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Clashes in Chittagong

Rival student groups exchange gunfire

CHITTAGONG, Nov 25 : Rival student groups today (Thursday) exchanged gun shots and exploded handbombs in a four-hour clash at the 'Bangladesh Institute of Technology' (BIT) in Rauzan thana, 35 km off Chittagong port city, reports UNB.

District police sources said the activists of JCD and BCL (M-I) engaged into a fierce gunfight at about 6.30 am at the BIT campus and hostels. The fight continued till 1.45 pm.

Causes of the clash could not be ascertained yet.

District police officials further said that both the groups were using heavy firearms from distance.

Police recovered some arms and ammunition from the hostels and adjoining areas following the clash, but no details were available as raids continued in and around the campus, sources said.

When contacted with Rauzan police over telephone, the officer on duty confirmed the incident of clash but could not give

details as police forces were yet to return from the scene.

BIT, which was previously an engineering college, is a troublesome campus in Chittagong. Besides student unrest, the campus has been facing serious session jam problem.