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Police raid Jagannath hall: DU tense

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Tension mounted on Dhaka University campus on Monday following a police raid at the Jagannath Hall, the stronghold of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I). About twelve rounds of gunshot were fired and several vehicles were damaged by a group of youths protesting the police raid.

Police, acting on a tip, raided the north house of Jagannath Hall at 3:30 p.m. on Monday in a bid to hunt terrorists. Police during the swoop recovered a pistol with four bullets from Room No. 16 and arrested an outsider Shah Jajal Niju from the hall premises. Police also picked up a Chhatra League (M-I) member from Udayan Bidalaya premises while he was fleeing.

Police failed to take him up to police station as students gheraoed the police van and snatched him. Four rounds of gunshots were heard at this time.

Immediately after the raid students and activists of Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a procession on the campus protesting the police raid. When the procession was crossing university library a six more rounds of gunshot were heard that

created panic among the campus inmates.

Chhatra League (M-I) held a rally near TSC which was addressed, among others, by Rafiqul Islam, Nirmal Das and Kibria Majumder.

They criticised the government for taking repressive measures against Chhatra league activists and said that without taking punitive measure

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against real terrorists the law enforcing agencies were harassing members of Opposition student organisations. Outsiders and terrorists were moving freely in Surya Sen Hall, Ziaur Rahman Hall, Mohsin Hall, Zahurul Haq Hall but police did not take any steps against them, they alleged.

They demanded immediate stoppage of police harassment.

The Chhatra League (M-I) members brought out another procession at TSC area in the afternoon protesting the raid at Jagannath hall.

While the procession was crossing the TSC road island, some processionists attacked vehicles and damaged at least five cars.

Later, they held a rally which was addressed, among others, Pankaj Nath, Shakil and Panna.

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