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BCL factional clash leaves 30 injured at JnU

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Activists of a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League take position wearing helmets near the Shaheed Minar at Jagannath University during a pitched battle between two factions on Monday. — New Age photo

At least 30 people, including two journalists, were injured as two groups of the ruling Awami League-backed student body Bangladesh Chhatra League clashed at Jagannath University on Monday.

Among the injured, Mehedi Hasan, Kawser Alam, Ashrafur Islam, Siam Hossain and Jewel Hasan were identified as Chhatra League activists and supporters of suspended committee's president and Tariqul Islam and Sheikh Jaynul Abedin Rasel.

The victims were rushed to nearby Dhaka National Medical College Hospital, Sumona Hospital and Asgar Ali Hospital. The clash also left two campus correspondents — Latiful Islam of Daily Samakal and Rakibul Hasan of Daily Sangram — injured while they went there to cover the news.

They were undergoing treatment at Dhaka National Hospital.

Suspended committee general secretary Sheikh Joynul Abedin Rasel said that they were unaware about the incident as they stopped their activities on the campus following the suspension of the committee.

Tariqul Islam's mobile was switched off.

Kotowali zone police additional commissioner Badrul Hasan Riyad said that the two groups staged procession on the campus at 11:00am while police tried to restrain them from clash.

At one stage, they engaged in clash at about 3:30pm when 10-12 were injured, he said. Police dispersed the activists firing tear gas shells, he said.

Chhatra League suspended its Jagannath University unit committee following a clash on February 3.



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