



## Gunshots rock DU campus as JCD factions clash

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A sudden gunbattle rocked Dhaka University campus as two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) confronted each other over a trifling matter on Sunday noon.

Witnesses said the factions of the ruling BNP's student wing JCD traded about 20 rounds of gunshots the between 2:30 and 2:45 pm. They also marched through the campus areas brandishing sophisticated firearms.

The clash erupted from a simple altercation and manhandling of supporters of rival, Mamun faction and Asad faction of JCD over staying in a dormitory.

Witnesses said three followers of Asad - Murad, Shaon and Iqbal-manhandled Swapan and Moon who were active supporters

of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL). Changing the side they took shelter under Mustafizul Islam Mamun, General Secretary of DU unit of JCD.

Being manhandled Swapan rushed to Surya Sen Hall, a stronghold of Mamun faction, and came out with some of his supporters.

They chased Iqbal and Shaon in front of the Lecture Theater and fired three rounds of gunshots. Iqbal and Shaon ran towards Madhu's Canteen for shelter. In retaliation 10 to 15 supporters of Asad led by Murad and Rahat ran towards the Mall area.

Sensing an attack, supporters of Mamun faction fired 10 to 12 rounds of gunshots from the en-

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trance of Surya Sen Hall.

The campus turned deserted in a moment as students at the Arts Building and Mall areas ran helter-skelter for safety during the exchange of gunshots.

Following the shootout police came to the scene and conducted an "eyewash" raid at Surya Sen Hall but returned empty handed. Later central leaders of JCD went to the dormitories to mediate the conflict.

Residents of Zia Hall and Jasimuddin Hall said the supporters of Mamun faction were totally ousted from the halls after the gunfight.