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150 injured in Shibir-BCL clash

IU closed sine die

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JHENIDAH, Sept 26:— Islamic University was declared closed sine die following a bloody clash between activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir and Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P).

The warring student groups exchanged gunshots, exploded bombs and used sharp weapons during the two and a half hour long clash that left about 150 students injured, 18 of them critically.

University Proctor, provosts and house tutors of residential halls submitted their resignations in protest against what they said non-cooperation of the District Administration in bringing the situation under control.

University sources said, tension mounted on the campus when Chhatra Shibir took position inside the campus and tried to resist Chhatra League (S-P) following Wednesday's clash. Chhatra League (S-P) activists when tried to enter the university campus at about 12 noon came under

attack of Chhatra Shibir, which led to the violent clash between the two groups. Several rounds of gunshot were fired and a number of bombs were exploded during the clash that lasted at about 2.30 p.m.

Police lobbed over 15 rounds of tear-gas shells and resorted to baton charge to bring the situation under control.

Deputy Commissioner of Kushtia held a meeting with the university authorities and made arrangement to send the injured students to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital. Of the injured, 18 were admitted while 81 others were given first aid.

The university authorities at an emergency meeting declared the university closed for indefinite period.

Resident students left their halls as the authorities asked them to vacate halls by 5 p.m. today (Thursday).

Police were deployed at different points on the campus following the clash.