

3 hurt in BCL-Shibir gunfight at RU

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Three Rajshahi University students, including two Shibir activists, were injured in a daylight gunfight between Chhatra League and Chhatra Shibir on the campus yesterday.

The activists of Chhatra League, pro-Awami League student body, clashed with those of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, over establishing supremacy on the campus.

Besides, the BCL men also assaulted Nazim Mridha, RU correspondent of the New Age, while he was taking photos of the incident.

However, the BCL RU unit president apologised

for the unsolicited matter.

Police and witnesses said a group of BCL activists chased a contingent of Shibir men to Shahidullah Arts Building as they were crossing the central library around 11:45am.

At one stage, both the groups exchanged several rounds of gunshots, leaving the three students injured.

Patrol police shot several rubber bullets in the air to tame the situation, said Abdus Subhan, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station.

Finally, the rowdy Shibir activists fled the building.

Abu Sufian, Motihar Hall unit Shibir president, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Police also arrested him.

Al Imran, general secretary of Shibir science faculty unit, was taking treatment at Islami Bank Hospital in the divisional city.

A general student named Firoz Ahmed, a fourth-year student of linguistics department, took first aid.

Saifuddin Yeahia, general secretary of RU unit Shibir, alleged that the BCL men, backed by police, opened fire on their party men when they took shelter at the building.

He binned the allegation of Shibir men's firing.

Mizanur Rahman Rana, BCL RU unit president, alleged that the Shibir men sprayed bullets on his party activists.