



Alia Madrasa closed as rival students clash; 20 injured

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Dhaka Alia Madrasa was closed for indefinite period on Monday following a violent clash between rival groups of students at the Madrasa hostel on Sunday night. Jaiyatabadi Chhatra dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir accused each other for the incident.

About twenty students were injured in the clash and eight rooms of the hostel were ransacked. Of the injured persons 14 were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The clash originated at about 1 a.m. and continued for about an hour till the arrival of police. Police arrested 42 students.

Most of the injured students admitted to DMCH belong to Jaiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

Trouble started when a group of students armed with sticks, daggers and other lethal weapons raided a number of rooms that belonged to supporters of their rival student organisation at mid night. The police patrolling the area also came under attack when they tried to get into the hostel. Later, a reinforced contingent of police entered the hostel alongwith the principal of the madrasa at 3 a.m. and brought the situation under control.

Following the clash at Alia Madrasa hostel, supporters of one student organisation ransacked six rooms at nearby medical college hostel. These rooms belong to workers of their rival student body.

Later in the morning Alia Madrasa authorities closed the Madrasa for indefinite period.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Jaiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Talaba-e-Arabia in separate statements held the supporters of Islami Chhatra Shibir responsible for the attack and demanded punishment for the attackers.

Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir in its statement said that supporters of a certain student organisation were responsible for the violence at Alia Madrasa.

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