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### JCD-BCL clash in Lalmonirhat, Jhikargacha

LALMONIRHAT, Oct. 16.—At least 30 students were injured, four of them seriously in a clash between activists of JCD and BCL (M-I) at Lalmonirhat Government College today (Saturday), reports UNB.

Seriously injured Lipon (20), Shohel (18), Amjad (18) and Rupom (17)—all belonging to JCD, the student wing of BNP were admitted into the Sadar Hospital, hospital sources said.

BNP sources alleged that activists of Chhatra League, armed with rod and hockey sticks, had attacked JCD workers as a sequel to an incident on Tuesday (October 12) at Kaliganj in which Bhalu Miah, a BCL activist, was killed.

BCL denied the charge and said the clash erupted following a brawl.

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over a football match.

They claimed that two of their activists were also hospitalised after being injured. But hospital and police sources said all the 30 injured belonged to JCD.

BCL claimed that police and BNP were responsible for Bhalu's death after police lathicharged on the crowd to control the situation.

Today's (Saturday's) clash continued for an hour until police intervened. Some private cars were also damaged during the clash in the area on Lalmonirhat-Patgram road.

Later in the evening, BNP brought out a protest march in the town.

Meanwhile police were deployed at important points of the town as tension mounted.

The students and teachers said the authorities closed down the college following the clash. But the college principal was not immediately available to confirm the closure of the campus.

Our Correspondent from Jessore adds: Jhikargacha Shahed Moshiur Rahman Degree College has been closed for 15 days following clash between two opponent student organisations.

It is reported that Chhatra League and JCD supporters clash Thursday when a Chhatra League (M-I) worker assaulted a girl student on the campus. JCD workers reportedly protested the incident and a clash between the two student organisations ensured. At least four gun shots were heard during the clash. Ramdas and other lethal weapons were used by both the groups. At least ten students were wounded. One JCD worker who was seriously injured was sent to Dhaka for treatment.

In the meantime a rumour of death of the JCD worker deteriorated the situation on Saturday. The college authorities closed the college upto October 30. Asking the boarders of the hostel to vacate within Saturday.