

Five DU students hurt in police firing

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Five BCL activists of Dhaka University were injured when police fired rubber bullets at a group of BCL men at the capital's Chankharpool after an altercation with them last night.

The injured were receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Two other students, including Aminul Islam, president of Shahidullah Hall unit of BCL, were beaten up by cops in a police patrol van.

Witnesses said some students of Shahidullah Hall of the DU got into an altercation with Mithu, organising secretary of Bongshal unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), while having dinner at a restaurant at Chankharpool around 11:00pm.

Being informed by fellow students, Aminul along with some of his followers went to the spot and found a group of Bongshal unit BCL men staying with police there.

All of a sudden, police opened fire on the DU students, leaving five of them injured.

Contacted, DU acting proctor Amzad Ali said police cannot open fire on students without any valid reason. He demanded the authorities punish the cops involved in the firing.

A Bongshal police official, however, claimed that they opened fire to avoid any law and order situation.