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12 outsiders arrested 2 DU halls raided

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Police arrested 12 outsiders from Zahurul Haq Hall and Salimullah Muslim Hall of Dhaka University and recovered a Chinese axe during the raids on Thursday midnight.

The university authorities informed the police when they sensed the presence of a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) which comprises of outsider terrorists and was involved in Thursday's gunfight.

Of the 12 outsiders arrested, eight were from Zahurul Haq Hall and the rest from the other hall. They could not produce identity Cards or any other papers to satisfy the police.

Police searched each room of the two halls. Police even searched the rooms which were under lock and key by breaking the locks.

"We have declared war against terrorism on the campus, said the Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury.

Meanwhile, police are looking for Shamim Ahmed and Babu for their involvement in the Thursday's gunfight as ring leaders.

Earlier, the university authorities had temporarily expelled BCL leader and a third year stu-

dent of Bengali Department Shamim Ahmed popularly known as 'Pichchi Shamim' and Mainuddin Babu—a student of the Institute of Social Welfare and President of BCL's Zahurul Haq Hall unit.

Two rival factions of BCL traded gunshots at the Zahurul Haq Hall area on Thursday night over the control of the hall when three people received bullet injuries.

But on Wednesday, DU VC Prof. Azad Chowdhury at the meeting of the Standing Committee for Educational Affairs, said that the campus was free from terrorism. Education Minister A.H.S.K. Sadeque was present at the meeting.

Meanwhile, police recovered the car without any registration number which was snatched away from Shamim Ahmed by Babu. Police found the car abandoned at the playground in front of the Kuwait Moitry Hall of DU.

BCL sources said that tension was prevailing among the BCL factions following the recent internal unrest.

The arrested outsiders from the Zahurul Haq Hall are Parvez

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(room no. 276), Kamal (room 112), Saidul Hossain (room 213), Mehdi Hasan (room 276), Shahnur Rahman (room 210), Matiar, Rahman (room 260), Aminul Islam (room 3008) and Abu Sufiyan. The arrested outsiders the S.M. Hall are Shafiqul Islam (room 33), Shahidul Islam (room 114), Afsar Ahmed (room 136) and Tajul Islam (room 150).