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Gunfire, bomb blasts on DU campus

At least 200 rounds of gunfire and a series of bomb blasts Tuesday night rocked the Dhaka University campus creating panic among the resident students and the people in adjoining areas, reports UNB.

The gunfired and bomb blasts were reportedly an outburst of rivalry between two factions of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), one led by Golam Faruq Ovec and the other by Ilias Ahmed.

Campus sources told UNB over telephone that the two groups started exchanging gunfire from around 8 p.m. in adjoining Mohsin Hall and Ziaur Rahman Hall, both strongholds of the JCD.

The exchange of fire continued for about one hour, sources said apprehending eruption of further violence any moment.

Two motor-cycles were set ablaze inside Ziaur Rahman Hall premises, the source said, who however could not immediately give details of casualty, if any.

Strong contingents of police were posted in and around the campus. Traffic on the roads leading to the campus was closed following the incident.