

## DU tense as BCL faction captures hall

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Tension gripped Dhaka University campus as a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) captured Zahurul Haq Hall yesterday ousting their rival group.

Police guarding the hall did not intervene although at least 10 rounds of bullets were fired, witnesses said.

Campus sources said both the feuding groups of the ruling party's student organisation are now trying to establish their dominance in the hall.

The sources said a group of activists backed by BCL faction of Ratan-Tommey stormed into Zahurul Haq Hall at about 7 am and took the control of the hall by ousting rival faction of Shamim Ahmed.

Insiders said Babu, president of Zahurul Haq Hall unit of BCL, played the key role in capturing the hall. Babu, who was earlier the activist of Shamim group, was ousted by 'Tokai' Mizan about four months back over distribution of extorted money.

Babu had been staying in Mohsin Hall since then. However, he entered Zahurul Haq Hall at about 3 am through the dining room. At around 7 am, he asked his fellow activists waiting at Sir AF Rahman and Mohsin halls to attack the hall over his mobile phone.

Soon after, a group of about 15 men led by Shahidul, Hemayet and Jewel swooped on the hall and took position.

The attackers fired at least 10 rounds of gunshots and forced their rivals to leave the dormitory at gun point.