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Fresh gunbattle on DU campus

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Tension further mounted on Dhaka University campus when two groups of students fought a gunbattle yesterday.

The incident was apparently a sequel to rivalry between two groups of Chhatra League (A-A) which intensified following the suspension of Mostafa Mohsin Montu from the Dhaka district unit of Awami League.

Montu who is also the chairman of Awami Jubo League was suspended for his alleged involvement in the killing of Chhatra League leader Maniruzzman Badal.

After the killing, activists of the 'Third World Group' were forced out from Chhatra League dominated halls. Ten of them were also expelled from the organisation.

Our DU Correspondent says, sporadic gunshots were heard, from in and around Jagannath Hall from 5 pm. There was, however, no report of any

casualty.

Eyewitnesses said, a group of youths opened fire towards Jagannath Hall from the Central, Shaheed Minar area. Another group of students immediately retaliated with gunshots from inside the hall.

Gunshots were also heard from Fuller Road area and a group of armed students were seen going towards Surja Sen Hall, the stronghold of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

According to eyewitnesses, there were some expelled members of Chhatra League in the group. Moazzem Hossain, a Chhatra League activist who belongs to 'Third World' faction of the organisation was seen gossiping with some JCD members near Dhaka University Snacks (DUS) in the evening.

Chhatra League sources alleged that the killers of Maniruzzman Badal entered the campus with the

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help of JCD.

Meanwhile, two groups of students, one from Zahirul Huq Hall and the other from Mohsin Hall, exchanged gunshots.

Police, however, took position near the two halls brought the situation under control.

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