

DU to take stern action

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Dhaka University campus came under a seige last week after a brief spell of political lull during and after the month of Ramadan. There is no plausible political reason in sight behind the violence that marred the campus atmosphere vitiating academic environment leading to the suspension of scheduled classes and examinations.

The armed clashes between the two rival student organizations—Jatiyotabadi Chhatra Dal and the Student League (Mushtaq Nazmul)—occured over the issue of controlling the residential accommodation of their members.

But the supporters of these two organizations at the residential hall levels are standing opposed to each other owing to a clash of interests on petty economic matters for a long time.

But the incident in Mohsin Hall on the night of 25 June, however, occured in retaliation for the incident that took place on June 7.

At the time JSD (Inu) backed Students League had forcibly driven out members of the BNP—backed Chhatra Dal from Mohsin Hall which created anger among the supporters of the Chhatra Dal. They took revenge last week and have driven out the members of the Students League at gun point from various student dormitories, it is alleged.

The organizing secretaries of these two organizations are reportedly lending their support to the unruly elements of their groups.

Meanwhile, the Students League and Chhatra Dal have submitted lists of "unwanted elements" including the names of Shafi Ahmed and Sanaul Huq, organizing secretaries respectively of these organizations to the committee on maintaining academic environment on the campus.

The Chhatra Dal requested the committee to take disciplinary action against 20 students including 13 outsiders belonging to the

Students League while seven names were submitted on behalf of the Students League to the committee.

The Dhaka University authority has formed an investigation committee which is processing the allegations and is expected to submit its final report soon.

According to an indication, the university authority is going to take disciplinary actions against some of the members of these two organizations and if the allegations against them are proved correct then they might be thrown out of the university.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Vice Chancellor of the university, told Holiday that this time they are determined to take disciplinary actions against the students responsible for the campus violence.

He also admitted the fact that a section of student has been taking interest in quotations for business in the university.