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Student politics banned at Dinajpur Medical College

DINAJPUR, Aug 14 — Student politics has been banned at Dinajpur Medical College in order to restore congenial educational atmosphere on the recently troubled campus, reports UNB.

The landmark decision to banish the student politics from the campus was taken at a joint rally of teachers and students and guardians at the Medical College auditorium Saturday morning, as the college reopened today following a forced closure amid fierce clashes.

Principal Dr Saiful Bari presided over the rally, where the ban was decided by voting.

Asked to cast their vote on the Academic Council's decision as to "do or not to do student politics", 156 guardians out of 165 overwhelmingly voted for stopping the student politics. Only a lone guardian opposed the moratorium while the rest of the votes were deemed invalid.

However, no student organizations or their leaders were invited to the rally.

When contacted, Principal Dr Saiful Bari said the college Saturday reopened peacefully and most of the students arrived at the dormitories. "The college administration would try to implement the Academic Council's decision regarding student politics," he said.

Meanwhile, the student organizations expressed their reservation over the decision of the college authorities.

In his reaction Mukur Chowdhury, vice-president of central Jaiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and ex-president of the district JCD, the student wing of the ruling BNP, said he was in the dark about the decision.

Imran Latif Setu, president of the district BCL, the student front of opposition Awami League, said: "The college administration has no power to ban politics."

The town-unit president of Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat, Afsar Ali Shah, said student politics was also banned earlier on the campus but the administration "failed to execute the decision".

The Medical College was closed sine die following a series of fierce clashes between JCD and Shibir activists on July 29.