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Blockade in CU

CHITTAGONG, June 9:—A very tense situation is prevailing on the Chittagong University campus as the blockade programme began today by the All Party Student Unity (APSU) at the two entrances of the University, reports BSS.

With the start of the blockade programme, entrances to and exit from the University campus had been stopped.

Armed police had been posted at the two entrances of the University to check any possible violence.

Islami Chhatra Shibir was holding meeting and processions inside the campus to press home its demand for withdrawal of expulsion order on five of its activists, show cause notices on 63 others and resignation of the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

APSU activists were still at two entrances of the University till the writing of this report. Only some selected people were allowed to enter into and come out of the campus by the sponsors of the blockade.

No onward incident took place on the campus today.

Meanwhile, University branch of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) today called for ending the Chittagong University stalemate through discussion by the concerned parties.

Addressing a Press conference at the Press Club here branch President Iftekhar Hossain Chowdhury expressed deep concern over the continuous hartal programme of Shibir and the blockade programme of APSU which, he feared, could lead to further deterioration of the already explosive situation on the campus.

JCD has disassociated itself from the blockade programme of APSU.

Mr. Iftekhar said that the hartal and blockade programmes had further complicated the University situation instead of easing it.

He called upon all concerned to come forward to find a solution to the long drawn crisis of the university. JCD leaders Salahuddin Md Reza Moinul Hassan and G.M. Faruque were also present at the Press conference.

Meanwhile, in Dhaka Different student organisations expressed concern over the stalemate in Chittagong university campus prevailed since last few days.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A), Bangladesh Chhatra League (N-S), Jatiya Chhatra League and Bangladesh Chhatra Union on Sunday brought out separate processions demanding an end to the deadlock in

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CU campus and arrest of anti-liberation elements from the campus.

BCL (S-A) and JCL leaders at their rallies followed by the processions alleged that the ruling party was patronising the anti-Liberation elements throughout the country including CU campus. They also called upon the Government to take punitive measures against those elements trying to spoil congenial on the campus.

BCL (S-A) rally was addressed by Golam Mostafa Sujon and Kamruzzaman Ansari while JCL rally was addressed by S.M. Kamal Hossain and Pankaj Nath.

After the procession BCL (N-S) held a brief rally at DUCSU bhavan premises. While addressing the rally BCL (N-S) leader Rokanuzzaman Rokan expressed concern over the deadlock on the CU campus and demanded arrest of anti-liberation elements from the campus. He also demanded immediate arrest of the suspected killers of Dr. Shamsul Alam Khan Milon who was killed during last mass upsurge.

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