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## Student politics hampering education at IU

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 14: A tense situation was prevailing on the Islamic University (IU) campus since its reopening on January 26 after its 37 days' closure.

Chhatra Shibir and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists are on frequent gunfights. Session jams are longer here. Despite ban on politics such activities are going on unabated here. A total of 300 police personnel are guarding the campus to prevent any untoward incident. The campus is not peaceful at present and congenial academic atmosphere is not prevailing there, some resident students said. The teachers are also involved in politics, a source said.

A survey conducted recently among 1,500 students revealed that 85 per cent students are in favour of banning all political activities on the campus. Eight per cent gave their opinion in support of political activities

on certain conditions. Seven per cent are in favour of political activities which according to them, should be continued because of the present political situation in the country and 85 per cent students said that politics give rise to terrorism, murder, loss of property, session jam and ultimately offer a dead body to parents instead of education. Session jam cripples the parent's economically and gives rise to frustration.

During the short span of life of the university, it has experienced murder of several students and a guardian on the campus, loss of property worth lakhs of taka, impediment on the way to developing the university.

Thus 85 per cent students have demanded immediate ban on all kinds of political activities on the campus in the greater interest of the students and the country as well.