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# 4 hurt as cops open fire in Rajshahi

## BCL-JCD CLASH OVER ADMISSION

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At least four students were bullet-hit as police opened fire on feuding activists of Bangladesh Chhara League and Jaiyatabadi Chhara Dal at Rajshahi Government College in the city yesterday.

The injured are BCL activist Nazrul Islam, JCD activists Asadul Islam, Samul Islam, also an honours admission seeker, and Pias, a student of Rajshahi City College.

They were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

It all started when BCL general secretary of the college unit Mahbubul Alam Khan Bobin had an argument with JCD activist Tawhidul Islam Mithu around 1:00pm over the submission of honours admission forms, said Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) Roalia Police Station.

The admission seekers loyal to the JCD queued up to submit the honours admission forms. But the BCL-backed students had wanted to submit the forms first, which led to an altercation and ended up in a clash, the OC said.

The unruly BCL activists also assaulted college Vice Principal Habibur Rahman as he intervened, and vandalised the administrative building of the college.

Police had fired around 100 shots from shotguns and 60 tear gas shells, and driven the feuding groups out of the campus, the OC added.

After police flushed them out both the groups equipped with swords, machetes, iron rods and brickbats fought running battles, blocking the road in front of the college.

BCL activists later attacked three rooms of the JCD-controlled Muslim Hostel, and torched one of them, leaving three JCD activists hurt. Fire fighters brought the fire under control.

Both JCD president Moruza Fahim Haque and BCL president Roddy Kumar Chosh of the college unit blamed each other for the clash.