

BCL FACTIONS CLASH Barisal Medical College shut indefinitely

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Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College (SBMC) was closed indefinitely on Thursday night following clashes between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

The SBMC academic council after an emergency meeting asked the students of all five hostels to vacate the dormitories by yesterday morning and postponed all examinations until further notice.

Sources said the two BCL factions -- one led by SBMC unit BCL president Abu Jafar and the other by BCL leader and Intern Doctors' Association president Ramiz Ahmed and BCL leader S M Sayem clashed on the campus at about 9:00pm Thursday night.

Rabiul Islam, a student of 35th batch and a

supporter of Jafar group, was allegedly abducted by the rival group.

Didar, Saif, Tanvir and Al-Amin belonging to the same group were injured in the clash.

The SBMC authorities called in the police to bring the situation under control.

Jafar blamed the rival group for creating chaos on the campus and accused it of abducting Rabiul.

However, BCL leader Ramiz denied the allegation of abducting any of their rival group members.

He alleged that the members of the rival group ransacked eight rooms of Zamilur Reza Pappu Hall and the college library.

Ziaur Rahman Zia, city BCL convener, told The Daily Star that all activities of SBMC BCL

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unit had been suspended a month ago and the BCL has no liability for the recent incidents.

Rabiul Islam, assistant commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police, said a general diary has been filed by Rabiul's roommates Mehdi, Tanvir and Shahin with the Kotwali Police Station in connection with the incident.

He said the police are trying to find out the whereabouts of the abducted student.

Prof Md Abu Taher, acting principal of SBMC, told The Daily Star that the SBMC authorities were reported about the abduction of a student.

Barisal City Corporation Mayor and city AL Convener Shawkat Hossain Hiron told The Daily Star that the law enforcers have been asked to take action against anyone trying to hamper the law and order and educational environment on the campus.