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## Five killed on IU campus in 7 yrs

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Dec 13: Five people, including a guardian, were killed in clashes on the Islamic University (IU) campus during the seven years since the university was established in December, 1992.

During the period the university was closed for 475 days because of clashes between rival students. In the clashes nearly 900 people were also injured.

In the latest event, on October 30, 1998 two students were killed in a gunfight on the campus between the activists of ruling party Awami League-backed BCL and Islami Chhatra Shibir. The dead students were identified as Mohasin and Al Mamun, activists of Shibir.

In the first incident, after 24

days of inauguration, a clash between the activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir and activists of other students' organisations took place. In the clash a Chhatra Shibir activist Saiful Islam was killed and at least 50 others were injured.

On April 28, 1995 a guardian received bullet injuries during a clash between activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Shibir. Ali Azam Khan, commissioner of Kumarkhali Poursabha, later died in hospital.

On September 26, 1996 a fierce gun battle took place on the campus between the activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir and BCL, killing a Shibir activist.