

30 hurt in JN College clash

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About 30 students of Jagannath College were injured, six of them seriously following an hour-long clash between two groups of students over the possession of a newly constructed college hostel located at the former Bangladesh Bank building premises near Bahadur Shah Park on Saturday. Sten guns, revolvers sticks and hand bombs were freely used during the clash.

Of the injured persons six were admitted to different hospitals. The injured students admitted to hospital are: Delwar Hossain B.A. second year, Iftekharul Alam B.Sc. first year Shahidul Islam H.S.C. first year Burhanuddin Shamim and Shamir, second year Honours in Economics. They are all students of Jagannath College.

According to police around noon a group of about 50 students of Jagannath College armed with lethal weapons forced their way into the newly constructed multi-storied hostel building of the college which are already occupied by other students of the college. The attackers tried to dislodge the students and take possession of the seats for themselves; the police added. The resident students also launched counter attacks and intense fighting broke out. The local people ran helter skelter for safety and shops were closed down.

The students who attacked the hostel, named by the occupants unofficially as Ershad Hostel

claimed that the occupants took possession of the seats at the under-construction hostel buildings without valid allotment of seats and at a time when the construction work on the hostel was going on.

A strong police party rushed to the spot and arrested seven persons in connection with the clash. Some of the attackers fled away firing blank shots from their sten guns. Heavy police party was posted on guard. A case has been registered with the Kotwali police station.