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Curfew continues in Sylhet

Medical students taken to Brahmanbaria

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SYLHET, Mar 24:—Beleaguered medical students of Sylhet have been evacuated from the district to Brahmanbaria this noon under armed guard. Ten buses under cover of curfew in the area huddled them with their baggages while patients of the hospital are leaving it in absence of any medicare, according to a reliable source.

Only a few patients who could not move are passing their time in a sense of extreme insecurity while doctors are scared to attend the hospital. A curfew was clamped on the medical college and the hospital area Sunday evening following clashes between medical students and people of adjoining villages. Clashes erupted on Saturday during hartal period when a restaurant kept its door open. Villagers surrounded the area with arms and students climbed to rooftop with brickbats. Two of the students were beaten up by the angry villagers within hospital compound. Damages were also inflicted on X-ray machines and nuclear medicine centre equipment along with doors, windows of the hospital, college staff quarters, private houses of doctors during curfew hours. Houses of three doctors within the compound were also attacked, according to inmates. Meanwhile local leaders are continuing their efforts to bring about settlement. Some doctors of the hospital have left their houses with families while others expressed their helplessness even though police were stationed.