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DU yesterday BCL activists carry arms, JCD explodes crackers

Star Report

Some activists of the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were seen carrying firearms on Dhaka University campus while the opposition parties staged a sitin demonstration yesterday.

According to witnesses, some BCL activists had their lunch at the IBA canteen as their firearms lay on the table, which terrified a good many number of general students, who were taking meal there.

"I was shocked to see the guns in the canteen," one of the witnesses told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, two crackers were blasted near Hakim Chhattar on the campus at around 2pm during opposition's sit-in programme.

A group of BNP-backed student organisation Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) allegedly blasted the crackers to create panic on the campus. The group also tried to set fire to an autorickshaw in front of the Rokeya Hall, witnesses said.

Later, some BCL activists chased the JCD group and caught one called Khokan. He was taken to BCL leaders at Madhu's canteen and released later on, the witnesses said.