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Police picking up clashing students of Dhaka College and City College in New Market area yesterday. New Nation photo

Midnight gunbattle on DU campus

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Residents of two halls of Dhaka University spent Sunday night in tension as the area was rocked by indiscriminate firing of guns and chase and counter chase by two rival groups of students.

None was, however, injured in the incident that took place

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DU campus

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Eyewitnesses said workers of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (H-A) from Mohsin Hall and Zahurul Haq Hall respectively fired about 50 rounds. The two sides, while firing shots, chased each other, they added.

During the incident, policemen from the nearby outpost did not take any action against those involved, it is learnt.

Inmates of the two halls as well as those of the other nearby halls were seen running for safety.

The situation on the campus remained tense yesterday. Young men allegedly with firearms were seen moving in different areas on the campus, specially Madhu's canteen area, in the morning. Police also patrolled the campus area at that time.

No fresh act of violence was reported till the writing of this report at 10 last night.