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Two abducted from Ctg varsity campus

From Our Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Jan. 9: The Chittagong University campus is still under the control of armed occupants.

Today the armed persons patrolled the campus using several jeeps and microbuses and lifted two persons from in front of the Arts Faculty building. Several armed men were also keeping watch on the campus from the roof top of Alao Hall.

The identity of the abducted persons or the reason of abduction could not be ascertained. Policemen were posted at the campus gate and were awaiting permission from the university authorities to enter into the campus and take action against the armed persons.

The Proctor of the University and the Provost of Alao Hall, who were assigned by the Syndicate on Friday to negotiate

with the occupants to persuade them to vacate the hall, could not yet make any progress.

Chittagong University Teachers' Association (CUTA) at a general meeting this evening decided that all teachers would go to the university campus tomorrow (Sunday) to see the campus situation themselves and then hold talks with the Vice-Chancellor on the matter. The CUTA meeting, held at the University Club in Chittagong city was presided over by its President Prof. Abdul Mannan.

Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof. Mohammad Ali told this correspondent that he was threatened over phone several times that attack would be made on his life and property if he failed to reopen the university within 24 hours.

Prof. Ali said that the Syndicate would decide the next course of action against the armed occupants if the Proctor and the Provost failed to persuade them to leave the campus by 1 p.m. on January 11. The Vice-Chancellor, however, said he might convene an emergency meeting of the Syndi-

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cate if the situation deteriorated further.

Meanwhile, General Students Movement brought out a procession from Station Road and 10 student organisations held a joint meeting at Darul Fazal Market this afternoon demanding removal of armed persons from the campus and reopening of classes.

CHITTAGONG BAR

Twenty-seven members of Chittagong Bar Association in a joint statement said that 'government-backed miscreants' were creating panic on the university campus to keep it closed. They demanded withdrawal of the armed men from the campus and restoration of peace.

Besides, Chittagong Professionals Co-ordination Council, Islami Chhatra Shibir Chittagong unit, Chittagong District Teachers' Association and former President of Chittagong city unit of BNP Mr. Salimullah in separate statements demanded removal of armed occupants from the campus.

D.U.T.A.

Our Dhaka Varsity Correspondent adds: Dhaka University

Teachers' Association (DUTA) on Saturday resented the deferment of the re-opening of the Chittagong University after a long unscheduled closure.

In a statement to the press DUTA President Prof. M. Annu Islam and General Secretary Dr. Mohsin Ullah Patwari called upon the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to reopen the university and resume academic activities.

SHIBIR PRESS CONFERENCE

BSS adds: Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir President Md. Shahzad Shamsul Islam on Saturday demanded that the government and university authorities take immediate steps to free the campus from violence and open all universities.

He was addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka on Saturday, party press release said.

SHIKKHAK SAMITY

President of Chittagong Chapter of Bangladesh Shikkhak Samity Mr. A. K. Mahmudul Haq in a separate statement, condemned terrorist activities in the university campus. He called for ousting the armed miscreants from the campus and opening the university.