

20 shops at Palassy Bazar ransacked

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A section of agitated students of Dhaka University went on a rampage at Palassy Bazar and ransacked more than 20 grocery and stationary shops following the beating of two hall-staff by the hoodlums on Wednesday evening.

Police quoting the witnesses said a group of angry students from the Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall, attacked the grocery market and damaged as many as 20 shops and the merchandise of street vendors at about 5:45 pm. The students also snatched away fruits and other valuables. They even picked meat stakes from the butchers shop, police added.

Police identified the youngsters as activists of Laltu faction of Jatiyatabdi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student front of ruling BNP. Police, however, could not arrest any of the troublemakers.

But the students and the supporters of Laltu faction denied their involvement in the incident and said that some of their followers went there hearing the news of beating two staff of Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall.

A resident of the dormitory told this Correspondent that some activists of the Laltu faction severely beat up a burglar in the dormitory on Wednesday morning and handed him over to police. As retaliation, his accomplices beat up the hall staff when they went to the market, he added.

Hearing the news, the students got agitated and rushed to the spot and staged a showdown by ransacking shops and assaulting shopkeepers, he said.

On the contrary, the shop-owners told police that some of the attackers earlier demanded.

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