

50 hurt as BCL activists of DU, Dhaka College clash

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AT LEAST 50 people, including Dhaka University proctor AM Amzad Ali, a policeman and students, were injured as clashes broke out between the students of the university and Dhaka College in Nilkhet area in the city on Tuesday night.

Police used tear gas to disperse the feuding students who used guns and crackers during the clashes which continued till late into the night.

Witnesses said two activists of Bangladesh Chhatra

League, also residential students of Sir AF Rahman Hall of Dhaka University, went to have their night meal at a Nilkhet restaurant around 10:00pm.

They locked in an altercation with some Chhatra League activists of Dhaka College over seating at the restaurant.

At one point, the Dhaka College students chased the two AF Rahman Hall students to the hall entrance.

Hearing the news, AF Rahman Hall Chhatra League activists came out in a group

and counter-chased the Dhaka College students triggering the clashes in which guns and crackers were also used, witnesses said.

Chhatra League activists from different halls of the university also joined in the fighting. They took position in front of the police camp at Nilkhet intersection, while Dhaka College students at New Market intersection.

Chhatra League general secretary Siddiqui Nazmul Alam was also injured in the clashes.

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BCL president HM Badiuzzaman Sohag was trying to contact the Dhaka College BCL leaders to calm the situation.

Dhaka University proctor AM Amzad Ali told New Age at about 11:45 that he had sustained injury on his leg while trying to calm the feuding groups.

It cannot not be said if all the students involved in the fighting are Chhatra League activists, but most of them have political identity, the proctor said.