

BCL factions clash at JNU: 15 injured

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At least 15 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of Awami League, and a policeman were injured in a factional clash on Jagannath University (JNU) campus yesterday.

The police also picked up three BCL activists -- Arifur Rahman, Suman and Jasim Uddin -- for their involvement in the clash.

Of the injured, Shrabon, a fourth year student of political science, was admitted to nearby Sumona Clinic.

The injured policeman was identified as Akbar Ali.

Campus sources said the clash occurred over Thursday's incident of altercation between the supporters of JNU BCL President Kamrul Hasan Ripon and General Secretary Gazi Abu Sayeed.

Equipped with wooden sticks and bricks, both the groups attacked each other in front of the arts building at noon yesterday.

They also chased each other for about an hour in two phases.

Later, the police baton-charged the activists to bring the situation under control.

Sources said BCL activists are now virtually divided in two groups -- Kamrul group and Sayeed group. They have been carrying out organizational activities on the campus

separately.

Talking to The Daily Star, President Mahmud Hossain said they would investigate the incident and take action against persons responsible.