

30 hurt in JCD-BCL clash

Barisal Medical College closed

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BARISAL, Apr. 16:—Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College was closed sine die today (Saturday) following a gunbattle between the two rival student groups of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I).

At least 30 students were injured, four of them seriously, during one and a half hour long clash which erupted at 9 a.m. over a dispute to include the newly admitted students under their respective organisation banners.

Of the injured Palash of JCD Sohel and Maksud of Chhatra League (M-I) and a rickshawpuller Kamal were admitted to the medical college hospital. During the clash groups exchanged gunshots and exploded bombs that turned the campus into mini battlefield.

Police raided the college hostel no (1, 2, and 3) and recovered three pipe-guns, two local made pistols, two toy pistols, four bullets, four cutlasses and a huge number of hand made bombs.

None, however, was arrested in this connection.

The college Academic Council at a

meeting declared the college closed sine die in the afternoon and asked the students to vacate the hostel by 3 p.m.

It may be mentioned here that a tense situation had been prevailing on the college campus when the authorities postponed the college students' union polls on April 12 as JCD gave a strike call at the campus on the same day.

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