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CU halls raided

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CHITTAGONG, Sept. 22.—More than 900-police personnel today raided the six residential halls of the university of Chittagong for search of illegal arms and ammunition.

pick-ups, vans and trucks left the city for campus at 4.30 a.m. Within 20 minutes, the search party reached the campus. Then the police personnel divided into groups encircled the six different dormitories. In addition

The huge contingent of police personnel from Arms Battalions, Range Reserve force and district police divided in groups undertook a five hours long extensive search. The pre-dawn swoop on the campus was led by the Chittagong Superintendent of Police Abdur Rauf. Six different dormitories. In addition to police officials, each group was accompanied by magistrates. The band of magistrates who accompanied the huge search party was headed by the Additional District Magistrate A.F.M. Sulaiman Chowdhury.

The huge contingent of armed police in a long convoy of jeeps, In the early morning, the police officials informed the Vice Chancellor. See Page 12 Col. 2

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lor Professor Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury about the raid. The police who had prior clearance for the raid called out, Proctbr, Provost and house tutors of respective dormitories before undertaking the search.

In the company of Provost and Magistrate, the police entered the six dormitories—Shah Jalal Hall, Shah Amanat Hall, Shahid Suhrawardy Hall, F. Rahman Hall, Alaul Hall and Abdur Rauf Hall at 6.30 a.m. Then the police undertook search in every room. "There were virtually wave of searches," said an accompanying Magistrate. They even made a sweeping searches all over the vacant places and bushes in and around the dormitories. The search continues till 11 a.m.

But the massive search operation of law enforcing agency yielded no result. The police even did not find any lethal weapon in the dormitories which are the stronghold of Shibir activists. However, the police finally had to remain contend with one pipe gun and a LG (country made gun). There is a feeling that the Shibir activists knew of the raid beforehand, said a senior teacher of the university.

When the search was on, there were about two thousand resident students present in the dormitories. But the students, mostly Shibir activists were in extreme restraint.

However, the deadlock in Chittagong University continued for six consecutive day as the Chhatra League activists continued to lay siege to the entrance of the university in support of their call for an indefinite strike. The Chhatra League gave the strike call in demand of expulsion of "terrorists of Shibir" from the campus and dormitories.