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BCL groups clash at BAU

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AUTHORITIES of Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh asked all students to vacate the halls on Wednesday morning as at least 25 Bangladesh Chhatra League activists were injured in a factional clash between BAU unit and Mymensingh district unit BCL on Tuesday night on the campus.

The decision was made at an emergency meeting of the provost council held at the vice-chancellor's residence on Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, the university went into a 19-day Eid vacation from July 6.

Contacted, vice-chancellor Prof Md Ali Akbar said that the university authorities took the decision to avoid any untoward incident.

Proctor Prof AKM Zakir Hossain said that additional police were deployed on the campus to bring the situation under control.

The clash ensued as Mymensingh district unit BCL activists torched the motorcycle of BAU unit BCL president Md Murshieduzzaman Khan Babu while he went to attend an Iftar party in the university residential area on Tuesday afternoon.

Protesting the incident, BAU BCL leaders equipped with lethal weapons brought out a protest rally on the campus around 10:30pm and at one stage, they attacked Mymensingh district unit president Md Josim Uddin's residence near the campus.

At this time, the BCL activists were locked into fatal clash. Both group open fired around 40 bullets and blasted several crude bombs, leaving 25 people injured.

At one stage of the infighting, the local BCL caught four BAU BCL leaders.

Police later rescued them and sent to hospital.