



Armed outsiders in halls **DU students fear bloodshed on campus**

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Students of the Dhaka University are fearing bloodshed on the campus as factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) are about to be locked in confrontations over the control of the university halls.

After the October 1 general elections, JCD, the student wing of BNP, is now split in several factions over various interests including occupation of halls, establishing supremacy in, and around the university and extortion.

Availing the opportunity of the absence of other JCD factions on the campus, the followers of JCD President Nasiruddin Pintu captured the varsity's 13 dormitories on October 2.

Leaders of other factions, who were out of the city for electioneering, came to the campus on the following day (October 3) and found that their rival faction have already occupied the dorms.

Insiders said that the central leaders of

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JCD tried to make a reconciliation among the factions, but the attempt apparently went in vain.

Hall-level leaders of JCD on Saturday refused to join any political activities demanding removal of outsiders JCD cadres from the halls.

Due to the non-cooperation from the hall level leaders, JCD could not bring out a procession on the campus scheduled on Sunday to demand resignation of the university's Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury.

Two factional stalwarts were locked in a brawl in front of Madhu's Canteen on Sunday noon that created a panic among the students. The students ran helterskelter following the brawl.

A good number of armed outsiders assembled in the dormitories after JCD took the control.

Residents of different halls alleged that at least 15 to 20 armed outsiders was staying in the DU dormitories occupying the rooms allotted to students.

The outsider beat up four JCD activists in the last six days, the insiders said.

A leader of Jasimuddin Hall unit JCD said they could hardly stay in the halls in the face of threats from outsiders. They are also harassing the genuine students.

Other than the common students, DU correspondents of different national dailies are also falling prey to the outsiders' fury. Unidentified youths snatched money, press card and valuables from Mizan, DU Correspondent of the Daily Matribhumi.

Some outsiders also unlocked the room of Ashraf Alam Khan, general secretary of Dhaka University Journalists' Association at Kabi Jasimuddin Hall.