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20 hurt in JCD-Shibir clash

Alia Madrasah closed sine die

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Dhaka Alia Madrasa was closed sine die following a series of clashes between activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Tuesday.

The clash ensued when some supporters of Islami Chhatra Shibir were assaulted by JCD members. A group of JCD activists beat two Shibir activists when they went to Madrasa Board to see examination results.

At least 20 students were injured, ten of them seriously following the one and a half hours clash. Both groups used lethal weapons during the clash.

Of the injured, nine were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. they are Khalilur Rahman, Abdul Matin, Saydur Rahman, Kiran, Mozammel, Nasir, Benzir and Mohiuddin. Ashraf Ali, a teacher of the Madrasa, injured during the incident was also admitted to DMCH, hospital sources said.

The rival groups ransacked several rooms and damaged belongings.

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

UNB adds: The students were asked to vacate the hostel by 6 p.m.

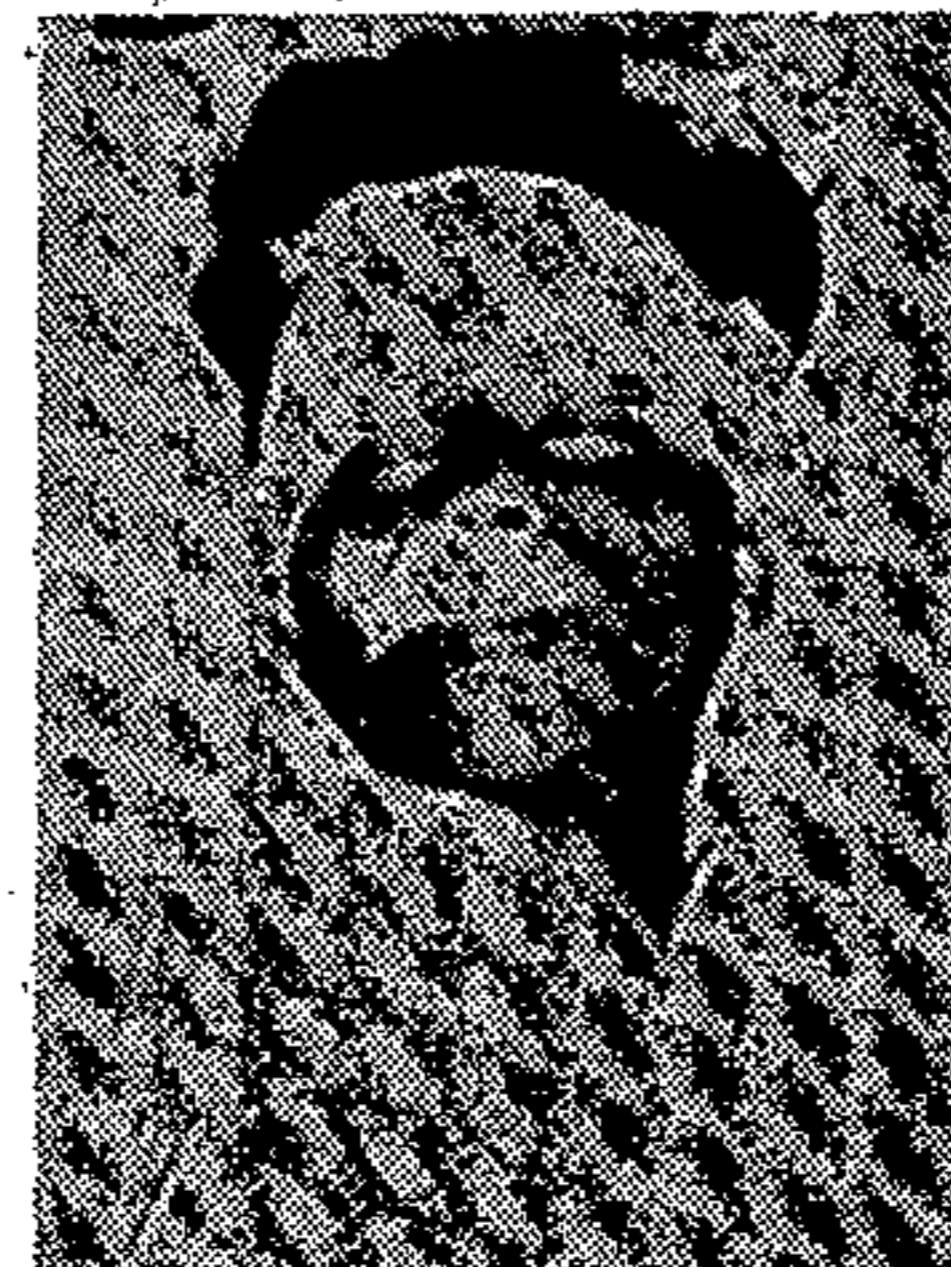
Police during a raid on the campus after the clash recovered eight handmade bombs, found in a bag from the possession of a student who was identified as Monwar and a worker of Islami Chhatra Shibir, police said. He was arrested.

Some students alleged that the activists of Shibir attacked leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal unit of the Madrasa who were in a meeting at the guest room at around 12 noon.

The attackers, armed with bombs, guns and other lethal weapons, made two raids between 12 noon and 2 p.m., indiscriminately beating up the JCD leaders and workers who were attending the meeting.



Benzir Ahmed (JCD)



Abdul Matin Choudhury (JCD)

Principal of the Alia Madrasa told UNB that the clash erupted following a hitch over staying of a few outsiders, belonging to both the groups in the students hostel.

Police rushed to the trouble spot following a request by the Madrasa authorities and brought the situation under control. Huge contingents of police were posted at the campus.