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RMC closed sine die

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Aug 28 : Rajshahi Medical College was closed sine die from today following student unrest for the last five days.

The authorities have asked the male students to vacate their hostels by 7 pm today and female students by 7 am tomorrow.

Prof A.K. Shamsuddin Siddiqui, Principal of the college told the Times that the decision of the closure of the college was taken by the Academic Council at the request of the College Teachers Association.

However, all the professional examinations scheduled for September 3 will be held on schedule and the hostels will be reopened for the examinees on August 31.

The college students union has kept the office of the Principal under lock and key. The union alleged that its leaders were insulted by the college principal. The union also demanded immediate removal of the Principal.

The students wore black badges yesterday and a batch of 50 students resorted to token hunger strike for four hours from 8 am today to press home their demand.

It is learnt that the students have refused to vacate their hostels. Police pickets have been posted in the campus. There was no report of any untoward incident.