

RU defers reopening date for third time

Three JCD men injured in factional clash

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Rajshahi University (RU) authorities extended the reopening date for the third time till November 28 fearing violence and political unrest on the campus.

The university was scheduled to reopen today.

But a news release issued by RU Registrar Professor Abdus Salam on Thursday said the vacation period was extended for unavoidable reasons and the campus now will reopen on November 29.

The reopening of the campus on November 29 is also uncertain, as tension has been prevailing among teachers, officials and students.

Besides, sporadic clashes among the student organisations have become a normal practice on the campus. Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) has been dominating campus and took control in the residential halls, campus sources said.

Meanwhile, three Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists were injured in a clash between two groups of the JCD over establishment of supremacy on the campus on Thursday.

Some agitating JCD cadres led by Romel, Ashik and Rajib attacked Joint Convener Mamun and attempted to torch a motorbike.

ICS of RU unit on Thursday took

held a rally in front of the central library with outsiders creating panic among the teachers and students.

ICS RU Committee General Secretary Delwar Hossain Saide threatened to resist entry of BC and left party students into the campus. If they try to enter, they would be slaughtered, Saide warned.

Talking to The Daily Star, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front RU unit President Susanta Sinha alleged that being blessed by the university administration, the IS and JCD have made the campus a hostage and destroyed the environment of education. We are unable to enter the campus fearing Shibir attack.

On the other hand, pro-Awar League teachers under the banner of 'Progressive Teachers Society' will launch fresh agitation programme demanding resignation of the vice chancellor and pro vice chancellor after reopening the campus.

Meanwhile, the five-day work abstention of university staff under the banner of 'Officer Karmachari Oikya Parishad' has ended on Thursday.

They threatened to continue work abstention for indefinite period from today, if their five