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Union election cancelled

Mymensingh medical college closed

MYMENSINGH, Aug. 15:—All classes and examinations of the Mymensingh Medical College were suspended Sunday till August 19 to avert any untoward incident in the college campus, says UNB.

The College Academic Council, in an emergency meeting, also decided to cancel the college students' union election, scheduled for August 18, fearing deterioration of law and order.

Campus sources said Awami League-backed Chhatra League on Saturday forced a female student, reportedly an activist of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, to submit nomination paper on behalf of the Chhatra League. Later, in a petition to the Election Commissioner, she withdrew her candidature.

The incident triggered tension among the two student organisations who chased each other at their Bag-

mara medical hostel Saturday night. About seven hand-bombs were exploded during the melee.

The female supporters of Chhatra League (M-I) gheraoed the JCD's female activist Sunday morning but she was rescued by the hostel authorities.

The girl and one of her friends were gheraoed again by the Chhatra League activists at about 1.30 p.m. Sunday when they went to Charpara crossing to have a snack. They were rescued by police.

Authorities closed the college and cancelled the election fearing further deterioration of the situation.

Principal of the College said the students' union election was cancelled following requests made by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Islami Chhatra, Shibir, Chhatra League (BSD) and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.