

BCL activists clash with police

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At least three vehicles were set ablaze, 60 rounds of gunshots fired and 25 rounds of tear gas lobbed when the members of Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) clashed with police late yesterday (Monday) evening on the Dhaka University campus.

No one was, however, injured.

The clash ensued as the Chhatra League activists went back to campus after holding a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting the detention of Masum Ahmed, Vice-President of the Zahurul Huq Hall students union.

Eye-witnesses said Chhatra League activists opened fire

without any provocation. They set on fire a coaster near the Palassey crossing, a motor cycle in front of the Salimullah Muslim Hall and a motor car at Bakshi Bazar.

Police said BCL activists fired blank shots from the Zahurul Huq Hall and from within TSC and they had to fire tear gas to disperse and control the students.

As police went on action clashes spread to those parts of the campus where BCL has a especially residential halls.

Sporadic gunshots continued till midnight. A tense situation was prevailing on the campus and police were deployed at all entry points of the campus restricting entry of all vehicles and outsiders.

Earlier, police detained Masum Ahmed, General Secretary of Zahurul Huq Hall students union, Dhaka University, yesterday (Monday) for his alleged involvement in the killing of Mahbub Rahman, a Dhaka University student.

Mahbub, an activist of another faction of Chhatra League was gunned down on June 20 this year.

Awami League backed Chhatra League activists brought out a procession and held a brief rally in front of the National Press Club last evening. They criticised the government for arresting Masum Ahmed. Masum was picked up by police around 7.30 pm from Kataban area.

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