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CU budget session put off

CHITTAGONG, July 7: The ninth annual budget session of Chittagong University Senate, scheduled for today, was postponed amid stiff protest by dissident teachers and students, reports UNB.

The authorities declared at about 6 pm the session postponed as about 200 Shibir supporters kept the Vice-Chancellor's residence under gherao since morning and continued their demonstration until the declaration.

Islami Chhatra Shibir led Sangrami Chhatra Oikya also enforced a dawn-to-dusk hartal in Chittagong-Nazirhat-Rangamati road areas to impede the Senate meeting which was to begin at 10 am at the CU administrative building.

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ers Association, Jaliyatabadi Shikhhak Parishad, Ganatantrik Shikhhak Samaj, Registered Graduates Parishad and Islami Chhatra Shibir have been demanding postponement of the budget session until removal of VC Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin.

The Shibir workers also gheraoed the residence of the DC in the town in the afternoon demanding immediate arrest of arms-holders and postponement of the Senate session.

The All-Party Student Unity (APSU) at about 10 am brought out a procession on the campus condemning Shibir activities.

About 500 police and BDR personnel guarded the campus in the wake of action and counteraction by the rival groups.

Six rounds of gunshot were heard near the first gate of the varsity at about 3 pm. None was, however, reported hurt.

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