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Salimullah Medical College closed following clashes

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Sir Salimullah Medical College was closed for an indefinite period on Tuesday following a clash between the members of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

The SSMCH authorities asked the male students to vacate their halls by 4 p.m. Tuesday and accordingly they vacated their rooms. The female students were also asked to vacate their halls by 10 a.m. today (Wednesday).

About 20 workers of two groups were injured, six of them seriously in the eight-hour long clash. The clash started at about 4.30 a.m. and continued till 12.30 p.m. It was the sequel to a previous clash which took place on Saturday last for occupying

two rooms of main hostel.

On Saturday last the workers of JCD forcibly occupied two rooms of BCL and damaged their belongings including books. In the early hours of Tuesday the workers of BCL again regained control of their two rooms leading to the clash.

During the clash both the groups ransacked about 70 rooms in two hostels including the prayer rooms. Three rooms, three motor cycles were set on fire. Both the groups fired over hundred rounds of gun shots, exploded hundreds of cocktails and handbombs. Police brought the situation under control after 12 noon. None was arrested from the site of incident. Among the injured

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six were admitted and rest were released.

The Internec Doctors Action Council, SSMCH Unit in a statement strongly condemned the assault of a doctor and damaging Doctors' Hostel. A protest meeting condemned the incident.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of SSMCH Unit in a Press release also condemned the incident and claimed that the convener and joint convener of JCD SSMCH Unit received bullet injuries during the clash.