

## KMC students boycott classes

# Barisal Medical College closed

BARISAL, Aug. 17.—Sher-e-Bangla Medical College was declared closed for seven days from today as tension mounted on the campus following Thursday night's clash, reports UNB.

Classes will resume on August 24.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the college academic council on Saturday morning with Principal Prof Abdul Karim Mollah in the chair.

Meanwhile, all resident students of the college vacated their respective hostels by 6 p.m. on Saturday as per the instruction issued by the council.

The Principal told UNB correspondent after the meeting that the decision was taken to defuse the tension generated by conflict between the activists of Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal over the National Mourning Day programme.

A Khulna report says: Khulna Medical College students today started class boycott for an indefinite period to press for withdrawal of government order about transfer of the KMC Principal.

The students at a rally on the college campus in the morning threatened that they would stop all academic activities unless or until the responsibility of Principal Dr. M. Jubair Hossain is vested back to him.

The present government, in a notification issued on August 12, ordered the principal to hand over charges to a senior professor and then join Dinajpur Medical College as a professor of Gynaecology by August 18 (tomorrow).

Otherwise, added the notification, his job would automatically stand terminated.

The sacked principal, while talking to UNB, said his job was a mere contract for performing his duty as principal. "That's why I am in no way willing to join (new assignment) with a demotion".

Dr. Jubair, who retired from Mymensingh Medical College as Principal in July 1991, was immediately given by the previous government a new assignment at Khulna Medical College with a view to organising properly the newly founded college.