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Hartal at Rajshahi, RMC closed

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RAJSHAHI, Nov. 19:—A six-hour hartal was observed in Rajshahi from 6 a.m. today at the call of Islami Chhatra Shibir in protest against the killing of two Shibir students of Rajshahi University following clashes between the rival groups of students on Friday.

Shops remained shut and automobiles off the roads during the hartal-hours.

Meanwhile, the Rajshahi Medical College was declared closed for an indefinite period as tension prevailed high among the students of the college and a large number of University students who went there to take refuge. All the resident students of Rajshahi Medical College were asked to vacate their halls by 5 p.m. Saturday.

The supporters of Islami Chhatra Shibir held rally at the crossing of Shaheb Bazar and condemned the killing of their two members, Aslam Hussain, a final year M.Sc (statistics) student and president of Shibir, Abdul Latif Hall unit, and Asghar, a student of M.A. class.

After the rally a procession was brought out which paraded different streets of the city.

The Rajshahi University Syndicate in a meeting held on the day expressed grave concern over the clashes on the campus in presence of policemen. The meeting called upon the local administration to take effective measures to stop recurrence of such incidents. The meeting also deeply condoled the death of two university students.