

MMC closed as violence erupts

MYMENSINGH, Nov 5 (UNB): Mymensingh Medical College has been closed till November 11 after a clash between pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) and BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

The decision was taken at a meeting of the College Academic Council held this afternoon with Principal M Mofakharul Islam in the chair.

The college will reopen on November 12.

Earlier in the day, authorities closed the college since die following the clash which erupted

Monday morning when activists of BCL and JCD attacked each other near the Physiology Building. JCD was holding a rally near the building.

Residential students were asked to vacate their respective hostels by 12 noon today.

The clash followed exchange of hot words between the two groups leading to chase and counter chase.

Witnesses said at least 15 rooms of four hostels, including three belonging to JCD workers, were ransacked and 30 crackers were exploded during the clash.

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There was not report of casualty. Police were deployed in the campus today. Tension was prevailing in and around the college.

Chittagong

At least four people were injured in separate clashes between JCD and BCL activists in Chittagong city today.

Police and witnesses said three JCD activists were injured at Badamtali square in Agrabad when about 15 armed youths attacked them.

However, neither police nor JCD could give any identification of those injured.

JCD meanwhile blamed BCL (A-A) activists for the attack.

Besides, Gias Uddin, a Juba Dal leader of Anwara thana was beaten up by his political rivals at Chittagong Court Building premises when he was returning home.

Local BNP leader also accused JCD activists for the incident.

On the other side, tension was prevailing on the Chittagong University campus as the Shibir activists locked the university gate 1 and 2 to prevent Vice Chancellor from coming out of the campus.

Iswardi

In Iswardi, Pabna some 30 people have been injured, four critically, in clashes between the student activists of BNP and Awami League in the last three days, police said today.

The critically injured are under treatment in the local upazila health complex.

They are Hamidur Rahman, President of the Iswardi unit of Chhatra League; Md Faruk of BCL, Rahim, a local Awami League leader, and Mahfuzur Rahman of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

The clash sparked off when armed BCL activists allegedly attacked a JCD gathering near Iswardi bus stand on November 3.

Three cases have been filed, one each by Awami League, BCL and JCD, with Iswardi police in connection with the violence.

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