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BCL activists trade gunshots

Gunmen drive out DU teachers from club

A group of activists in battle gear stormed into the Dhaka University Club and captured it Saturday driving out teachers, reports UNB.

Teachers alleged the group, led by a well-known student leader, asked the teachers to leave the club within five minutes, saying a gunbattle would begin shortly.

The varsity teachers said they had hurriedly quit before the armed activists switched off all lights of the club, locked the doors and took position with rifle, stengun and other automatic weapons at about 6.20 pm.

Hearing the news, a group of reporters went to the spot but were driven back by 8 to 10 gunmen. "Buzz off," shouted the activists with pointed guns.

Earlier, at least 25 rounds of gunshot were fired in the Zahirul

Huq Hall area. There was reportedly an inner conflict of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League at a conference in the area.

Our DU Correspondent adds :

At least 25 rounds of gunshot were heard from the Zahirul Haq Hall premises in the evening.

At one stage some activists allegedly belonging to BCL rushed to the Dhaka University Club and asked the teachers to leave the place for their safety. A meeting of the university teachers' association (DUTA) was going on there. The meeting was postponed in the face of threat and the teachers immediately left the place.

No casualty in firing was reported tension was prevailing on the campus, although the university went on a ten-day autumn vacation from Saturday.

A black micro-bus carrying unidentified people was seen suspiciously moving around the cam-

pus at noon

DUTA

Later, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) President Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury and General Secretary Prof Md Shahadat Ali in a statement Saturday urged all concerned including the government and the political parties to find out effective ways and means to ensure congenial atmosphere on the campus.

The DUTA leaders said "there are a lot of arms and ammunition in the students dormitories undoubtedly. Without recovering arms and ammunition from the residential halls none will be able to ensure peace on the campus."

The DUTA leaders expressed grave concern over the continued armed clashes on the campus during the last four days.