

CU recovers 250 'jihadi' books from Arabic dept

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The Chittagong University (CU) authorities yesterday recovered around 250 "jihadi books" from the seminar room of Arabic department, Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury said.

The names of the books, recovered in the afternoon yesterday, were not in the list of books that the Arabic department had provided to the CU authorities before, the proctor also mentioned.

After it surfaced in the news that Nurul Islam Marzan -- "the in-charge of the Gulshan Café attack" -- is a student of Arabic department at CU, the university authorities conducted an inspection at around 2:00pm yesterday at the library in the seminar room of Arabic department as well as Islamic Studies department under Arts and Humanities faculty.

The seized books contained jihadi propaganda ideologies written by various writers including Jamaat founder Maududi, claimed

the CU authorities.

Meanwhile, the authorities have issued a show cause letter to Prof M Ismail Chowdhury, Chairman of Arabic department, asking why his department failed to submit a list of absent students of the department within July 21.

CU Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin said, the authorities in a meeting held yesterday have asked the Arabic department to submit its list of absent students by today.

All other departments are to provide their lists by next Sunday, August 21, he added.

Earlier, on August 4, the CU authorities had submitted a list of six "missing" students to Hathazari police. The CU authorities yesterday confirmed that Marzan's name was not in that list.

In the meantime, the missing six students of CU had been traced by police, confirmed Prof Kamrul Huda, acting registrar of the CU.