

RU halls raided

17 Shibir workers held: rifle seized

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RAJSHAHI, Nov. 26:— A joint force of police and BDR in a combing operation last night and today arrested 17 activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir from different residential halls of Rajshahi University and recovered one rifle, six rounds of live ammunition and 83 pieces of arrows from a house at Dashmari near RU campus.

With this, the number of total arrested Shibir activists stood at 35.

Police sources said, the police and BDR personnel jointly conducted a combing operation at the university's Sher-E-Bangla Hall, Suhrawardi Hall and Matihar Hall and arrested 17 Shibir activists during the six-hour long raid. Police also recovered one rifle with six rounds of bullets from a house at Dashmari area and arrested one Shibir worker in this connection.

Police filed four cases including one arms case against 43 Shibir workers in connection with the Monday night's incident.

Meanwhile, ten lawyers of Rajshahi Bar Association in a joint statement alleged police tortured Shibir activists in custody. The signatories to the statement among others are Adv. Shamsul Alam, Shahjahan Ali, Mojibul Islam, Mirja Kamrul Hasan and Mijanul Islam.