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DU campus tense

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Tension continued to prevail in the Dhaka University campus for the fourth consecutive day yesterday when two rival groups forced supporters of each other out of the dormitories or prevented them from entering the halls.

Gun shots and explosion of crackers on a dark campus spread fears among the students on Thursday night and a group, said to be supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, raided Jasimuddin Hall at 11 p.m. ransacking at least five rooms reportedly belonging to pro-Awami League Chhatra League.

The overnight tension spread to Shahdiullah Hall where pro BNP students asked pro-Awami League Chhatra League supporters to leave the hall during the breakfast at the canteen.

At the same time pro-

Awami League students prevented pro-BNP boys from getting into Zahurul Hug Hall from where they were forced out last week.

Since the violence began two students were stabbed, several rooms were ransacked and a number of students were beaten in clashes.

Despite the tension prevailing in the campus police maintained a low profile, only patrolling the campus roads.

The university authorities, also maintained a low profile. They have not made any attempt so far to tame the unruly elements, particularly those carrying guns, sometimes, displaying them openly to subdue or threaten each other, students alleged.

It is apprehended that if the Contd on page 8 col 2

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situation goes uncontrolled with gunmen terrorising the campus there may be some bloody episodes soon.

Meanwhile, Vice-Chancelloi Prof Abdul Mannan ordered that police to be on lookout for the expelled students who, he said, had been responsible for the campus terrorism.

But he had not said anything about the influx of new gunmen in the campus.

Poor lighting arrangement on the mall, the campus streets particularly on the main Nilkhet road and Kazi Nazrul Avenue often encourage gunrunners and anti-social elements as well transacting their business undisturbed.

It also creates problems for law keepers, plainclothes and uniformed to maintain vigi on a dark campus.

As a results, the nights in the campus turn out to be the night of riff-raffs, gunmen and masters of long knives in the campus, a frightened student said.

Meanwhile, Chhatra League (Sagir) President and General Secretary expressed deep
concern at the increasing terrosist acts allegedly by government agents and Jamaat-Shibir in the educational institutions.

BCL President Sagir Anwar and General Secretary Sarwar Jahan Badsha, in a statement, alleged that armed "government agents" and "Jamaat-Shibir" activists were engaged in creating a reign of terror in the educational institutions in Rajshahi, Bogra, Serajganj, Chittagong districts and in metropolitan Dhaka.

They alleged that Enamulation Huq, Assistant General Secretary of Talora College Student Union of Bogra, was murdered on Thursday by "known professional killers" belonging to these groups.