

BCL factions fight to occupy JCD rooms at Dhaka College

Five injured, 10 rooms ransacked

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At least five Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists were injured and 10 rooms ransacked at two student dormitories in Dhaka College during a factional clash over occupation of JCD rooms last night.

Two groups -- one led by college unit President Sagir Ahmed and the other led by Secretary Arefin Tutul -- equipped with firearms clashed for four hours that began at 9.00pm, leaving five of both the groups injured. At least 10 rooms were ransacked in North and South halls, campus sources said.

A tense situation was prevailing on the campus during the last few days as the feuding BCL groups tried to occupy the vacant rooms of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) members who left the dormitories after the national election on December 29.

Sagir and Tutul groups held a meeting last night to settle the issue but at one stage of the meeting they locked in fresh clash failing to settle their issue.

Both the groups fired at least 25 bullets and exploded at least 10 bombs on the campus during the four-hour long clash, campus sources said.

Anisur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Newmarket Police Station, said on information police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

FIVE STUDENTS ASSAULTED AT DU

Meanwhile, The BCL activists beat up five students on charge of supporting Islami Chhatra Shibir at Dhaka University (DU) yesterday.

At around 12:00 noon, a group of BCL men led by third year student Mubarak and second year student Muktadir Rahman Shimul of chemistry department took second year student Shohel and master degree student Mehdi of the same department and first year student Mosharraf of soil science department to the gymnasium ground and beat up them up for supporting Shibir on the campus.

They also assaulted third year student Emdad of Islamic studies department in front of Art Buildings for the same reason.

The BCL activists led by second year student Sabuj ransacked belongings at room No-321 in F Rahman hall. Abdul Halim, a master degree student of law department, is the resident of the room. The BCL men also torched his books for supporting Chhatra Shibir on the campus.