

## Tension mounts on DU campus

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Tension mounted on Dhaka University campus as a faction of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) captured the Surja Sen Hall ousting the opponents on Friday noon.

The feuding groups exchanged several rounds of fire creating panic among the inmates of the Surja Sen, Mohsin and Jasimuddin hall areas.

Witnesses said the faction reportedly led by Mohsin Hall Chhatra Sangsad General Secretary Sayed Sohrab attacked Surja Sen Hall at about 3:25 p.m. and captured the hall ousting the opponents allegedly led by JCD General Secretary Ilias Ali.

Some 50 rounds of gunshots said to have been fired between the armed cadres of the JCD, turning the area virtually into a mini battlefield for half an hour.

At one stage, the supporters of Ilias faction fled Surja Sen Hall in the face of a strong offensive from the Sayed Sohrab group.

After capturing the Surja Sen Hall, Sayed Sohrab group posted guards at the hall gates and the general students were allowed to enter the hall only after being checked.

The Ilias faction took shelter in Jasimuddin Hall.

UNB adds: The Sayed Sohrab group of JCD handed over an activist

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of Ilias group to the law enforcing agencies on Thursday.

The detained activist, identified as Ratan, is an outsider who had been staying for long at room 273 of Surja Sen Hall of the University.

Witnesses said that during the gunfight today (Friday), the Ilias group took position near the International Hostel while the Sayed Group at Surja Sen Hall gate. Activists of both the groups were seen firing from automatic weapons.

Members of the Ilias group alleged that the Sayed group activists had beaten one of their leaders, Kajol, and threatened another activist at gunpoint Thursday evening.

The gunshots over, the Sayed group held a rally in front of Surja Sen Hall gate. It was addressed by Mohsin Hall Students Union GS Sayed Sohrab and Surja Sen Hall unit JCD leaders Awlad Hossain Faruq and Nurul Islam Khasru.

They urged the government to nab terrorists and outsiders who were staying at different halls of the University.

Sayed Group leaders alleged that a section of JCD activists were sheltering outsiders at Jasimuddin, Ziaur Rahman and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman halls.

Huge police contingents have been deployed in and around the areas where JCD activists were active.

Both the groups were guarding hall gates under their respective control as tension was prevailing on the campus.