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Report in BCL-Shibir clash

## IU declared closed

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JHENIDAH, Dec 20:—At least fifteen students were injured, two of them with bullets, in an armed clash between the activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in Islamic University here today.

The University Syndicate in an emergency meeting this afternoon declared the university closed sine die and asked the students to vacate residential halls on the day.

Sources said, the clash erupted at about 12.30 p.m. when Russel, an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir was beaten allegedly by BCL workers on the campus. The Shibir activists mobilised themselves and brought out a procession in protest against the incident. BCL also brought out a counter-procession that led to the clash between the two groups. Both the warring groups exchanged over one hundred gunshots that left two BCL workers—Baki Billah, Bengali first year student and Musa, a history first year student, bullet wounded. They were admitted to Kushtia Hospital.

Police rushed to the university campus and lobbed about one hundred rounds of tear-gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Immediately after the clash, the Syndicate met in an emergency meeting and declared the university closed for indefinite period. The Syndicate also asked the students to vacate halls by 4 p.m. on the day. Most of the students left the halls within the stipulated time.

The university authorities have deployed additional police in and around the campus to check further trouble.