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Chittagong city tense as CU deadlock persists

CHITTAGONG, June 10: The APSU and CUCSU supporters continued siege on the Chittagong University campus cutting essential supplies to the striking Shibir activists who remained in communication inside, reports UNB.

Situation in the whole port city became explosive today as the varsity teachers went on hunger strike demanding resolution of the deadlock while Shibir supporters from outside gheraoed the SP office protesting the campus siege.

Campus sources said heavy contingents of armed police and BDR patrolled University gate

number 1 and 2 where the All-Party Student Unity supporters backed by the Chittagong University Central Students Union staged gherao of the Shibirites till this afternoon.

Communications to and from the university were also reported cut off.

Police said the campus life was totally paralysed as electricity and water supply and telephone lines were cut off again this morning during the gherao programme.

APSU began the gherao Sunday morning, as announced earlier, in a counteraction against

continued Shibir action including marathon campus striking pressing for resignation of the Vice-Chancellor.

The ruling BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), a component of APSU, however, didn't take part in the gherao.

Today was the third day of the 72-hour strike called by Islami Chhatra Shibir-supported alliances, Sangrami Chhatra Oikya and Sammilita Chhatra Oikya Parishad.

The Shibirites are demanding resignation of VC Prof Alamgir.
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CU deadlock

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Mohammad Sirajuddin, lifting expulsion order on five students and show-cause notice on 63 others.

It's for the 10th day that the varsity is passing through a series of strikes since June 1.

The Vice-Chancellor have been staying outside the campus for the last 10 days.

In the town, the Shibir supporters staged sit-in demonstration in front of the Police Super office this morning in protest against the APSU-sponsored encirclement of the campus.

They demanded arrest of 'terrorists' who reportedly beat up two Shibir men Sunday afternoon at the university gate No. 1.

On the other hand, 80 CU teachers, opposing Shibir excesses, staged a 10 am-5 pm token hunger strike at Dr Milon Square in the town, demanding that the government immediately intervene to free the campus from violence and reopen the besieged University.