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Gunshots rock DU campus

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Gunshots rocked Dhaka University campus yesterday following arrest of a JCD leader from a rally.

Mustafizur Rahman, a student of Management Department, received bullet in his left hand during the violence. He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Mustafiz, a resident of Sir A F Rahman Hall, was standing on the premises of Business Studies building when the bullet hit him.

The university authorities formed a three-member committee headed by Prof Shahadat Ali, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university, to probe the incident. The other members of the committee are Prof Kazi Shahidullah, Dean of the Arts Faculty and Prof A K M Nurun Nabi, Proctor of the university.

The JCD activists first fired blank shots after the arrest of Sultan Salauddin Tuku, assistant general secretary of JCD central executive committee, by Detective Branch (DB) of police from its rally in front of the DUCSU building at around

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noon.

The JCD was holding a rally on the building premises in support of today's countrywide hartal and protesting the attack on the motorcade of Khaleda Zia in Cox's Bazar on Sunday.

After Tuku's arrest, the JCD brought out a procession and marched towards the Business Studies Faculty. When the procession reached near Lecture Theatre (LT), they fired about four blank shots and exploded a cracker, witnesses said.

Police chased the JCD activists, lobbed tear gas shells and fired two rubber bullets.

In the mean time, the BCL armed cadres appeared at the scene, fired about eight shots and chased the JCD activists in presence of police, witnesses said.

The JCD activists went on the rampage and damaged about five cars, parked near the LT and at Mall Chatter, before leaving the campus.

Later, the BCL cadres dam-

aged mikes of JCD rally and joined a procession of BCL near the Madhu's canteen.

The university authorities held a meeting yesterday with Vice Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury in the chair, expressed grave concern over the incident and said the authorities will never tolerate any bid to foil the congenial atmosphere on the campus.

The meeting also decided to take punitive action against the persons involved in the incident and asked the probe committee to submit its report within the next seven days.

Meanwhile, the JCD leaders at a meeting yesterday condemned the incident and blamed BCL and police for attacking them. The meeting held at the JCD central office was presided over by Amanullah Aman.

Protesting the incident and demanding release of Tuku, the leaders announced that the JCD would stage a demonstration in front of the VC's office on April 17.