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'Local, non-local' factions of JCD clash at JU: 5 hurt

By JU Correspondent

At least five people were injured when two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) clashed over formation of a new university committee at JU yesterday noon.

The two 'local' and 'non-local' factions clashed in presence of the JCD central committee president, vice president and general secretary.

The injured are former students Faisal, Tutul, Biplab, university guard Anwar Hossain and an unidentified outsider.

Tension gripped the campus as over 60 outsiders in four minibuses and 15 motor bikes entered the campus at around 10 am and gathered in front of Social Science Building where a meeting to form a new university committee was scheduled to be held.

After a brawl between the leaders of 'local' and 'non-local' groups, the outsiders went out of the campus but took position in front of the dairy farm gate.

When JCD president Habibunnabi Sohel, vice president Monowar Hossain Rana, general secretary Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and local MP Dewan Salauddin arrived, all the waiting outsiders again entered the campus. The two groups

locked in a clash at around 12 noon when the non-locals protested the presence of outsiders on the campus. The outsiders entered the campus allegedly in aid of the locals.

The clash stopped at the intervention by the JCD central leaders but the local MP left the scene.

At that time, some Bangladesh Chhatra League activists chased the outsiders and drove them out of the campus.

At this, the agitated 'local' JCD activists put up a barricade on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway near the PATC for about 90 minutes. They also damaged ten buses and two trucks.

Tension heightened when some 15 rounds of gunshots were fired allegedly by local JCD men near the Bishmail Gate of the university at around 1:15 pm.

Meanwhile, leaders of the two feuding groups held a meeting in presence of the JCD central leaders. The meeting lasted for a few minutes and ended without any decision.

The local JCD faction at JU comprises students from Savar and adjoining areas while the non-locals comprise students from rest of the country.

