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Tension grips DU campus as armed outsiders stage comeback

Tension again gripped the Dhaka University campus as the armed outsiders staged a comeback to the university dormitories after the Tuesday's raid, reports UNB.

"We feel most insecure and helpless with the armed outsiders occupying our halls and the university authorities reluctant to act decisively against the growing menace," said a resident student of Zahurul Haq Hall (Thursday).

Residents alleged that the armed outsiders returned to the halls within hours after the Tuesday's raid, to strengthen the ranks of the dominating student groups of different political parties.

On Tuesday, police raided six dormitories of the Dhaka University, arrested 23 youths and seized 14 firearms and 397 bullets.

"The university authorities have virtually no control over the halls, it is the musclemen who are in command," said a Mohsin Hall resident.

He also questioned the sincerity of the law-enforcers who conducted raids on some selected halls.

Very recently, the resident alleged, outsiders had displayed notice at the gates of some halls asking the resident students to return to their respective dormitories by 11 pm.

The situation has taken a serious turn, particularly at the Zahurul Haq Hall where the outsiders took charge of the hall Thursday, closed two of its

three gates and were checking the identity cards of the resident students.

In another development, Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, the student wing of Jatiya Party, held its first rally on the campus Thursday morning after the fall of Ershad government in 1990, adding to the tension on the campus.

Addressing the rally in front of "Aparajeyo Bangla," Chhatra Samaj leaders Alamgir Shikder, Loton, Nirmal Das and Jalal Ahmed

demanding immediate release of Hussain Mohammad Ershad, the Jatiya Party chairman.

Later, the pro-Awami League Chhtara League held a rally in the campus and demanded arrest of the trouble-makers and recovery of arms from different halls.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Chhatra League president Enamul Haq Shamim, general secretary Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, Nazrul Islam Babu, Bahadur Bepary and Abdul Wadud Khokon.