

Untoward incident at J.N. College

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A group of unruly students on Thursday manhandled the teachers of the Department of Political Science of the Jagannath College in the college premises.

The incident took place when the teachers of the department were counting ballot papers of the departmental election held earlier on the day. They also snatched away one of the ballot boxes and threw the ballot papers.

According to a college source one of the candidates for the post of Vice-President when learnt that he was almost losing the election, stormed the seminar room with some of his supporters, ransacked the room, manhandled the teachers who were counting the ballot papers including three lady teachers.

The unruly students tried to force the election authorities to make the announcement in favour of their candidate. They also beat up their rival students. The election was, however, declared cancelled following the incident.

Meanwhile, the teachers of the Department of Political Science decided not to take classes of the department in protest against the assault on
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them by the unruly students. The teachers of the department demanded stern action against the students responsible for the incident.

BSS adds: When contacted over telephone the principal of the college told on Thursday night that he had received verbal information of the incident from Chairman of the Department and that he had asked for detailed reports in writing.

According to one source about 12 students were also manhandled during the incident.