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JN College JCD confce attacked 12 held, 2 vehicles burnt near DU campus

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Two vehicles were set ablaze and several rounds of gun shots were fired on the Dhaka University campus following a violence at Jagannath University College on Monday. The violence left at least 20 persons injured.

According to a report, at about 12 noon the conference of the Jagannath University College unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) came under attack by an angry young group at the college premises. In this attack Mr. Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Joint Secretary-General of BNP and JCD Secretary Mr. Amanullah Aman along with 18 others were injured.

As a result the conference could not be held. The JCD members became angry and brought out a protest procession. At about 2.30 p.m. a BRTC bus and a government jeep was set on fire at the TSC crossing and Central Shaheed Minar area by a group of youngmen protesting the incident. During this incident seven rounds of blank gun shots near TSC were heard.

At a Press conference held at the National Press Club JCD alleged that the armed hoodlums of the ruling party attacked the conference. Mr. Asaduzzaman Ripon, President of JCD said that the pro-Government youths had created a reign of terror in the old town area. This group did not allow the opposition student organisations including JCD to take part in the union polls of the colleges of the old city.

Mr. Ripon said the ruling party was

compelled to dissolve its student organisation following stiff resistance from the opposition. But the armed militants were still active under the patronisation of the Government agencies, he alleged.

JCD will observe a general strike in the educational institutions of Dhaka city including universities on April 5 protesting the incidents. On April 6 the organisation will observe country-wide demonstration day and announce programme against the anti-social elements.

The JCD alleged that police took eight of its members into custody following the incident. They are Abul Basar Bahar, Mominullah Babul, Anwar Majid Babu, Jahangir Hossain, Mokarram Hossain, Abu Rashid, Abdul Momin and Mohammed Polash.

According to a DMP source, 12 persons were arrested following the incident. Two vehicles were set ablaze while another one was damaged at Topkhana Road and two of its passengers were injured.