

Guns used in JU BCL clash after over three years

Five injured receive first-aid

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After nearly three and a half years, Jahangirnagar University (JU) witnessed the use of firearms yesterday during a factional clash of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) that left five activists with minor injuries.

The five, Sayem of government and politics, Arif of archaeology, Mredul of drama and dramatics, Shamim of marketing and Fahad of mathematics, received first-aid at the JU medical centre.

Some 100 Meer Mosharraf Hossain Hall activists attacked around 50 activists of Al Beruni Hall before the latter around 4:15pm with iron rods and machetes while, witnesses said, two gunshots were heard.

The clash was over an argument activists of the two halls, Redoan of marketing and Mahabbat Amin Shishir of archaeology, had near the Old Arts Faculty building at noon.

The clash ended when the Beruni hall activists retreated into the hall. JU unit BCL President Mahmudur Rahman Jony could not be reached for comment.

Proctor Prof Muzibur Rahman said the perpetrators would be punishment after a proper investigation.

The last time gunfire was heard was July 5, 2010 when at least 33 students were injured, two by bullets, during another factional feud over control of the Beruni hall.

Afterwards, JU had suspended 17 students while BCL suspended the activities of its JU unit and expelled the unit's 13 activists.

Meanwhile, the confinement of pro-vice chancellors

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Prof MA Malin (education) and Prof Afsar Ahmed (admin) continued for the eighth day with the agitating teachers pressing for an immediate VC panel election to replace the incum-

bent, Prof Anwar Hossain, who is on sick leave till November 28.