

DU turns battlefield

Dhaka University turned into a battlefield amid heavy gunshots late Wednesday night and Thursday night, with campus inmates caught in panic, reports UNB.

Rattle of automatic weapons rocked the entire campus as Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Chhatra League (A-A) traded fire from respective strongholds in student dormitories, according to witnesses.

About 300 shots were fired from both sides from 7.30 last

night till writing this report, with JCD entrenched in Mohsin, Suryasen, Zia and Mujib halls and BCL in Jahurul Haq, Salimullah and Jagannath Hall areas.

The first shooting occurred at about 1.30 Wednesday night when at least 40 rounds of gunshots were heard in and around Jahurul Haq and Jagannath Hall areas.

The campus situation worsened with an incident of beating up of a JCD activist later in the day.

Mizanur Raltman Mizan, a

student of Management Department, was seriously beaten up by rival group members near the Arts Faculty Building at about 11 am.

Witness said that a group of gunmen attacked Mizan when he was taking food from the "Campus Shadow" snackbar. The gunman beat him with the butt of cut-rifle.

Mizan took first aid from the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A number of activists of Chhatra League (A-A) and JCD were also injured. Last Page Col 5

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Chhatra League were seen running with automatic weapons in the corridor of the Arts Faculty at about 12 noon. Panicky students ran helter-skelter.

And the mounting tension exploded into a fusillade after the nightfall.

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Another report from My-mensingh adds: Two students suffered bullet wounds yesterday as rival groups fought protracted campus battle at Bangladesh Agricultural University.

Authorities cancelled the third year final examination and declared the university closed from tomorrow Saturday for puja vacation two days ahead of the schedule.

Clashes between the two student groups took a serious turn with cocktail blasts and gunfire

from both sides starting late Tuesday night and continuing till writing the report.

The injured were identified as Iqbal Huq Swapon (22) and Hospital with bullets. Doctors said the condition of Rouf is critical.

The Chhatra League (A-A) and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists brought out processions in the morning and afternoon protesting firing on the campus and blaming each other.

Witnesses said student activists didn't even spare the Vice-Chancellor's residence and hurled cocktails in and around his house.

Tension mounted on the campus, residential area and in the town.

Rampaging students damaged a Rotary Club ambulance and a private car.