

BCL faction captures 3 JU dormitories

SAVAR, Aug 2:—A faction of BCL today took control over three dormitories of Jahangirnagar University from where they were ousted by rivals Saturday night, reports UNB.

Simultaneously 'non-local' faction of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) captured Al Beruni Hall ousting its local group, vitiating the academic atmosphere of the country's lone fully residential university.

The BCL faction led by Sumon entered the AFM Kamaluddin, Shaheed Salam Barkat and Maulana Bhashani halls at 3-30 p.m. without any resistance as their rivals left the campus to avert police raid as well as protest from general students.

Campus sources said the police arrested two BCL cadres Ruhul Amin Ruhul and Abul Hasan and recovered a light gun and a sawed rifle during the three-hour midnight raid.

The police also picked up a guest, Selim, student of Rangpur Medical College, for staying in the hall ignoring the restriction.

"Terrorists were informed about the raid much earlier. The police allowed them time to flee before conducting the raid," said a leader of General Students Unity (GSU).

General students under the banner of GSU brought out a procession on the campus in the morning to protest the 'farcical' raid.

The GSU brought out a procession again at 12.30 p.m. and gheraoed Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes for about an hour as he refused to assure them of ousting the outsiders by tomorrow (Tuesday).

GSU submitted a memorandum

to him demanding removing the outsiders from the halls by 10 a.m. tomorrow and legal action against them.

The Pro VC told the GSU leaders that the authorities had already requested the police to deploy adequate force.

Trouble in the university began Saturday night after Nuruzzaman group blamed for rape on the campus captured the three dormitories ousting Kakon Group. Sumon, who regained the halls today, is an active member of Kakon Group.

Meanwhile, local people caught Hamidul from Shimultoli village near the university at about 3 p.m. today accusing him of creating violence on campus and handed him over to Savar police.

3 arrested

BSS adds: Police arrested three persons, two of them outsiders with firearms during a raid in different dormitories of Jahangirnagar University in the small hours on Monday, a Press release of the university said.

High police officials in cooperation with the university authorities led the raid in Shaheed Salam Barkat Hall, A.F.M. Kamaluddin Hall, Maulana Bhashani Hall and in the adjoining areas of the campus.

"All the halls have been freed from the outsiders and a congenial atmosphere is now prevailing on the campus," the release added.

The university authorities urged all concerned to cooperate with them for continuing the normal atmosphere on the campus.