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Tension mounts in DU Clashes hours after BCL-JCD accord

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Tension mounted on Dhaka University campus for second day on Tuesday as ruling party's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) captured two residential halls of the University and drove their rivals from there.

A good number of armed outsiders belonging to both pro-Awami League Chhatra League and BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal have been deployed on the campus and the residential halls of the university.

Some students feared that there might be violent clashes on the campus. Many of the residential students already left their rooms and took shelter to their relatives' houses, they said.

Fresh chase and counter-chase took place at the premises of the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) between the supporters of pro-Awami

League Chhatra League and BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Tuesday evening. Second of a gun shot was heard during the chase and counter-chase. Police lobbed at least two teargas shells to disperse the agitators.

Earlier, on Monday the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) captured Fazlul Haque Hall Air AF Rahman Hall of Dhaka University and drove Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal supporters from there.

The Dhaka University unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) announced a two-day student strike on the campus in protest against the atrocities by the Chhatra League workers at the residential halls.

Meanwhile, central leaders of both Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal held a meeting to resolve the problem at Madhur Canteen on Tuesday morning. The lead-

ers reached consensus that all resident students irrespective of party affiliations would be allowed to reside in the halls; irritating slogans and indecent comments against the leaders and workers of the rival student organisations would not be made; outsiders would not be allowed in the halls and respective student organisations would take action against the violators of these agreements.

The reconciliation meeting was attended by BCL President Enamul Haque Shamim, General Secretary Ishak Ali Khan Panna, Bahadur beparee, Sazzad Hossain, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani, General Secretary Habib-Un-Nabi Sohel, ABM Mosharraf Hossain and Munir Hossain.

The leaders after the meeting went to Sir AF Rahman Hall to reinstate the ousted JCD supporters. But again the BCL supporters beat the JCD supporters. Six JCD workers were injured during the incident. Two critically injured JCD workers—Biplob, a resident of room Number 215, and Jakir of room 322 of Sir AF Rahman Hall—were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

At this stage, the JCD workers came out of the hall in a group. They marched in a procession and held a rally at the TSC premises in the afternoon. It was addressed by President of Dhaka University Unit of

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JCD ABM Mosharraf Hossain and General Secretary Munir Hossain.

Meanwhile, Police raided seven residential halls of the university in the early hours of Tuesday. They seized two live bombs during the raid. The squads raided Ziaur Rahman Hall, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Hall, Mohsin Hall, Surya Sen Hall, Jashimuddin Hall and Jakirul Haque Hall. Residents of Zia Hall alleged that police entered into the hall by breaking open the lock of the collapsible gate and abused the students.

President and General Secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani and Habib-Un-Nabi Sohel in a joint statement condemned the terrorists' activities of pro-Awami League Chhatra League in the residential halls. They demanded immediate expulsion of the outsiders from the campus. They also called to make today's strike successful.

Syndicate concerned

Meanwhile, Syndicate of Dhaka University in a meeting on Tuesday expressed concern over the deteriorated law and order on the campus and urged the law enforcing agencies to play an effective role in the light of Prime Minister's order to restore normalcy in the university.

Chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, the meeting sought cooperation from all sections to maintain congenial atmosphere on the campus.

The meeting expressed regret over the incident that took place in some residential halls on August 15 in connection with National Mourning Day.

Meanwhile, the Provost Committee of the University in a meeting urged the law enforcing agencies to take necessary action against the terrorists for maintaining peaceful atmosphere on the campus.

Chaired by VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, the meeting called upon all quarters to extend cooperation in maintaining congenial atmosphere in the university.