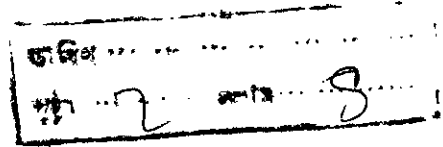


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Arms, ammunition recovered from DU hall, 2 held

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Police on Monday recovered five firearms with 238 rounds of ammunition, arrested a ruling party's student wing BCL leader and an outsider from Haji Mohammad Muhsin Hall of Dhaka University.

During a sudden raid at Muhsin Hall at about 7 am, police recovered one cut-rifle, one double-barrel gun, one shotgun, a nine mm pistol and 238 rounds of bullets.

The hall sources said that special branch (SB) of police raided room No. 457 of the dormitory and recovered the arms and ammunition that were tactfully hidden in the room.

Police arrested Sheikh Ariful Islam, joint secretary of the hall

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Arms

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unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and a third year student of History Department, and an outsider Sheikh Muhammad Selim Hossain from the room for their suspected involvement in possessing the arms and ammunition.

The Bagerhat faction of BCL dominates the Muhsin Hall. But recent arrest of the president and three other leaders of the hall unit might hamper their control over the hall, a resident of the dormitory said.

An activist of Bagerhat group alleged that their rival Madaripur-Shariatpur group informed police of the arms and ammunition.

Both the Bagerhat and Madaripur-Shariatpur group claimed that the hall was still under their control.