

তারিখ . . . . . ১৬ . MAR . ২০০৯ .  
খণ্ড . . . . . কলাম . . . . . ৩ . . . . .

## Bloodshed at CU feared as ICS, BCL keep strength building

Chittagong Bureau

CHITTAGONG, Mar 15: Major bloodshed here on Chittagong University (CU) campus is feared as the student wings of the ruling party Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and its arch rival Jamaat-e-Islami backed Islami Chaatra Shibir (ICS) are concentrating more on strength building mainly by acquiring

firearms. Informed sources at the campus said that both camps had been doing their best to

empower their workers initially by motivation but they were assured of being armed at the appropriate time.

Tense is creeping among the workers and supporters of both the organizations mainly after violence occurred at Rajshahi University (RU) where a top level leader of the ICS was killed only couple of days ago.

Meanwhile, the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor

(See Back Page Col. 5)

## Bloodshed

(From Page 1 Col. 4)

the university Professor Abu Yusuf Alam in an emergency meeting imposed ban on all political activities on the campus to avoid possible violence on the campus.

The ICS had long been controlling the campus mainly by occupying the dorms. But, after a shambolic defeat of the BNP led four-party alliance in last parliamentary elections, the ICS has taken a defensive strategy to keep its supremacy intact.

It is alleged that the armed cadres of the ICS have routinely been sitting together in Fatehpur area near the university campus and working to boost the moral strength of its leaders and workers staying on the campus.

Denying the allegation, the ICS men said that they never believed in the politics of violence and want an education-friendly atmosphere on campus.

"We don't want spoiling the congenial atmosphere on the campus by hindering peaceful coexistence at the dorms," a senior leader of ICS claimed.

On the other hand, the ruling party-backed the BCL workers in their recent efforts are out to grip the command on the campus. Under the recently designed strategy of reclaiming command on the campus the BCL by now pushed some of its dedicated workers and leaders at different dorms.

It is also learnt that the BCL has set up its camp near University Gate Number 1 and most likely to carryout its operation aimed at capturing the dorms ousting the ICS workers.

"We have been working for establishing peaceful and congenial atmosphere on the campus," senior Vice-president of the BCL university unit Abu Monjur Jamsad told this correspondent.

The newly appointed VC Professor Abu Yusuf Alam had already stressed that he would work his best to maintain the ongoing education friendly atmosphere on the campus.

Additional security personnel including Detective Branch (DB) of police and armed battalion police have been deployed to look over on the campus.