

Rattling of guns on DU campus again

By Our Varsity Correspondent

Peace on the Dhaka University campus has again been shattered on Monday noon. At least 20 rounds of gun shots were fired and several bombs exploded when two rival groups came into a face to face clash.

Deadly weapons were freely used by both the groups. Panicky students were running helter and skelter. However none was injured. Opening gun shots, exploding bombs, chase and counter-chase began at 2 p.m. and continued for 50 minutes.

Incidentally, the Standing Committee of the Dhaka University Educational Environment Council was in a meeting at that time to review the campus situation. The Council observed that education and arms could not run together. When the Council proposed to close the varsity, student leaders strongly protested it. President of pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League and Secretary of the jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal exchanged hot words on the issue in the meeting. Pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League President Moshtaq Hossain said that it would be a surrender to the armed hooligans, if the authorities close the university. On the contrary JCD Secretary, Amanullah Aman expressed that his party would endorse the decision of the authority.

The Syndicate decision to close the University for present campus turmoil has not been cancelled, but kept in abeyance for the time being. If necessary, it will be implemented.

Meanwhile, the authority in a notice issued on Monday in the Halls observed that tension has widely spread among the general students of the Dhaka University

due to frequent movement and stay of armed miscreants and outsiders in some Halls for the last few days. It said if the situation does not improve immediately, it would not be possible to conduct normal academic activities of the University.

The authority cautioned that under such circumstances, it would not be responsible for any consequence if armed vandals continue to stay in the halls irrespective of students or non-students.

The authority helplessly said this might compel the law-enforcing agency to raid the Halls as per the existing law of the country. Besides the University and the Halls may be closed with two hours notice.

A heavy contingent of riot police has been deployed outside the campus near Neelkhet police out post. It is being apprehended that the Halls may be raided at dead of night. Students are leaving Halls out of panic.

JCD

Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal in a statement on Monday accused some leaders of the JSD (Inu) Chhatra League for disrupting the normally in Dhaka University. JCD alleged a good number of armed hooligans were staying in the university halls under the shelter of JSD (Inu) group. JCD demanded punishment of seven leaders including the Organising Secretary of Chhatra League.

More than 1462 students from different halls in a joint statement on Monday demanded exemplary punishment to 20 students including Safi Ahmed for armed vandalism on the campus.

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