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No classes, exams held at Ctg University

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CHITTAGONG, Jan 1:-No classes and examinations were held in Chittagong University (CU) today at the call of eight hours long strike in North Chittagong.

Hathazari Unit of Awami League, Juba League, Chhatra League and CU Unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) enforced this strike in support of their demands and in protest against the killing of Ali Murtaza Chowdhury, Senior Vice-President of CU BCL, and immediate arrest of those killers who are involved in this killing. The strike passed of almost peacefully.

The supporters of Awami League, Juba League, Chhatra League started their picketing from the early morning and gave barricade on the Chittagong-Rangamati, Chittagong-Khagrachari Highway. The roads of Madbohat and Chararkul area under Hathazari thana were full of pickets and supporters of AL and its other organizations.

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The pickets damaged five baby taxies and two trucks the morning. Police arrested five picketers from there. They are Shahdat Hossain (20), Liton (22), Abul Mansur (19), Md Iqbal (22), and Omar Faruk (20). All of them are the activists of local Chhatra League.

After 2 p.m. CU BCL arranged a meeting at Gate No-1 of the university. The meeting was presided over by Jillur Rahman Jewel, President of CU BCL. The meeting was also addressed among others by local Awami League leaders MA Salam, Ibrahim Hossain Babul and CU BCL General Secretary Nasir Haidar Babul. The speakers in the meeting blamed the cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) and demanded immediate arrest of those responsible persons. Otherwise they threatened to go for greater movement.

CU opened today after a month-long Ramadan, Eid and X-Mass vacation. But no classes and examinations were held as no student went university. The shuttle trains of the university went on as usual without any student. Riot police guarded the trains.

A tense situation is prevailing on the university area as BCL and ICS are assembling their power at Gate No. 1 and halls of the university respectively, according to our university sources.

A strong contingent of police personnel have been deployed in the area to avoid any kind of unwanted situation.