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Islamic Varsity closed for 12 days

KUSHTIA, Feb 9: The Islamic University campus was shut down today for 12 days up to February 20 to avert possible flareup in the aftermath of bloodshed at Rajshahi Varsity. Residents were asked to vacate their dormitories by 5 pm tomorrow (Wednesday), reports UNB.

Campus sources said authorities were prompted into such decision on information that activists of Chhatra Oikya, staying out of the campus for long in the wake of threat posed by Islami Chhatra Shibir, would march in to protest the bloody violence at Rajshahi University that took at least 5

lives and maimed hundreds.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Abul Hamid declared at 7 am the university close for a week. The decision was endorsed by an emergency meeting of the Syndicate, the highest policymaking body of the university, held at 11 am with the VC in the chair, IU officials said.

The university and the district administration arranged special transport for the students to go to Kushtia and Jhenidah town. A huge contingent of police has been deployed in and around the university campus, 15 miles off the district town.