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BCL factional clash CU declared closed sine die

Chittagong Office

The Chittagong University is declared closed sine die, according to a decision taken at a syndicate meeting chaired by Vice-Chancellor Abdul Mannan on Thursday night.

All examinations have been postponed and students are advised to vacate halls by 10 am today (Friday).

Earlier report says: At least 20 persons including four policemen were injured in series of armed clashes between two rival groups of students in Chittagong University today.

There were several rounds of gun shots exchanged between the two rival groups, particularly at two student dormitories—Shah Amanat Hall and Shah Jalal Hall. The battle of guns rocked the campus to utter panic of its residents.

According to district Police Control Room, the four policemen—a subedar and three constables received bullet injuries in their frantic bid to bring the situation in the two dormitories under control. The two of the injured policemen including subedar Abdul Kashem were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital for treatment.

A strong contingent of police led by Chittagong Superintendent of Police Iftekharuddin Ahmed raided the two dormitories and searched the rooms for fire arms this afternoon. The outcome of

search could not be known till the writing of this report at 7 p.m.

However, the police arrested seven activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League from the two dormitories. A case has also been registered with Hathazari thana against the student activists.

The two rival groups belonging to Karim Group and Shafiq Group of same pro-Al Chhatra League first picked up quarrel over the wear of improper outfit by some resident students at the dining halls. The two groups also disputed over the catering in the halls.

The petty quarrel soon turned into bloody clashes. Then the two

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groups exchanged heavy gun fires. The police finally brought the situation under control.

Meanwhile, the students of Chittagong University observed strike for third consecutive day today to demand for bus service on the campus. The anti-communalism Students Unity called the indefinite students strike from Tuesday to press home its three-point demand.