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Two cops among 12 injured in BCL-Shibir clash in CU

CHITTAGONG, Jan 6:—Twelve people, including two police constables, were injured during clashes between activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) at Shah Amanat hall of Chittagong University (CU) Tuesday, reports UNB.

The clashes ensued when rival processions brought out by BCL and ICS activists confronted each other near the hall shortly after mid-day, witnesses said, adding both sides used sticks and hurled stones at each other.

Seven BCL and three Shibir men were injured in the violence. In addition two police constables were hurt in the melee. It could not be ascertained if any of them were in serious condition.

Police later rushed to the spot and charged batons to disperse the feuding groups and brought the situation under control at around 3:00pm.

BCL later submitted memorandum to CU authorities demanding police raids in residential halls to flush out 'outsiders' and allow the general students to return to their halls.

Meanwhile, CU authorities at a meeting, chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr Badiul Alam, formed three-member vigilance teams in the halls. Another 24-member environment team, to be headed by VC, was also formed to maintain congenial atmosphere in the campus.

The meeting also allowed police to raid all halls on Tuesday night.

Police was deployed in front of all six male halls from 6:00pm Tuesday to defuse tension.

All classes of CU, which remained closed since December 28 for parliament elections, are due to resume on January 9.