

CU situation boiling, bomb blasts at V-C's residence

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CHITTAGONG, May 2.—A boiling situation has been prevailing in Chittagong University.

The situation has boiled over on the campus as the two rival political student bodies resorted to warpath in their apparent bid to 'take control of campus politics'. At the loggerheads are pro-AL Chhatra League and Jamaat-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The city residence of Chittagong University Vice-Chancellor Professor Abdul Mannan came under bomb attack of miscreants on Friday midnight. The V-C was in the residence at the time of bomb attack.

According to Kotwali thana, two unidentified persons riding a motor-cycle came to the V-C's residence at Kazir Dewri of Kotwali thana at 12 midnight and hurled two powerful bombs which fell on the open courtyard of the residence and exploded with a big bang. But none of the inmates was hurt in the blast. The neighbours who came to the V-C's residence hearing big sound of bomb explosion saw two miscreants fled away by motor-cycle. The police blamed the Shibir activists for the incident.

The police are now on guard at the V-C's city residence round the clock.

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Some armed persons opened gun fires at the campus-bound shuttle train at Sholoshahar on Friday at 7.40 p.m. injuring ten persons, according to railway police. The gunshots damaged the three bogies of the train that carry students from the city to the campus. The injured persons were released from the hospitals after first aid.

On Friday evening, a university bus which came to the city from the university on the market trip for the convenience of residents of campus was also set on fire by some unruly persons at Andherkilli of Kotwali. The bus was badly damaged in the fire. Earlier, another university bus was also damaged at the brick-batting of some unruly students near Chittagong College.

The campus is now virtually cut off by road communication as the plying of buses to and from campus remains suspended following this 'volatile situation'. However, most of the resident students left the campus.

In the midst of such tense situation, the University of Chittagong is scheduled to open on Sunday after a closure of three days.

A 5-member enquiry committee headed by Dr. Fasiul Alam, Provost of Pritilata Hall held two rounds of

meetings with the leaders of Chhatra League in a bid to resolve the crisis. The committee that was set up by the university authority to deal with the situation is also expected to hold meeting with the Shibir leaders tonight.

The Islami Chhatra Shibir today held a protest rally in front of Oli Kha Mosque of Panchlaish. Later the activists of the Shibir in a procession went to the office of Chittagong Superintendent of Police Abdur Rauf and presented him a memorandum. Some Jamaat leaders also reportedly met the S.P. tonight.

The Shibir also called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in greater Chittagong next Tuesday (March 5) to protest what it called repression and torture of its party men by the Chhatra League activists with the help of police.