

## Residence under siege

# CU V-C's phone cut off, JS told

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Deputy Leader of the House and Education Minister Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury on Thursday admitted that the residence of the Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University had been under siege by some Islami Chhatra Shibir workers for the last few days. He said the Shibir workers had snapped the telephone connections of the Vice-Chancellor's house. But he denied that they had cut the electricity and water connections of his residence.

The Education Minister was replying to the queries made by Opposition Awami League members including Mr. Tofael Ahmed, Sheikh Selim and Akhtaruzzaman on the illegal confinement of the Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University at his residence by Chhatra Shibir workers and alleged terrorism in the University. They said the Chittagong University had remained closed for the last eight months following the alleged terrorism of Chhatra Shibir.

Student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh.

Education Minister Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury informed the House that the Government would apply force to free the Vice-Chancellor from the illegal confinement whenever the Vice-Chancellor gave permission to the administration. He said the Vice-Chancellor had not yet given any permission to the law enforcing agencies to apply force in this respect. He assured the House that the Government would take speedy actions to free the Vice-Chancellor from confinement as soon as the permission from the Vice-Chancellor was received. He referred to the discussion with the Inspector-General of Police in this respect.

Participating in the discussion on the situation of Chittagong University, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, said,

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that Chittagong University had remained closed for the last eight months. In this respect, he said that terrorism had gripped many educational institutions of the country. Quoting the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University on the campus violence, he said it was a political problem. He said if the terrorism could not be removed from the Campus, the Parliamentary democracy would not be successful in the country. Why there was terrorism when there was no autocrat in the country, he posed a question. He advised the top leaders of BNP, Awami League and Jamaat-e-Islami to sit together to end the unholy situation on the Chittagong University campus.

Mr. Enamul Huq, member of the Jamaat-e-Islam denied that the Chhatra Shibir workers had sieged the residence of the Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University. The Chhatra Shibir workers, he said had been staging sit-in demonstration demanding the removal of the Vice-Chancellor. He also denied that the Shibir workers were moving with weapons on the campus of Chittagong University.

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