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BCL factions clash at DU

10 bombs recovered

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The police recovered ten hand-made bombs from the rooftop of Ziaur Rahman Hall at Dhaka University in a raid following a clash between two groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists in the hall yesterday.

Three BCL activists -- Salman, a student of English department, Jasim of Bangla and Towhid of linguistics -- were injured in the clash that erupted at around 12:15pm over the control of several rooms of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists who left the hall on the night of December 29 sensing the defeat of four-party alliance in the national elections.

Although the clash erupted at Ziaur Rahman Hall, the BCL activists in nearby Kobi Jasim Uddin Hall got involved in it later.

Later, the police, hall authorities and top leaders of BCL stepped in to bring the situation under control.

The injured BCL men were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The police raided Ziaur Rahman Hall at around 2:30pm and recovered the bombs in a shoe box under a water tank on the roof.

A bomb disposal unit of the detective branch of police defused the bombs and handed them over to Shahbagh police.

Officer-in-charge of

Shahbagh Police Station Rezaul Karim told reporters that they could not arrest anybody in this connection.

Meanwhile, DU BCL President Sohel Rana Tipu and General Secretary Sazzad Sakib Badsha submitted a list of six BCL men -- Arafat, Baki, Hasan, Mithu, Zia and Zahid -- to the hall provost and urged him to take administrative action against them for their involvement in violence.

Hall Provost Prof Dr Borhan Uddin Khan told reporters that the BCL leaders had cooperated with them in handling the situation.

He also said they have already urged the police to take steps to avoid any kind of untoward incidents.