

Kuet shut after clash over soccer match

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Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) was closed for an indefinite period yesterday after students of two dormitories clashed over a football match on Friday, which left six injured.

“The residential students have been asked to vacate the halls,” said Kuet Vice-chancellor Quazi Sazzaad Hossain, adding, “To avoid any untoward incident, the university authorities made the decision.”

Male students were asked to leave their dormitories by 5:00pm yesterday and female students by 10:00am today, he added.

Around 3,500 students reside in seven dormitories, including the female one.

Visiting the Kuet campus around 1:30pm yesterday, this correspondent found students leaving with their belongings. Some of them were going to nearby student messes or their relatives’ houses.

Talking to this correspondent, some students said the sudden closure of their educational institution would hamper their studies.

The closure would also create a session jam, they said.

Kuet sources said the injured students left the campus after primary treatment.

Ibrahim Khalil, a Kuet student, told The Daily Star that the clash broke out over a referee's decision while an inter-hall football tournament match was going on between Amar Ekushey and Fazlul Haque halls on Friday afternoon.

Some students of Amar Ekushey Hall then attacked the referee. A group of students of Fazlul Haque Hall were videoing the incident, leading to the clash between students of two dormitories, he added.

Shafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Khanjahan Ali Police Station, said additional policemen were deployed on the campus to fend off further untoward incident.

Meanwhile, yesterdays' admission tests of Khulna University were held on the Kuet campus, said Manoj Kumar Majumdar, public relations officer of the engineering university.