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School children caught in DU gunfight: 4 hurt

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Three school students and a street urchin received bullet injuries when they were caught in a gunbattle between two rival factions of pro-Awami Chhatra League on Dhaka University campus Sunday morning.

The condition of one of the injured students and the street urchin was stated to be critical.

The injured children are: Mir Ahsan Kabir (10), a student of class three of Udayan School, Taposh Kumar Roy (10), a student of class three of Nilkhet School, Jony Pal (10), a student of class four of Nilkhet school and street urchin Marzina Khatun, (7). They were admitted to Dhaka

Medical College hospital immediately after the incident.

Eye-witnesses said a group of armed youths came in a microbus near the teachers' bungalow at Fuller Road and fired several rounds of gun shots aiming at Jagannath Hall. In reply, bullets were fired and explosives were hurled at from the Jagannath Hall. The victims were going to their school at that time. During the incident that lasted for only five minutes, panic stricken teachers, guardians and students of the nearby Udayan School ran to safety.

The injured students and Marzina were rushed to DMCH.

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The conditions of Jony, S/o: Samir Pal, a night guard of Jagannath Hall and Marzina who had a bullet in her head were critical. Jony received bullet wounds in his left hand and right leg.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University Syndicate, the highest decision making body of the University at a meeting Saturday expressed grave concern over the deterioration of law and order situation on the campus.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-E) in a statement Sunday condemned the act of violence on the campus and demanded arrest trial of the persons responsible for the incident.