

Students clash at JU, ten injured

SAVAR, UNB : At least ten students were injured, seven of them seriously, when activists of rival groups within a student organisation in Jahangirnagar University clashed early Sunday, officials said.

They said that among the injured, seven students were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital while two others were being treated at Ganashthya kendro clinic at Savar.

The Acting Vice President of JUCSU, Saidur Rahman Rana, was also manhandled during the clash.

The injured students were Mukul, Moazzem, Liton, Golam Faruq, Jewel, Runu, Rezaul Karim, Shahroz and Bashir, students leaders said. All the students belonged to pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), sources said.

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The clash, which was brewing for a long time within the organisation over domination of the campus, began at about 3-30 am and continued till sunrise, they said.

Students alleged that a faction JCD which was commonly dubbed as "locals", because of their home around the campus and in Savar, attacked the students at residential halls at about 3-30 am with lethal weapons.

They attacked the Al-Beruni Hall of the campus, which was a stronghold of non-local, and fired about 60 rounds of shots with semi-automatic weapons and set off crude bombs, students said.

The students alleged that the locals divided themselves into several groups and also attacked Shahid Salam Barkat Hall, AFM Kamaluddin Hall and Mir Musharraf Hossain Hall of the campus.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union at a hurriedly arranged press conference at the university's Journalists' Association office Sunday morning condemned the "dastardly attack" on the students by armed outsiders.

The JU unit of JCD, in a separate statement, also condemned the incident.

Meanwhile, the university authorities at a meeting with the leaders of different student bodies called for restraint and decided to continue classes and other university functions normally.

Security has been mounted on the campus with police posted at different points since the clash.

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