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JCD, BCL clash in Islamic Varsity: 12 hurt

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, Feb. 1:— Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League activists clashed on the IU campus today in backlash to Wednesday's police action at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University, says UNB.

At least 12 activists on both sides were injured during the hour-long chases and counterchase between the student workers of ruling BNP and opposition Awami League.

A JCD man, Wahid Hasan Pikul, MA final year student of Islamic History, was beaten up during the clash. He was admitted to Kushtia Sadar Hospital with head injury.

Police fired four teargas shells and charged baton to control the situation.

Campus sources said the clash erupted when a JCD procession with heated slogans was passing by a BCL sit-in demonstration in front of the main gate of the University.

Chhatra League organised one-hour sit-in at 11 a.m. to protest the Jagannath Hall incident. As the JCD men neared the main gate with anti-BCL slogans, the BCL demonstrators also started hurling heated slogans at their opponents.

After the clash, the two rival student organisations held separate rallies on the campus blaming each other for the trouble.