

Frequent closure forces RU to six-month session jam

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Sept 1:—About 26,000 students of Rajshahi University (RU) are facing a session jam of nearly six months due to frequent closure of the university, reports BSS.

In the latest incident, the authorities closed the university sine die on Wednesday and asked resident students to vacate all 16 dormitories after students and businessmen and transport workers locked in clashes that left 60 people, including teachers, students and policemen injured.

On the other hand, teachers and students of the university called on the authorities to reopen the university and its halls immediately.

Although honors and masters final examinations of most of the departments began before its closure, the examinations were not finished as per schedule, according to university sources.

Teachers and students of Marketing Department told BSS that previously there was a two-year session jam but the latest closure aggravated the situation further.

A teacher of Physics department said the examinations of master's students were finished without viva examination. Still they have to face a six-month session jam and the closure will create another three-month session jam.

Mahbuba Akter Lucky, a second year student of marketing Department, said that they have been facing session jam because their semester-based faculty curriculum is yet to be finished.

RU Vice-Chancellor Prof Maminul Keramat on Sunday held an emergency meeting with high officials and senior teachers at his residence and discussed the cam-

pus situation, especially the growing session jam.

Most of the teachers requested the VC to reopen the university after Eid vacation, according to meeting insiders.

Prof Muhammad Anwar Hossain, examination controller of RU, expressed concern over the sudden closure and said the university would face another three months of session jam for it.

The university has been experiencing one year session jam for arts faculty and two years jam for science faculty.