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In presence of police

of two halls, reports UNB.

At least 25 people were wounded during storming of Jagannath and Zahurul Haq halls amid massive campus violence a day after reshuffle in the varsity administration.

Campus sources said Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of ruling BNP, took hold of both the dorms from their Chhatra League rivals.

Police raided both the halls, but all in vain.

Campus sources said about 50 shots were traded and six bombs

morning.

Police raided the South Building of the hall but failed to recover any firearms.

Sources said JCD activists left the hall after pro-Awami League BCL cadres stormed in firing through the southern gate at about 5.30am.

"Regrouping, the JCD leaders asked their rivals to leave the hall by 11.30 am and later recaptured it with police backing," says an eyewitness account of the fighting.

Some 15 JCD and BCL activists were beaten up indiscrimi-

sacked eight rooms.

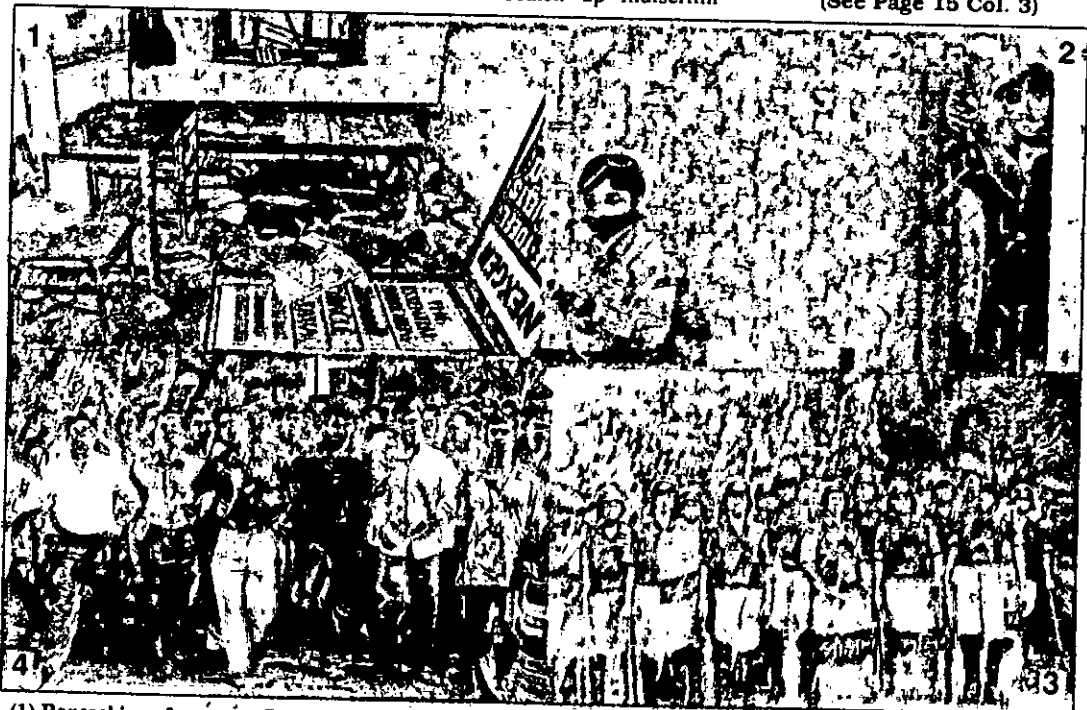
Activists of JCD led by its President Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu brought out a procession in the hall and held a meeting at October Smriti Bhaban.

Police were deployed on the campus to guard against further troubles.

JCD had taken possession of Jagannath Hall as BCL activists silently left soon after BNP's landslide victory in the October 1 election.

Later in the afternoon, over one hundred JCD activists led by JCD

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(1) Ransacking of rooms at Dhaka University's Jagannath Hall by activists of ruling party backed student organisation Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. (2) Two activists of a student organisation trying to capture Zahurul Haq Hall brandishing arms. (3) Police guarding Zahurul Haq Hall. (4) Procession by jubilant JCD activists after taking control of Jagannath Hall.

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JCD evicts

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DU unit organising secretary Asaduzzaman Asad stormed into Sergeant Zahurul Haq Hall through southern gate.

Both BCL and JCD cadres exchanged more than 100 rounds of fire, hall sources said.

The JCD cadres ousted the BCL activists from the hall and more than 20 rooms were ransacked during the melee. Later police raided the hall.

Chhatra League President Bahadur Bepari, addressing a Press conference Tuesday evening, alleged that some 100 of his leaders and workers were beaten up by the JCD 'outsider cadres'.