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JCD factions clash

~~Chittagong Polytech Instt closed sine die~~

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CHITTAGONG, Sept 20:—The Polytechnic Institute was closed sine die following gun battle between rival factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) today.

The two rival factions of JCD, student wing of the ruling BNP freely exchanged gun fires and hurled crackers at each other. It continued about half an hour.

The clash ensued when an activist of a particular faction was abducted by the rival group. This made the two factions for a showdown.

Earlier, the two factions together gheraoed the Principal of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute to press for the promotion of 33 students to a higher

class though they failed in the examination. The students also manhandled the Principal.

The police finally intervened and brought the situation under control. The police also arrested four activists—Joyjit Hossain alias Apollo, Sajjad Kabir alias Sangram, Shahidul Kamal Eman and Shahabuddin Shabu from the spot.

A case has also been registered with Panchlaish thana against these student leaders.