

Panic in DU as student factions exchange fire

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Tension once again mounted at the Dhaka University campus yesterday (Sunday) following firing of gun shots between the rival factions of pro-JSD Bangladesh Chhatra League (N-S) at about 3pm.

More than 40 rounds of gunshots were fired and Police lobbed at least four to five rounds of teargas shells during the clash, which lasted for about half an hour.

Eyewitness said, the trouble erupted following exchange of hot words between two mid-level leaders of BCL (N-S) on the campus Sunday noon.

After that, activists of one faction of the organisation took position in front of the Commerce Faculty building and the other at the Register's building of the University around 3 pm and began to open fire at each other.

About 40 students of both the factions were seen slinging guns during the fighting.

At this, panic-stricken students, teachers as well as employees of the University began to run helter-skelter for safety. None was however hurt in

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the incident.

It may be mentioned that several rounds of gun shots were opened from inside the Mohsin Hall by a faction of BCL (N-S) when some activists of another faction was passing in front of the hall the previous night (Saturday).

UNB adds: Leaders of the Awami League-supported Chhatra League (A-A) at a protest rally yesterday said the government could not deny the responsibility of Jarif killing.

Government-backed miscreants have killed him, they alleged, addressing the rally held in front of the Jatiya Press Club to protest the killing of Kazi Jarif.

Jarif, Tejgaon thana unit President and city Vice-President of BCL, was shot dead on Saturday at Suhrawardy Hospital premises by unidentified gunmen.

The rally was addressed by BCL President Shahe Alam and Vice-President BM Mozammel Huq.

The student leaders condemned the "brutal" killing and demanded immediate arrest and trial of the killers.

BCL workers wore black badge and brought out a procession mourning the death. It came out from the Dhaka University campus and ended in the rally.

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