

50 injured in clashes

Islamic Varsity closed

KUSHTIA, Nov. 25.—Islamic University was today closed for a week after rival groups of students clashed on the campus leaving at least fifty injured, reports UNB.

Residents of the halls were asked to vacate the dormitories by 6 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Amjad and Aktaruzzaman, both students of the University were sent to capital Dhaka with grievous injury in their eyes while an outsider Nukur Hossain (25) was admitted to the sadar hospital, hospital sources said.

Police and witnesses said 6 Jamaat-Shibir activists were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. The tendons of their legs were cut.

The clash ensued when Shibir

activists allegedly tried to show-up its strength on the campus and Awami League backed BCL and left leaning Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) went for resistance, campus sources said.

Riot police was called in to ward off the trouble. The police fired 7 tear gas shells to disperse the students who were in a state of confrontation.

Later, 4 university buses carrying students to Jhenidah came under severe attack on way allegedly by large number of BCL and GCO activists. The buses were stopped at Taraganj bus stand under Shaikup thana and mercilessly beat those travelling in the buses.

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The attackers also cut the tendon of four students identified as shibir workers, police and witnesses said. The victims are: Mofazzel Hossain (Accounting final year), S.M. Shajahan (2nd year English), Hashem (Law final year) and Kamrul Islam Touhid (final year).

The GCO activists also cut the tendon of two local Jamaat leaders—Monjurul Islam and Mohammad Waliullah—at the same place while they were coming from Kushtia riding on a motor cycle. They were said to be victims of the circumstance, police said.

The condition of Waliullah was stated to be critical in the hospital.

Police and witnesses said GCO activists made another attack when the students in buses reached Jhenidah town. But the attack was repulsed by them. At this stage a bus was damaged allegedly by GCO activists.