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Gunshots rock DU campus: JCD president beaten up

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Gunshots and cracker blasts rocked the Dhaka University campus and its surrounding areas during the BNP-sponsored dawn-to-dusk hartal yesterday.

Some leaders of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), including its acting president Monzur Elahi were beaten up by the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Modhu's canteen on the campus.

Monzur Elahi was assaulted when he came to Modhu's canteen at around 8-30 am to organise processions.

Later, three JCD activists — Ansar Ali Khan Joy, Masum Billah and Mazharul Islam Babu — came under attack by the BCL activists.

Of the injured, Masum Billah, a student of Shahidullah hall, was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with injuries in his head.

At around 1:30 pm, a BCL procession came under attack by the BNP activists near Shahbag crossing. The procession was on its way to the DU campus from the Press Club, witnesses said.

Some five rounds of gunshots were heard during the incident. Some crackers were also blasted. After a shortwhile, the BCL activists fired four rounds of gunshots from near the Dhaka University Central Mosque.