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40 injured, 100 rooms ransacked

Eden College closed as BCL, JCD clash

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The Eden University College authorities declared the college closed till September 7 following a clash between the two groups of activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) on Friday.

At least forty students were injured and over one hundred rooms of different hostels were ransacked by rival groups during the clash which erupted over establishment of supremacy on college hostels.

Witnesses said, activists of JCD and Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) locked in clash when some rooms belonging to JCD were ransacked in the early hours of Friday by Chhatra League (S-P). JCD workers attacked the Chhatra League (S-P) workers and ransacked five rooms of old hostel, two rooms of Jebunnesa Hostel and six beds of New Hostel. Some rooms were set on fire and belongings of students, were burnt to ashes. At least forty activists of both the organisations were injured during the clash. Both the organisations alleged that hired armed youths entered the college campus and assaulted their activists.

After the clash, the college authorities declared the college closed for 8-days and asked the students to vacate hostels by 3 p.m. Students vacated the hostels within the stipulated time.

All examinations will be held as per schedule. The administrative activities will continue, say the college authorities. Police were deployed on the college campus to maintain law and order.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) at a Press conference at the National Press Club demanded immediate resignation of the college Principal for what they said failing to ensure security of students.

They resented the closure of the college and demanded punishment of those JCD workers responsible for the incident.

The Press conference was attended by Sabital, Shimu, Rekha, Ava and Chhatra League Vice-President Akhter Hossain.

DUCSU, V-P Amanullah Aman MP and General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan in a statement on Friday blamed Chhatra League (S-P)

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for the attack on JCD members at Eden College and demanded punishment of the attackers.

JCD Acting President Nasiruddin Pintu and General Secretary Habib-Un-Nabi Soheli in a joint statement condemned the attack on JCD Eden College unit members by Chhatra League (S-P) and demanded punishment of the attackers.

"The male activists invited by the Chhatra League even beat up the girls in the bathrooms where they took shelter", said College Students Union VP Helen Jerin Khan.

Helen, who is also a JCD leader, alleged that several hundred Chhatra League activists forcibly entered the college hostels and unleashed a reign of terror in presence of police.

"This is the first time in the country male outsiders attacked the female dormitories", she said accusing Chhatra League of misbehaving with the hostel supers and ransacking some 40 rooms.

A number of Chhatra Dal activists and general students were injured during the attack and of them the condition of one Munna was critical, Helen added.



Students locked in clash at the Eden University College premises on Friday.

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