

Gherao of CU V-C's house ends

Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, Aug. 12:—The Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University became free today after staying in siege of Shibir activists on his campus residence for the past eleven days.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Alamgir Mohammad Shirajuddin, was gheraoed and besieged by Shibir and its front organisation supporters since August 1 to press his resignation. He stayed out of all contact with his colleagues and University staff ever since.

The Vice-Chancellor, however, stayed away from attending his office today. He may attend the office on Tuesday. A good number of visitors met the V-C at his residence. Many of them included his camp followers. The situation in Chittagong University is far from normalcy as the student organisations continued to draw-up programmes to torpedo each other. The JCD today took out a big procession on the campus to protest the Sunday's incidence in which JCD leaders were assaulted by the Shibir activists. JCD also held a rally at the University today. The All Party Students Unity (APSU) also held a rally and took out a procession on the campus today. The Islami Chhatra Shibir also held a rally with its University unit President Hamidur Rahman Azad in the chair. The Shibir took out a procession too on the campus today.

All the three mainstream student organisations APSU, JCD and Islami Chhatra Shibir have separately called a half-day strike in Chittagong University on Tuesday. The Jatiyatabadi Shikhok Parishad today held a meeting in the University to discuss the latest situation prevailing on the

campus. The meeting was addressed among others by Dr. Mahibullah and Prof. Jahurul Huq. The outcome of the meeting could not be known till the writing of this report.

Meanwhile, the teachers loyal to the Vice-Chancellor circulated a printed leaflet evincing their interest for participation in the Chittagong University Teachers Association election scheduled on August 29. Earlier, this section of teachers disowned the present CUTA office-bearers and its fund kept freezed by the Vice-Chancellor.

BSS adds: Leaders of Chittagong University Jatiyatabadi Shikhok Parishad and Chittagong University Teachers Association today reiterated their demand for implementation of Inquiry Commission Report of December 22 incident to restore normal academic atmosphere on the campus.

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In separate statements Convener and the Joint Convener of the Parishad, Dr. Mahfuzul Huq and Dr. Muhammad Mahbullah and the Association President and General Secretary, Mr. Yusuf Sharif Ahmed Khan and Dr. Abul Kalam Azad pointed out that continuation of the Chittagong University stalemate was aggravating the situation on the campus.

They alleged that a vested group had been up and doing to frustrate all efforts to restore normalcy on the University campus. They called upon the Chancellor of the University and the Prime Minister to take appropriate actions to end the stalemate without further delay.

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