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37 held, 2 cut rifles found

## 12 DU halls raided

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Police conducted an intensive search at 12 residential halls of Dhaka University on Sunday and seized some arms and ammunition from there.

Police also arrested 37 persons during their six-hour drive that began at about 8.30 in the morning. The arrested persons include some guests residents, outsiders and a hall employee. The arms and ammunition recovered are two cut rifles, a gun barrel, a toy pistol, a foreign made knife, 16 rounds bullets and three live cocktails.

Police raided Fazlul Huq Hall, Shahidullah Hall, Jagannath Hall, Salimullah Hall, Zahirul Haq Hall, Sir A.F. Rahman Hall, Mohsin Hall, Surya Sen Hall, International Hall, Jasimuddin Hall, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and Ziaur Rahman Hall.

During the raid one cut rifle and six-rounds bullets were recovered from the laundry of Jagannath Hall. Police arrested the laundryman of Jagannath Hall Motaleb for possessing illegal arms.

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Police beat the gateman of the Surya Sen Hall as he failed to say the whereabouts of the terrorists, witnesses said.

Police arrested Shamim Ahmed, a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) Faridpur faction from the Mohsin Hall but some unruly activists of BCL snatched him from the police.

Hearing the arrest of Shamim Ahmed, the Chhatra League members from different halls brought out processions on the campus and tried to march towards Mohsin Hall but they were chased by police.

During the operation, police broke open doors of some listed rooms of all the halls.

It may be mentioned that when police raided the halls the terrorists used to keep their arms forcibly to the rooms of general students. A student on condition of anonymity told "our life is valuable so we cannot protest them. If I protest they can kill me," he added.



Police recovered an abandoned cut rifle from the bush behind the International Hall of Dhaka University on Sunday.

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The University was closed on Sunday, as the authorities announced closure till August 29. Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) observed a nationwide strike in all the educational institutions.

UNB adds: The action followed a wave of violence, including gunbattles and forcible occupation of residential halls of Dhaka University. Campus sources said many resident students already had deserted their dormitories.