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The Dhaka University campus remained tense on Friday following the gunbattle between two rival student organisations, Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Thursday night.

Campus sources said about 400 to 500 rounds of gunshots were exchanged between them from 7-30 p.m. on Thursday night which lasted about six hours. The armed men, reportedly the activists of BCL (A-A) damaged the window panes of DUCSU Bhaban during the battle on Thursday night.

Eye-witnesses said armed outsiders took shelter in different residential halls including Mohsin, Surjasen, Zia, Jasimuddin, Jagannath and Zahurul Haq halls. Both BCL and JCD also gathered heavy arms and ammunition in its respective halls, resident student sources said. The

students apprehended that some troubles could spark off at any moment.

DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon on Friday held BCL activists responsible for Thursday's gunfire and ransacking DUCSU Bhaban.

Addressing a protest rally, organised by DUCSU, Khokon urged the DU students to build resistance against the acts of violence of BCL.

Held in front of DUCSU building, Nazimuddin Alam, Assistant General Secretary of DUCSU also addressed the rally.

DUCSU Vice-President Amanullah Aman, MP and General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon on Friday in a joint statement condemned the acts of violence by BCL and demanded expulsion of those responsible for the incident.

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The DUCSU leaders said that BCL (A-A) has resorted to the acts of violence to disrupt the democratically elected government. This student organisation provided shelter to the killers of Dr. Milon and had been creating violence in the educational institutions including Dhaka University for a long time, they alleged. They said the BCL attacked Mohsin hall, Surjasen hall and DUCSU Bhaban without any provocation on Thursday night.

Referring to the DUCSU as an institution of 28 thousand students of DU, they said the attack on DUCSU building has proved which student organisation is responsible for campus violence.