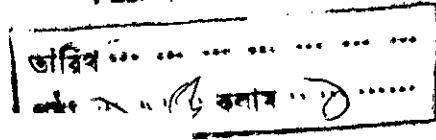


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RU closed till Mar 10

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RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY,
Feb 17:-A tense situation pre-
vailing on the RU campus fol-
lowing Friday's violent clash
between local people and the stu-
dents of the university is gradually
making the students and its neigh-
bouring villagers panicky.

The clash occurred on February
16, (Friday) leaving at least 100
persons injured 28 of them seri-
ously.

The Syndicate, in an emergency
meeting on Friday night declared
the RU campus closed until March
10 since today (Saturday) and
ordered the students to leave the
dormitories within 4 days.

Some students living at Meher-
chandi Chhatra mess told The
Bangladesh Observer that the
seriously injured persons were
mainly students. A rickshawpuller
and a mess living student re-
questing anonymity also said,
some students, who were spot-
dead in the clash have been con-
cealed.

4 platoons of police and 2 pla-
toons of BDR have been deployed
on the campus to avert further
untoward incident.

Medical source said, the condi-
tion of persons who are admitted
into Rajshahi Medical College
Hospital (RMCH) is gradually
becoming critical. None were
arrested so far in this regard. The
campus looked deserted till wri-
ting of this report.