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## Politics on IU campus banned till June 30

From our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 13: The Islamic University authorities have banned all political activities on the campus from tomorrow till June 30.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the IU Syndicate with Vice Chancellor Prof M Kayesuddin in the chair last night.

The authorities took the decision amid a deteriorating campus situation. In the last few days members of the ruling party's student wing, Chhatra League (S-P), and the Jamaat-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir involved in a series of clashes on the campus.

During the ban period, no student organisation will be allowed to hold any meeting or rally or bring out procession or engage in any other kind of po-

litical activities in the campus.

Celebration of the founding anniversaries of the student bodies or different national days and special days of the IU will, however, be allowed with prior permission from the syndicate.

The syndicate meeting also allowed the law enforcing agencies to recover illegal arms and ammunition and arrest terrorists or outsiders.

Earlier, 177 teachers of the University urged the authorities to impose a ban on political activities on the campus for smooth holding of the admission tests for first year Hons classes scheduled to begin on April 18.

The recent unrest on the campus deepened when two

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Shibir activists were beaten up by BCL activists on March 8 and following which both the groups traded gunshots. A Chhatra League worker was admitted to Kushtia General Hospital. Three Shibir activists received bullet injuries and they were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital in a critical condition.

After the incident university authorities held an emergency meeting at the office of Vice-Chancellor with acting VC Prof Md Mahtabuddin Sarkar in the chair. The meeting took a number of decisions to improve the campus situation. The meeting also imposed a temporary ban on political activities on the campus from March 8 to 12 to avoid further clashes.

In spite of that campus situation became tense as the rival activists of Shibir and Chhatra League (S-P) took positions at important points on Sunday. About 300 police were deployed on the campus to avert any possible clash. But the student groups, backed by armed outsiders, were still preparing to face each other.

No classes or scheduled examinations were held and all academic and administrative activities in the University were virtually paralysed.