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97 JCD students rehabilitated

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Dhaka University authorities finally succeeded in rehabilitating the supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in their respective halls on Thursday.

The University Syndicate enforced restriction on holding of rallies and processions on the campus to ensure rehabilitation of authorised students in their halls and stop clashes between the rival student organisations.

A total of 97 members of BNP's student front JCD were rehabilitated in the four troubled halls—Suryasen Hall, Jasimuddin Hall, Ziaur Rahman Hall and Bangabandhu Hall on Thursday. JCD earlier submitted a list of 238 students claiming that they were residents of the four halls. But the university and hall authorities found 97 students as authorised residents of the halls and rehabilitated them in their respective dormitories. JCD alleged that its members were ousted from the four halls by the activists of Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) following the two-day gun battles between BCL and JCD members last month that left a BCL leader dead.

Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Syndicate members and Provosts of different halls had a

series of meetings with the leaders of BCL, JCD and Garotantik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), an alliance of left leaning student organisations. The Vice-Chancellor and hall authorities persuaded student leaders in implementing the decision of the Syndicate meeting to rehabilitate the displaced students in the four halls.

Before allowing the authorised JCD students in the four halls the Provosts vacated the halls evicting all students from their dormitories at 9 a.m. on Thursday. Then the identity cards of the authorised students were checked in presence of the police at the hall gates before allowing them to their respective dormitories.

Police also searched several rooms in the four halls after eviction of the students and recovered 20 bullets from room No 646 of Suryasen Hall. However, none was arrested in this connection.

After eviction of students the members of the Provost Standing Committee along with the leaders of BUCL, JCD, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitry, BCL (C-K), Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front visited the halls and they were present to oversee the rehabilitation of the authorised stu-

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dents in the halls.

The leaders of left-leaning student organisations demanded recovery of illegal arms from the possession of BCL and JCD activists before the rehabilitating the JCD members in the halls.

In a statement Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury expressed thanks to the Syndicate members, Provosts, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), hall authorities, student leaders and law enforcing agencies for their assistance in restoring normalcy to the campus.

One receives bullet injury

UNB adds: A canteen boy was injured at Moshin Hall of the Dhaka University early Thursday as he was struck by a stray bullet when some armed cadres were reportedly testing their firearms.

The canteen boy, Mintu Mia (20), was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital by opening a closed gate of the dormitory on its south side to evade police and the authorities, hall sources said.

Mintu was later shifted to the Chest Diseases Hospital at Mahakhali, where he is now undergoing treatment.

Moshin Hall is now dominated by the supporters of ruling party-backed Chhatra League.