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## 5 injured in clash at SSMC

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At least five students were injured in a clash between two groups of students at Sir Salimullah Medical College on Thursday.

Two of the injured were identified as Saiful Islam and Monwar Hossain.

Eye witnesses said, a group of armed people reportedly activists of Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) came at the river ghat of Salimullah Medical College by boat and fired several rounds of gunshots at 8 a.m. Then activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) made the counter attack by firing gunshots and blasting bombs which forced the attackers to flee the scene by river route.

### SSMC bus hijacked

UNB adds:—A group of youths hijacked a students bus of Sri Salimullah Medical College on Thursday in their bid to prevent them from attending classes and examinations.

The youths, numbering about a dozen, got on the bus mainly carrying female students when it reached near High Court at about 8 in the morning.

According to a first-year student of SSMC who was on board the bus on way to the violence-ridden college to

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attend a system examination of Physiology, the youths directed the driver to drive the bus towards Dhaka University campus.

She said the youths, five to six of them student of SSMC forced the driver to go to Curzon Hall area and asked them to get down and also not to attend the classes and examinations.

"Chhatra League forced us to leave the college campus and are not allowing us to attend the classes and examinations," one of the youths told the girls.

The youths also asked them to go to college only when all the students will be able to reside in near respective dormitories and attend their classes.

All the girls, later, however, were freed and they went to college. The bus staffs were also released.

According to students, a youths group also tried to stop another bus of the SSMC in front of the High Court. "But the driver did not halt as he saw none of the youths is student of the college," said a student.

Police reinforcements have been deployed on the trouble-torn college campus.

The trouble erupted as the pro-Awami League Chhatra League men, who were ousted several times from the campus during BNP regime, evicted BNP-backed Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal activists early this week.

Following the eviction, JCD supporters have continued sit-in in front of the Jatiya Press Club for the last three days. College sources said a number of JCD activists were also forced to join Chhatra League.

Meanwhile Sir Salimullah Medical College Unit of BCL (S-P) at Press conference on Thursday blamed JCD for attack on them and demanded arrest and punishment of the culprits. They also blamed Chhatra Dal for keeping the college bus hostage.

The Press conference held at Dhaka University Journalist Association was addressed, among others, by Asaduzzaman Rintu, President SMC Unit of BCL, Julfikar Ali Lonin, General Secretary, Masud Parvez and BCL central leader Rafiqul Islam.