violence and democracy cannot go together.

Moinuddin Hassan Chowdhury and Iqbalur Rahim, President and General Secretary, respectively of Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) in a statement condemned the violent incident and demanded arrest and trial of the responsible persons.

Meanwhile, Abdul Jalil, Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League in a statement Monday expressed grave concern over the incident at New Model Degree College.