

Suhrawardy Medical College closed after BCL infighting

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SUHRAWARDY Medical College was closed for an indefinite period after two groups of activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the ruling Awami League-backed student organisation, clashed on the campus on Sunday.

The residential students left the hall by 4:00pm fol-

lowing the clash, said Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police officer-in-charge GG Biswash.

Students and witnesses said that two groups of Chhatra League activists locked in a scuffle at the first floor of student hall around noon.

Later, the groups — one led by Shanta and Bullet and the other by Anisur Rahman and Kazi Mahbub

— equipped with iron rods and sticks clashed in front of the academic building and hospital till 2:00pm, when police contained the situation, the witnesses said.

Additional police were deployed till the students left the hall by 4:00pm, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police deputy commissioner [Tejgaon division] Biplab Kumar Sarkar.

He said quoting the college administration that the college was closed for an indefinite period following the clash.

Students said that the clash was caused by a quarrel over attending a programme on Saturday marking prime minister Sheikh Hasina's return home from UN General Assembly.