

NOT PAYING DUE FOOD BILL

JU BCL embroiled in factional clash again

25 injured, one bullet-hit

JU CORRESPONDENT

At least 25 Jahangirnagar University (JU) students were injured, one of them suffering bullet wounds, as two factions of JU Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) unit clashed yesterday allegedly over paying due bills at a makeshift shop on the campus.

Shahriar Nehal of geography and envi-

ronment, suffering bullet wounds, and some of the other injured were admitted to Enam Medical College Hospital in Savar.

Alleging that he did not get administrative assistance to contain the situation, JU Proctor Dr Muzibur Rahman initially submitted his resignation letter but later withdrew it at the advice of the new vice-chancellor.

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BCL sources said an altercation took place between Secretary Rajib Ahmed Rasel and Organising Secretary Faisal Islam Dipu over payment of the bill at the shop situated near the JU Shaheed Minar.

The shop owners claimed that activists of Meer Mosarraf Hossain Hall, where Dipu resides, had been having food there since February 16 and had paid Tk 500 against the a bill of Tk 5,000 yesterday.

Soon, each leader with around 100 supporters each clashed at the spot with sticks and iron rods. Dipu's group, accompanied by Vice President Ruhul Amin, were chased away, said the BCL sources.

Rajib then gathered around 200 supporters and attacked the hall around 4:00pm, hurling brick chips and vandalising an office room and some rooms and shops. Dipu and Ruhul's supporters retaliated with brick chips while 10 gunshots were heard, they added.

Police arrived sometime before 5:00pm, fired a single teargas shell to disperse the warring factions and have been deployed there.

Rajib claimed he and his supporters were attacked by Jatuyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists. Dipu and Ruhul's phones were found switched off.

Proctor Dr Muzibur said they would investigate the incident.