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NUST hall closed after BCL factional clash

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The authorities of Noakhali University of Science and Technology on Monday closed its Bhasa Shaheed Abdus Salam Hall, the lone dormitory for male students of the university, for an indefinite period.

The decision was taken after a clash between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of the ruling Awami League.

BCL insiders and sources in police said that the followers of two factions of the university unit BCL — one led by its president Shafiqul Islam Rabin and the other by BCL leader SM Dhruva — locked in clashes twice on Saturday and Sunday night which left at least 10 people injured, including two teachers.

As tension mounted on the university campus over the incidents, the university authorities closed the Bhasa Shaheed Abdus Salam Hall and asked the students to vacate it by 10:00am on Monday, university officials said.

They said as the hall was vacated, police arrived and conducted a raid in presence of Noakhali Sadar Upazila assistant commissioner and executive magistrate Md Zakaria which led to the discovery of a huge number of locally made sharp weapons from different rooms of the hall.

Noakhali superintendent of police Mohammad Alamgir Hasan told New Age that the police conducted the drive between 12:00pm and 3:00pm and seized machetes, daggers, vegetable choppers, sticks, hammers, iron rods and bottles of wine.

He said that they would take the next steps as per the decision of the university authorities and confirmed that extra police forces would be deployed in the university area to avoid any further untoward incidents.



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