

Rangamati College closed *sine die* : 10 hurt in clashes

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Mar 16: At least 10 people were injured in sporadic clashes between two rival student groups at Rangamati College and at its surrounding areas today.

Of them, a tribal and a non-tribal student were admitted into the Rangamati Hospital with serious wounds.

According to police and local sources, the clash broke out on the college campus following an altercation between a tribal and a non-tribal student over card playing and smoking at around 1 pm.

The clash soon spread outside the campus as tribal and non-tribal students were locked in a series of clashes till 5 pm using lethal weapons and brick-bats.

Police rushed to the spot and lobbed tear gas shells and resorted to lathicharge to disperse the clashing groups.

BDR was deployed after 5 pm
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to bring the situation under control.

BDR personnel accompanied by police started patrolling Rangamati town in a bid to foil any attempt of further violence.

Meanwhile, Rangamati College was closed *sine die* and the authorities asked the resident students to vacate the hostel.