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Six RU Shibir leaders held

RAJSHAHI, April 26: Police arrested six top leaders of the Rajshahi University unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir, including its President and General Secretary, from the campus today, reports UNB.

The Shibir leaders were picked up from Proctor's office where they went to attend a meeting with the university authorities this morning to discuss the overall campus situation.

Police said they were arrested

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in connection with the February 6 incident on the campus in which 3 activists of All-Party Student Unity (APSU) and two Shibir workers were killed. The deceased APSU workers included two JCD members.

The arrested are: Matlur Rahman Akand, President of Islami Chhatra Shibir, RU unit, and General Secretary Golam Murtaza, and four other leaders Khatrul Islam, Nurul Islam, Mohammad Selim and Mainul Islam.

Earlier on Sunday night, police seized huge quantity of arms from a den of the Shibir militants at Bothpara near the campus.

They raided the house of Mozammel, a Shibir leader, of the area and recovered 3 pipe guns, 37 pipes, 170 arrows, 2 bows, 23 crackers and huge quantity of arms-making tools.

District and city units of Jamaat-e-Islami and district, RU and city units of Shibir in separate statements condemned the arrest, calling it a government "blue print of conspiracy" against the Shibir.

They demanded arrest and trial of the killers of 10 Shibir workers on the RU campus and release of the six leaders immediately.